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October 2020 Bar Exam

Information for the October 2020 Remote Exam

- Update Exemplify. You need to be on version 2.4.6. If you are not on version 2.4.6, you will be prompted to update Exemplify next time you open it. Verify that the version displayed in the bottom right corner of the screen is 2.4.6.
- Download the exam files by October 2. You will receive an email from ExamSoft with instructions.
- [General Instructions for the October 2020 Bar Exam have been posted.](#)
- Additional [FAQs](#) have been added, and will be added as needed.

Good luck next week!

September 2020 Texas Essay Questions and Procedure and Evidence Questions have been posted

September 2020 Texas Essay Questions and Procedure and Evidence Questions have been posted on the Past Exams tab of our [Bar Exam Information page](#).

Scratch Paper on the October Exam

October examinees WILL be allowed to use physical scratch paper on the MPT and the Texas Essays. (Physical scratch paper will **not** be allowed on the MBE or the Procedure and Evidence Questions.)

September Exam Day Reminders

Reminders for the September 2020 Bar Exam

1. You have been assigned to a room for the exam. That room number is connected to your reservation number. **Do not change your room assignment, even if the Honors app allows you to select your own room or change to a different room.** If you have already used the app to change your room, you can call your hotel directly and work with them to change it back to the room that we assigned to you for the exam. If you change your assigned room, you will not be able to take the exam, and you will have to pay for the room yourself.
2. If you are using a laptop, remember to bring an extension cord. You may need it in order to reach an outlet.
3. Your room has a clock in it. You may use that for the exam, and can position it and set it however you desire, but it must be silent during the exam.
4. We will provide you with a small number of disinfectant wipes that you may use during the exam.
5. In addition to the Permitted Items listed in your checklist, you may also have the following items on your table during the exam: a bottle of hand sanitizer and individually-wrapped disinfectant wipes.

--Texas BLE

September Examinees-Hotel Reservation Numbers

If you have questions about your hotel **reservation** number, email nahdiah.hoang@ble.texas.gov.

Good luck next week.

UBE Transfers and the October 2020 bar exams

On August 24, the Board approved a proposal to accept a score of 270 or higher earned on the October 5-6, 2020 remote bar examination administered by the following Uniform Bar Examination jurisdictions as satisfaction of the UBE score requirement for admission under Rule 13 §1: the District of Columbia, Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, and Vermont.

Please see our UBE Transfer [FAQs](#) and [Rule 13](#) for more information.

October Remote Exam

The BLE is aware of the cancellation of the online Florida bar exam due to difficulties in ensuring reliable and secure remote connections. The in-person Texas Bar Exam scheduled for September remains in place and will be administered using software that has a proven track record. The online Texas Bar Exam scheduled for October remains scheduled, and the BLE is studying Florida's experience to see what implications—if any—there may be for Texas examinees.

Please monitor our website for updates.

Proctors for September Exam

For information on working as a proctor for the September exam, please see our [Employment Opportunities](#) page.

New applicants may now apply for the September 2020 in-person Texas Bar Exam or the October 2020 online Texas Bar Exam.

NOTE: IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A PENDING APPLICATION FOR JULY, SEPTEMBER, OR OCTOBER, THIS PROCEDURE DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU--INSTEAD, LOG IN TO ATLAS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ALREADY-PENDING APPLICATION.

If you have not yet applied for the July/September/October 2020 Texas bar exam, and you would now like to submit a new application for September or October, [create an ATLAS account](#) if you don't already have one, and then email the following to information@ble.texas.gov:

(1) Your full legal name

(2) The email associated with your ATLAS account

(3) Your application category:

- Reapplicant—An applicant who has submitted a bar exam application to us before, even if they never actually sat for the bar exam. Fee: \$225, plus a \$50 laptop application fee if applicable.
- In-State Law Student—An unlicensed graduate of a Texas law school who has never submitted a bar exam application to us before. Fee: \$300, plus a \$50 laptop application fee if applicable.
- Out-of-State Law Student—An unlicensed graduate of an ABA-approved U.S. law school outside of Texas who has never submitted a bar exam application to us before. Fee: \$490, plus a \$50 laptop application fee if applicable.
- Attorney with an ABA-approved JD. Fee: \$1,040, plus a \$50 laptop application fee if applicable.
- Attorney with a non-ABA-approved JD. Fee: \$1,040, plus a \$50 laptop application fee if applicable.
- Foreign-trained applicant. Fee: \$1,140, plus a \$50 laptop application fee if applicable.

