



BARBRI's California Fast Facts!

What is the format of the CA Bar Exam?

California administers their bar exam twice each year. This is a 2-day exam (Tuesday and Wednesday) the last week in February and July. The winter dates are February 23rd & 24th; the summer dates are July 27th & 28th. Your first day, essay day (CA Essays), is worth 50% of your score. Your second day is multiple choice (MBE) and is worth 50%.

What score do I need to get to pass in CA?

You need a minimum score of 1390.

How much will it cost me to sit for the CA Bar Exam?

The cost to sit for the CA Bar Exam is \$677 (exam fee), and a \$153 laptop fee. Don't forget, you may need to budget for a hotel for 2-3 nights (Monday-Tuesday or Monday-Wednesday) if you are not living close to your designated test center.

Please note that Character and Fitness is an extra fee beyond this and is separate from your bar application. You can pass the CA Bar Exam without completing Character and Fitness, but you will not be able to become a licensed attorney without passing both portions.

Where do I take the CA Bar Exam?

Assuming that the CA BOLE determines that it is safe to administer exams in person in 2021, applicants sit for the exam in: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Sacramento, or Palm Springs. Locations are subject to change, so keep an eye on the CA BOLE's website.

What score do I need to get on the MPRE?

You must score at least 86.

Do I need to get a passing MPRE score before I sit/apply for the CA Bar?

While you will not be able to become a licensed attorney before you get a passing MPRE score, you can apply and sit for the CA Bar Exam if you do not have a passing score yet.

When will the CA Bar application open up?

For February 2021: November 1 – November 30; for July 2021: April 1 – April 30

Is there guidance on the CA BOLE site to help me through the admissions process?

Yes! Here it is: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Requirements>

Where can I find rules for the CA Bar Exam?

Here it is: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Examinations/Exam-Rules>



I will need accommodations for the bar exam. What guidelines should I follow?

Please go here: <http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Admissions/Examinations/Requesting-Testing-Accommodations>

Does my CA score transfer over to other states?

No, your score on the CA Bar Exam is only valid for the CA bar.

What if I have questions about BARBRI, the MPRE course, or the bar exam?

Please feel free to contact me! I've worked with students in your shoes for over 6 years, and I'm licensed in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The bar exam process (including the MPRE) can be overwhelming at times. I'm here for you! Please also feel free to contact your BARBRI student reps with questions!

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