

Georgia

Bar Admission Checklist

The Georgia bar admissions process is a lengthy, two-step process that requires the submission of two separate applications, each with separate deadlines and fees. Bar applicants must file both an application for **Certification of Fitness to Practice Law in Georgia** and a **bar exam application**. Here's what you need to know and do for Georgia Bar admission:

☐ Complete Character and Fitness Application | While In Law School

To become eligible for Admission to the Practice of Law in Georgia, an individual must receive Certification of Fitness by the Georgia Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants. You should complete this while you are still in school to maximize savings. You can also register following graduation in the same manner, paying the applicable fee and providing any required supplemental documents. Once obtained, **your Certification of Fitness is good for five years**, allowing you to take the bar exam any time after obtaining it.

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.

Your application will be investigated based on the answers you provide, and additional facts discovered in the course of the investigation. Upon completion of the fitness investigation, your Fitness Application will be presented to the Board to Determine Fitness for a determination of your eligibility to practice law.

Deadlines and associated registration fees:

Bar examination dates	Timely fitness application period (closes at 4pm)	Final fitness application period (+ \$400 late fee)
February 25-26, 2025	April 1, 2024 – July 3, 2024	July 3, 2024 – October 2, 2024
July 30-31, 2025	October 30, 2024 – December 4, 2024	December 4, 2024 – March 5, 2025

Fitness Application filing fees:

- Prior to law school graduation: **\$450**
- Within one year of law school graduation: **\$750**

Please note there are different fee schedules for applicants who filed during school but haven't practiced and practicing attorneys.

For more information on deadlines and fees, see: gabaradmissions.org/deadlines-and-fees

Only applicants who have been issued and currently hold a valid Certification of Fitness are eligible to Register and submit a Bar Examination Application. For information on the **Certification of Fitness**, see: gabaradmissions.org/certification-of-fitness

☐ 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 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 Georgia Bar Exam.

Register with the NCBE at: <https://auth.ncbex.org/account/create>

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 **75** on the MPRE is required for admission to the Georgia bar. The score must be attained prior to the Issuance of a Certificate for Eligibility for Admission to the Practice of Law. Your passing MPRE score must be submitted to the Georgia 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 7 or 8, 2024	September 18, 2024	
March 26 or 27, 2025	January 23, 2025	
August 20 or 21, 2025	June 18, 2025	
November 13 or 14, 2025	September 25, 2025	

Register for the free BARBRI MPRE Review Course here: 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.

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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.



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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.

Learn about what's tested on the Georgia Bar Exam: gabaradmissions.org/bar-examination

□ Apply for the Bar Examination | Meeting Filing Deadlines

You can only apply to take the Georgia Bar Exam after obtaining your Certification of Fitness to Practice Law in Georgia. Once you obtain your Certification of Fitness, you will receive an email from the Office of Bar Admissions containing instructions on how to apply for the exam and pay the filing fee. File early to avoid added late fees.

Filing deadlines:

February (Winter) exam:

- Timely registration: **September 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025 (until 4 p.m.)**
- Final registration: **January 1, 2025 – January 15, 2025**

July (Summer) exam:

- Timely: **March 1, 2025 - June 1, 2025* (until 4 p.m.)**
- Final registration: **June 1, 2025 - June 15, 2025***

Filing fees (non-refundable):

- Timely: **\$498** (\$10 convenience fee if paid by credit card)
- Late registration: **\$998**

*Dates are estimated based on prior years' deadlines; exact dates have not yet been released for the July 2025 exam



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

□ Submit Your Transcripts | Undergrad and Law School

Your undergraduate school and law school must each provide your official transcripts to the Office of Bar Admissions before you can sit for the Georgia Bar Exam. Transcripts must be received via email or regular mail by 4:00 p.m. on the transcript deadlines.

Transcript deadlines:

- February (Winter) exam – **January 31, 2025, 4 p.m.**
- July (Summer) exam – **June 30, 2025, 4 p.m.**

Transcripts **MUST** show the degree awarded and the date conferred. Do **NOT** request your transcript before you have graduated from law school.

For more information on the transcript requirement, **go here:** gabaradmissions.org/appinfo.action?id=1

□ Register Your Laptop | No Deadline Extensions

You are allowed to use a laptop to type the essay portion of the bar exam by selecting that option on your bar application, paying the fee and then registering your laptop prior to the specified deadlines. Laptop registration typically runs for a month, closing about two weeks before the exam.

Fee: **\$105**

Start the laptop registration process here: examsoft.com/gabar

□ Take the Bar Exam | February 25-26, 2025 / July 29-30, 2025

The Georgia Bar Exam is over two days and requires a passing score of **270** out of a total of 400 points.

Exam scores are based on:

- **50%** – Two Multistate Performance Test (MPT) questions and four Georgia essays on day one
- **50%** – 200-question, multiple-choice Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) on day two (morning and afternoon sessions)

MPT testing format: “Closed universe” practical questions using instructions, factual data, cases, statutes, and other reference material supplied by examiners

Essay subjects: Business Organizations, Family Law, Federal Practice and Procedure, Georgia Practice and Procedure, Non-Monetary Remedies, Professional Ethics, Trusts, Wills and Estates, Uniform Commercial Code (Articles 2, 3, & 9), plus all MBE subjects

MBE subjects tested: Constitutional Law, Contracts/Sales, Criminal Law/Procedure, Evidence, Federal Civil Procedure, Real Property, Torts

□ Follow Helpful Tips | Guidance You Can Use

Book your hotel room as soon as possible. Rooms for the July bar exam, for example, are typically sold out by September or October of the previous year.

Bring an extension cord in case your laptop charger does not reach the provided outlet.

Lunch options are limited at the Convention Center where the Georgia bar exam is administered. If your school is not providing lunch, plan to find something close by or leave yourself enough time to wait in the lines for something to eat.

Visit the Convention Center on Monday so you're not overwhelmed on Tuesday morning – the first day of the bar exam. This is also a great opportunity to scope out lunch options.

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All information derived from the **Georgia Office of Bar Admissions website at: gabaradmissions.org**

For questions or to find your school's BARBRI Director of Legal Education, please contact: service@barbri.com.

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