

Florida

Bar Admission Checklist

The Florida bar admissions process is lengthy and intricate, but we're here to guide you. To start, understand you must file both a law student registration and a bar exam application as a Florida Bar applicant, and we recommend you begin the process your 1L year. Here's what you need to know and do for Florida Bar admission:

☐ Register as 1L or 2L student | qualify for the lowest fee

Register with the Florida Board of Bar Examiners during your first or second year of law school. Filing fees increase incrementally the closer to the exam, so register as early as possible. You can also register after graduation by filing a registrant bar application, paying the applicable fee, and providing any required supplemental documents.

Filing as a 1L:

<u>August/September start</u>	<u>January/February start</u>	<u>May/June start</u>
\$100 by January 15	\$100 by June 15	\$100 by October 15
\$350 by March 15	\$350 by August 15	\$350 by December 15

Subsequent filing fees:

- If you register after the dates described above in your 1L year (but more than 12 months before your graduation), your filing fee is \$400.
- The fee for law school students who file less than 12 months prior to graduation, or for law school graduates who haven't been admitted to practice, is \$1,000. There are also different fee schedules for those who filed during school but haven't practiced, and practicing attorneys.

Find the Application Fee Worksheet [here](#).

Follow this checklist to register: floridabarexam.org



For more information and exam details, download the free BARBRI Bar Exam Digest at: barbri.com/bar-exam-digest or by scanning the code

☐ Create an NCBE account | before bar exam application

My NCBE Number

All law students are required to create an NCBE Account that comes with a unique NCBE Number for identification purposes. You will need this number to be able to take the MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam) and the MBE (Multistate Bar Exam), which are developed by the NCBE (National Conference of Bar Examiners). The MBE is administered on day two of the Florida Bar Exam.

Most students create an NCBE account when registering for the MPRE. Register with the NCBE: <https://auth.ncbex.org/account/create>

□ Convert your student registration | file early

As previously stated, you must file both a law student registration and bar application for admission. **Your student registration should be converted to a bar application at the beginning of 3L year.** Early filing is recommended to avoid added late fees. You must convert or file in order to receive a ticket of admission into the bar exam.

Follow this checklist to convert a student registration to pursue admission to The Florida Bar: floridabarexam.org

	Timely filing	Late filing	Final filing
Fee	\$600	+\$325	+\$625
February (Winter) exam	November 15*	December 15*	January 15*
July (Summer) exam	May 1*	June 1*	June 15*

*if any date falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the next business day

□ Register your laptop | use for essays

You are allowed to use a laptop to type the essay portion of the bar exam by selecting that option on your bar application or bar re-examination/conversion application. You will need to register your computer and download an ExamSoft program ahead of time.

Laptop registration fee: **\$125**

Laptop deadlines		
Examination date	Apply with the board by	Register and qualify laptop computer
February	January 15	January 11 through February 1
July	June 15	June 1 through July 1

To understand laptop registration details, including specifications and ILG ExamSoft software installation, **see:** floridabarexam.org

□ Take the MPRE | Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam

We recommend taking the MPRE any time during 2L year or as early in your 3L year as possible.

A scaled score of **80** on the MPRE is required for admission to the Florida bar. The score must be attained within 25 months of passing other parts of the Florida Bar Exam. Your passing MPRE score must be submitted to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

The MPRE is a two-hour, 60-question multiple-choice exam developed by the NCBE and administered in the spring, summer, and fall. When registering for the MPRE, students can select one of two dates offered at a time (see chart below) on a first come, first served basis.

MPRE dates	Registration deadline (fee: \$160)	Scan for more information
November 2 or 3, 2023	September 12, 2023	
March 26 or 27, 2024	January 25, 2024	
August 13 or 14, 2024	June 12, 2024	
November 7 or 8, 2024	September 18, 2024	

Register for the free BARBRI MPRE Review course at: barbri.com/mpre

The online, on-demand BARBRI MPRE Review course allows you to watch specific lecture segments that correspond with a particular topic module. The course is accompanied by an outline book (hard copy and/or digital), lecture handout, multiple practice exams, and BARBRI's exclusive multiple-choice questions.

□ Secure your bar prep course | start early for full advantages

Ready for bar prep? We're here for you. We've spent over 50 years optimizing and investing in legal education and bar review. That's a proven track record. And that's why every minute you spend with BARBRI Bar Review statistically increases your chances of passing.