(4) The exam for which you are applying: September 2020 in-person exam, or October 2020 online exam. Please see our FAQs for more information about the exams.

(5) Whether you will use your laptop. (Laptops are optional for September and mandatory for October).

Once we receive your email, it will take up to 1 business day for us to re-open the application period for you. So, the day after you email us, go to your ATLAS account and hit the green “Start a New Application” button. Follow the prompts to access, complete, and submit the application.

If you are applying for the September in-person exam, you must email us by Monday, July 27, 2020, and you must then complete and submit the application through ATLAS by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. These are hard deadlines and will not be extended.

If you are applying for the October online exam, you must email us by August 10, 2020, and you must then complete and submit the application through ATLAS by 11:59 p.m. on September 7. These are hard deadlines and will not be extended.

Supreme Court Order

The Supreme Court of Texas has issued an [order](#) to:

- Cancel the July 2020 in-person Texas Bar Exam.
- Administer an in-person Texas Bar Exam as scheduled for September 9-10, 2020, subject to guidance from public health authorities.
- Administer an on-line Texas Bar Exam on October 5-6, 2020.

Those who have applied for the July and September exams will have the option to take the October exam instead. Procedures for exercising this option will be posted soon.

The October on-line exam will be administered remotely. Details—including assistance for wi-fi and appropriate testing spaces, and arrangements for handwriters--will be posted soon.

July/September applicants may change their application to the February 2021 bar exam (UBE) examination without additional expense—simply message your analyst.

New applicants may apply for the September or October exam. An additional registration period for the September or October exam will be announced soon.

July applicants who have registered their laptops with ILG will be able to transfer their ILG Exam360 registration to September or October without additional cost.

For information on supervised practice under the Rules, please visit the [State Bar of Texas](#).

Emergency Board Meeting

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.045(c), the Texas Board of Law Examiners will convene an emergency meeting to deliberate on the status of the July/September 2020 Texas Bar Examination, in response to the Covid-19 epidemic and increasing infection and hospitalization rates that have created a reasonably unforeseen situation requiring immediate action. The Board will consider and may make a recommendation to the Texas Supreme Court on whether the bar examinations scheduled for July and September shall be conducted as planned or may be modified.

The meeting will be streamed live here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXL2s3c1yw1l6Z4SLLuhAhg/live>

Those wishing to offer public comment must join through this link:
<https://txcourts.zoom.us/j/2792541638>

Emergency Board Meeting

Because we are currently unable to accommodate all public attendees seeking to participate in the meeting that was posted for 9 a.m. on July 1, 2020, we must reschedule the meeting.

Sincerely,
Texas Board of Law Examiners

July and September 2020 Bar Exams

The Board is monitoring the COVID-19 and healthcare situation and consulting with state health officials. We are planning to administer the July and September exams as scheduled. We will immediately notify all examinees of any changes.

For more information, please review our [FAQs](#) and [Bar Exam Information](#) page.

July / September 2020 Bar Exams will be shortened to 2 days

The Board of Law Examiners will conduct the remaining 2020 Texas Bar Examination in a condensed two-day format in two separate sessions scheduled for July 28-29 and September 9-10, 2020, as ordered by the Texas Supreme Court in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The [Court's Order](#) issued on June 2, 2020 amends Rule 11(d) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar, to require the two-day examination and to re-weight the examination components to accommodate the Board's plan to reduce the number of Texas Essay Questions (Essays) to six, instead of 12. The modified examination will be weighted as follows: Multistate Performance Test (MPT) 10%, Texas Procedure and Evidence (P&E) 10%, Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) 50% and Essays 30%.

