Louisiana

Bar Admission Checklist

Find details on exam dates, registration deadlines, special accommodations, and current fees.

The Louisiana bar admissions process is lengthy and intricate, but we're here to guide you. There are many steps involved and as the date of the exam nears, filing fees increase. Start at least a year (or more, if you can) in advance of the bar exam date. Here's what you need to know and do for Louisiana Bar admission:

☐ Create an Application Portal Account | For All Filings

Email: ..... Password: .....

You may have already created your application portal account during your 2L year when you registered with the Law Student Registration Program. You'll need to access your online application portal account to apply for the Louisiana Bar Exam or to submit any other application.

Create or access your portal account here: lascba.org/login.aspx

☐ 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 complete the NCBE Character Report Application. You may have already completed your Character Report Application during your 2L year.

Most students create an NCBE account when registering for the MPRE. **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 **80** on the MPRE is required for admission to the Louisiana bar. Scores are scaled and range from 50 to 150. A raw score of approximately 30 correct out of 50 usually converts to a scaled score of 80. Your passing MPRE score report must be submitted to the Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions (LASCBA) through the NCBE website.

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 on a first come, first served basis. **Scan the QR code above for exam dates, accommodation and exam registration deadlines, and current fees.**

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 1.435 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 the most realistic practice 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.

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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.

Apply for the Bar Exam | February and July Exam Deadlines

Apply for the Louisiana Bar Exam and pay your filing fee. Don't forget to include your notarized Authorization and Release form with your application. You'll also need to print and sign your Dean Certification form and mail to your law school.

Find current bar exam application fees at: www.barbri.com/states/louisiana-bar-exam/ **or by scanning the QR code.**

Additional resources:

- See LASCBA website for late filing info at: https://www.lascba.org/info/appRequirements/#la
- Find helpful bar exam information and schedules at: https://www.lascba.org/info/BarExam/#partI

Submit Character + Fitness Information | Start Early, Expect a Thorough Check

Once you've registered with the Law Student Registration Program, you'll need to file an NCBE Character Report Application. Concurrent with your bar exam application, you will submit your bar exam Character and Fitness information via a supplemental Character and Fitness Report through the NCBE.

The LASCBA also requires a state and federal background check and fingerprinting from each applicant.

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.

Find additional character and fitness (including background check and fingerprinting) details at: https://www.lascba.org/info/CharacterAndFitness/#overview

☐ Register Your Laptop | Important for Essays

The Louisiana Bar includes a significant writing component, and we strongly encourage you to use a laptop for maximum efficiency.

You will receive laptop registration information from the LASCBA within 30 days of the bar exam. It is important that you follow registration instructions and pay the laptop fee at that time.

☐ Take the Bar Exam | Three Sections Per Day

The Louisiana Bar Exam is administered over three days, twice a year.

Upcoming February and July bar exam dates are available and updated on barbri.com. Reference them by scanning the QR code on the front page. Note that Louisiana test dates are different from all other jurisdictions.

The Louisiana Bar is a nine-part, primarily essay exam. Each of the nine sections is worth 100 points and is comprised of 2-3 essays and a set of 10-20 multiple choice questions. Students must earn a total weighted score of **650** (out of 900) to achieve a passing score. Code subjects carry twice the weight of Non-code subjects.

Essay subjects:

Code	Non-Code
Civil Code I (Persons, Community Property, Property, Acquisitive Prescription)	**Business Entities**
Civil Code II (Successions, Donations, Trusts)	**Constitutional Law**
Civil Code III (Liberative Prescription, Obligations, Contracts, Sales, Leases, Civil Law Security Rights, other)	**Criminal Law, Procedure, and Evidence**
Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure	**Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure**
Torts	

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

☐ Results and New Lawyer Oath | After Bar Exam

The LASCBA typically should release results in April for the February bar exam and in October for the July bar exam.

For results details, go to: https://www.lasc.org/Bar_Exam_Results

Louisiana State Bar

All information derived from the **Louisiana Supreme Court Committee on Bar Admissions website at:** lascba.org

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

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