Most passes

Nearly 90% of our students who do the average amount of prep pass the bar exam. Don't just take our word for it, though. Ask the 1.3 million lawyers, judges and legal professionals who have passed using BARBRI.



Most personalized

BARBRI is personalized to you from the beginning. ISAAC is the proprietary engine that creates a smart bar prep Personal Study Plan for you from day one. It updates based on time left until your exam, customizations you make, and the most statistically significant topics for passing the bar.



Most points

Master bar exam content with expert lectures from the best law professors in the country and a bank of 5K+ practice MBE questions. The result? Studies show BARBRI students score more points compared to students who don't study with BARBRI.



Most students

The largest pool of students prepare for the bar with BARBRI. In fact, more students prepare with BARBRI every year than all other bar prep courses – combined. For an exam with a curved score, that means you can trust us to analyze your chances of passing before you even sit for the exam.

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If you're going into Public Interest, you may qualify for a BARBRI Bar Review Public Interest Scholarship. **Apply in less than 5 minutes at:** barbri.com/public-interest.

□ Take the bar exam | February 27-28, 2024 / July 30-31, 2024

The Florida Bar Exam is a two-day exam and requires an average score of 136 to pass. For first-time takers who sit for both days of the exam, scores from each day will be averaged in order to obtain a final bar exam score.

Part A (the Florida Day) is given on the first day of the exam and has two sessions: the morning session and the afternoon session.

- **The morning session is 3 hours long and is comprised of 3 essays. Each essay can test up to 3 subjects.** The testable essay subjects include*: FL Con Law, Federal Con Law, Business Entities, Real Property, Evidence, Torts, FL Wills & Administration, Criminal Law and Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Contracts, FL Family Law, and FL Professional Responsibility.
- **The afternoon session is 3 hours long and is comprised of 100 multiple choice questions.** The session is broken up into 3 sections. One section will test the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure and Judicial Rules of Administration.* Questions on the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration will address only the following areas: disqualification of trial judges; public access to judicial branch records; minimization of the filing of sensitive information; the qualifications, restrictions, and conditions pertaining to attorneys in their representation of clients in Florida Courts; and the signature of attorneys and parties on pleadings and other papers. The testable subjects for the remaining two sections include*: Evidence, Torts, Wills and Trusts, Business Associations (including Corporations, Partnerships and LLCs, Secured Transactions [Art. 9] and Negotiable Instruments [Art. 3]).

* Reflects the format from historical administrations of the exam as well as recent changes to the exam made by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Part B is given on the second day of the exam and is comprised of the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE).

- **The MBE is a six-hour, 200-question, multiple-choice exam given over a 3-hour morning and 3-hour afternoon session.** The testable subjects are Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, and Torts.

Helpful tip: Remember to bring an extension cord in case your laptop charger does not reach the provided outlet.

□ Proof of character and fitness | start early, expect a thorough check

This required background investigation by the Supreme Court of Florida cannot be initiated without a completed bar application, Authorization and Release (A&R) Form, and appropriate fee payment.

You will be asked to disclose details about your academic, work, and financial history, as well as any criminal record and civil proceedings. Candor is key. You will also need to include references, your final law school transcripts, driving record, birth certificate, passport, and fingerprints.

In order to be admitted in Florida, you must have proof of good moral character and successfully complete the Florida Bar Examination.

Additional character and fitness details: www.floridabarexam.org

□ Results and swearing in | after bar exam

The Supreme Court of Florida posts the pass/fail results from the most recent bar exam. The results are available online for 30 days after the date the Court officially orders their release.

Notification of the posting of bar scores will be sent out by the Court's Twitter feed: @flcourts or twitter.com/flcourts and **Facebook page:** facebook.com/floridasupremecourt

Florida Supreme Court website: floridasupremecourt.org/barscores/index.shtml

Once you're "Authorized to be Sworn in", you will receive a letter from the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida. Once you've been sworn in, send in your completed oath and you will be issued your bar number in about three weeks.

Florida State Bar

All information derived from the **Florida Board of Bar Examiners website at:** floridabarexam.org

If you have any questions, please contact **BARBRI Director of Legal Education at:** barbri.com/law-school-contact