The examination modifications will reduce the time required for applicants and examination staff to be present at the examination sites by one-half day and lower the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 coronavirus. The Court's Order follows the Board of Law Examiners' recommendation adopted at its meeting on May 22, 2020, proposing to shorten the examination by reducing the number of essays and re-weighting the components to improve the reliability of the examination as a testing instrument. The Board relied on a study performed in 2018 by Research Solutions Group, a psychometric consulting firm that evaluated the likely effect of adopting either the Uniform Bar Examination or a shorter, two-day bar examination. The study concluded that using fewer Essays would lower the test reliability factor, but that increasing the weight of the MBE and reducing the weight of the six Essays would improve reliability to an acceptable level. A full copy of the 2018 [report](#) is available on the Board of Law Examiners' website.

The Board will administer the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE), a two-day examination, for the February 2021 Texas Bar Examination. The UBE consists of the MBE weighted 50%, two MPT questions weighted 20% and six Multistate Essay Examination questions weighted 30%. A majority of U.S. jurisdictions now accept UBE scores for bar admission, subject to each jurisdiction's individual requirements.

For more information, please see our [FAQs](#).

February 2020 Selected Answers & MPT Question Now Available

The February 2020 Selected Answers are now available on our [Selected Answers page](#).

The February 2020 MPT Question is now available on our [Past Exams Page](#), and our [Selected Answers page](#).

New FAQs for the July/September 2020 Texas Bar Exams

We have added new [FAQs](#) to address examinee questions about the July/September 2020 Texas Bar Exam.

Bar Exams scheduled for July 28-30, 2020 and September 9-11, 2020

In its Thirteenth Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster ([Misc. Docket No 20-9060](#)), the Supreme Court of Texas:

- Determined that the Board should administer the Texas bar examination as scheduled on July 28-30, 2020, subject to change based on state and local orders and the guidance of public health authorities.
- Determined the Board should also offer an administration of the Texas bar examination on September 9-11, 2020.
- Adopted updated *Rules Governing the Supervised Practice of Law by Qualified Law Students and Qualified Unlicensed Law School Graduates in Texas*.

The full order, including the new *Rules Governing the Supervised Practice of Law by Qualified Law Students and Qualified Unlicensed Law School Graduates in Texas*, can be viewed here: [Misc. Docket No 20-9060](#)

The Board will extend the final filing deadline for registering for the July 2020 Texas Bar Exam to 11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2020.

- Seating for the July 2020 bar exam will be limited as needed to implement social distancing and other safety requirements. Seating will be prioritized based on registration date. If an eligible applicant is not permitted to take the July bar examination, we will automatically register the applicant for the September administration and transfer their fees, unless the applicant requests (on or before a date set by the Board) to change or withdraw registration and transfer the fees to a future administration in Texas or to an application for admission based on a transferred UBE score.

- If any July 2020 applicant withdraws their application by June 1, we will apply their fees to a future Texas Bar Exam or a future UBE transfer application. To withdraw, simply message your analyst by June 1.
- New July 2020 applicants who have already submitted a UBE transfer application to us should [request a fee waiver](#) with their bar exam application so that we can apply their UBE transfer fees to the bar exam application.
- The Board will waive late fees for new July 2020 applicants who are applying for the July 2020 Texas Bar Exam due to the cancellation or postponement of a bar exam that they applied for in another state. These applicants should [request a fee waiver](#) with their bar exam application and provide documentation of their registration for a now-cancelled or postponed bar exam.

UPDATED 5/4/20: To apply for the September 2020 Texas Bar Exam, submit a bar exam application by the June 1 deadline. ~~The Board will begin accepting applications for the September 2020 bar exam soon.~~

- The July 2020 bar exam filing deadlines apply to the September 2020 Texas Bar Exam.
- To apply for the September exam, submit a bar exam application by the June 1 deadline. For now, the application will still reference the July 2020 bar exam. Our programmers will soon add a feature to ATLAS to allow you to easily convert an application for the July 2020 Texas Bar Exam into an application for the September 2020 Texas Bar Exam. We will notify you via ATLAS once this feature has been added. Any July 2020 applicant will be able to transfer to the September exam without any additional fees.
- We are in the process of securing venues for the September exam. Please understand that we may not be able to offer the exam in all six cities.

We will update our FAQs with more information about exam sites and application procedures in the coming days.

February 2020 Texas Bar Exam Statistics Now Available

The February 2020 bar exam statistics can be found [here](#).

February 2020 Texas Bar Exam Pass List

We have posted the February 2020 Bar Exam Pass List [here](#).

Statistics will be posted next week.

Results were delivered to the ATLAS accounts of February 2020 examinees this morning.

COVID-19

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As we face the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board is taking steps to protect the health and safety of our employees and the community. Our office building in Austin is closed to the public, but **we are still operating**. Current applicants may continue to communicate with their analysts through ATLAS. General questions may be sent to information@ble.texas.gov.

We are scoring the **February 2020 Texas Bar Exam**, and expect to release results the first week of May.

At this time, we are preparing to administer the **July 2020 Texas Bar Exam** as scheduled (July 28-30, 2020), and no extensions have been made to application [deadlines](#). We are also exploring options for the July exam in the event that prohibitions against large gatherings remain in effect. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, and we will immediately notify all applicants through ATLAS of any changes to the July bar exam schedule.

Our physical office is closed to the public

Due to the current public health emergency, the Board of Law Examiners' physical office is closed to the public until further notice.

Board staff continues to work remotely with access to voice mail and may be reached through the ATLAS portal or by email. Current applicants may continue to communicate with their analyst via ATLAS, and general questions may be sent to information@ble.texas.gov.

July 2020 Bar Exam--Late Filing Deadline

Unless you are awaiting your results on the February 2020 Texas Bar Exam, **to meet the Late Filing Deadline to apply for the July 2020 Bar Exam, you must do the following on or before 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020:**

- (1) Upload an acceptable photograph to your ATLAS account--you will not be able to submit your application until after you have uploaded a photograph, and we have reviewed and accepted it
- (2) Complete and upload an Authorization and Release
- (3) Complete and submit your bar exam application through your ATLAS account
- (4) Pay the filing fee and a \$150 late fee (or submit a fee waiver request due to indigence)

If you do not complete all these steps by 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2020, you may still submit your bar exam application during the Final Filing Period*, subject to a \$300 late fee. The Final Filing Period ends on May 1, 2020. Unless you are awaiting your results on the February 2020 Texas Bar Exam, we will not accept any applications for the July 2020 Bar Exam after the Final Filing Deadline of May 1, 2020. No exceptions.

***All applications for testing accommodations must be submitted with your bar exam application and by the Late Filing Deadline of April 1.** No applications for testing accommodations will be after April 1.

If you are awaiting your results on the February 2020 Texas Bar Exam, you will be able to apply for the July 2020 Texas Bar Exam during the **Special Filing Period**, which opens shortly after the results of the February 2020 Texas bar exam are delivered, and closes at 11:59 p.m. on June 1, 2020. No late fee applies.

For more information, see:

[Filing Deadlines](#)

[Bar Exam Information](#)

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Uniform Bar Exam FAQs

What is the UBE? When will Texas start giving it? You can find answers to frequently asked questions about the UBE here: [UBE FAQs](#) (Updated 8/20/19)

July 2019 MPT Question Now Available

The July 2019 MPT Question is now available on our [Past Exams page](#), and our [Selected Answers page](#).

July 2019 Selected Answers Now Available

The July 2019 Selected Answers are now available on [our Selected Answers page](#).

July 2019 Statistics Now Available

The July 2019 exam statistics can be found [here](#).

July 2019 Texas Bar Exam Pass List

We have posted the July 2019 Bar Exam Pass List [here](#).

Statistics will be posted next week.

Letters have been delivered to the ATLAS account of July 2019 examinees.

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