

Fitness Application Filing Deadlines

By the **appropriate filing deadline** published below, the **following two (2) items must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions**:

Note: Applicants for **Admission on Motion without Examination** and **Foreign Law Consultant** applicants do not have a specific deadline; however, your Fitness Application will not be complete until the **following two (2) items are received in the Office of Bar Admissions**.

1. Your **APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW** must be submitted online. All answers must be complete and your application must be successfully submitted online. Your **Authorization and Release** and **Continuing Application** forms will be submitted as part of your Fitness Application.
2. Your application will not be considered filed until all required fees have been received in the Office of Bar Admissions. **Credit card payment (VISA or MasterCard), money order, or cashier's check** (payable to the Office of Bar Admissions) **must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions before 4:00 p.m. on the posted deadline**. Cash, personal checks or business checks **ARE NOT** accepted.

ALL POSTED TIMES ARE EASTERN TIME. U.S. Postal Service postmarking by the posted deadline IS NOT accepted as timely receipt.

WARNING! Fitness Applications submitted to the Office of Bar Admissions without submission of ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE BY THE POSTED DEADLINE **WILL NOT** be accepted.

BAR EXAMINATION DATES	APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW FILING DEADLINES	
	Regular Fitness Application Filing Period closes at 4:00 p.m.	Final Fitness Application Filing Period *\$400 LATE FEE REQUIRED opens at 4:01 p.m.
July 30-31, 2019	October 8, 2018 – December 5, 2018	*December 5, 2018 – March 6, 2019
February 25-26, 2020	March 18, 2019 – July 3, 2019	*July 3, 2019 – October 2, 2019
July 28-29, 2020	October 7, 2019 – December 4, 2019	*December 4, 2019 – March 4, 2020
February 23-24, 2021	March 16, 2020 – July 1, 2020	*July 1, 2020 – October 7, 2020
July 27-28, 2021	October 12, 2020 – December 2, 2020	*December 2, 2020 – March 3, 2021
See Part A, Section 4 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.		See Part A, Section 4(b) of the Rules.

Deadlines that fall on an [official State Holiday](#) have been extended to the next business day.

Regular Fitness Application Filing Deadline

Fitness Applications filed by the regular filing deadline must be accompanied by the appropriate [filing fee](#). For a complete explanation of the regular filing deadline see Part A, Section 4(a) of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

Final Fitness Application Filing Deadline

*Fitness Applications filed between the regular filing deadline and the final filing deadline must be accompanied by a regular filing fee plus a \$400 late filing fee. For a complete explanation of the final filing deadline See Part A, Section 4(b) of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

Withdrawal of the Application for Certification of Fitness

The [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#) in Georgia provide at Part A, Section 5:

"With the exception of the Application for Certification of Fitness filed for Admission on Motion pursuant to Part C, Section 4(a), provided a request in writing for withdrawal of his or her Application for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is filed within 15 work days of receipt of the application by the Office of Bar Admissions, the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants shall refund 2/3 of the filing fee paid by the applicant; provided however, that no part of the late filing fees described in Section 4, above, may be refunded."

In order to request a refund of 2/3 of your Fitness Application filing fee, a **written withdrawal request** must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions within 15 work days of receipt of the application by the Office of Bar Admissions. The withdrawal request must be dated and contain identifying information, including the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number and the signature of the applicant. The withdrawal request may be submitted via email to hinesr@gasupreme.us or via U.S. mail to:

Ms. Runette Bell Hines
Supreme Court of Georgia
Office of Bar Admissions
244 Washington Street, SW
Suite 440
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Fitness Application Filing Fees

A filing fee is required when submitting the Fitness Application. See Part A, Section 4(a) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.

Fees may be paid online by credit card (**VISA or MasterCard**) at the time you submit your application, or you may submit a money order or cashier's check made payable to the **Office of Bar Admissions**.
Cash, personal checks, or business checks **ARE NOT** accepted.

Regular fees and late fees may be combined in one money order.
Applications **ARE NOT** considered filed until all required fees have been received in the Office of Bar Admissions.

**Note: Credit card payment, money order, or cashier's check must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions before 4:00 p.m. on the posted Filing Deadline.
A \$10 nonrefundable convenience fee will be applied to credit card payments.**

Your Applications for Certification of Fitness to Practice Law is not considered timely filed unless all of the required items are received in the Office of Bar Admissions before 4:00 p.m. on the Filing Deadline.

*Fitness Application for the two-day examination filed prior to the award of the first professional degree in law	\$400
*Fitness Application for the two-day examination filed between the award of the first professional degree in law and within one year thereof	\$600
*Fitness Application for the two-day examination filed more than one year after the award of the first professional degree in law	\$700
*Fitness Application for the one-day Attorneys' Examination	\$900
*Petition for Admission for Foreign Educated Applicants (must be filed simultaneously with Fitness Application)	\$900

Applicants for Admission on Motion without Examination and Foreign Law Consultant applicants do not have a specific deadline; however your Fitness Application is not complete until all of the required items are received in the Office of Bar Admissions.

Petition to determine eligibility for Admission on Motion without Examination (must be filed simultaneously with Fitness Application)	\$600
Fitness Application for Admission on Motion without Examination (must be filed simultaneously with Petition for Admission on Motion)	\$900
Fitness Application for Foreign Law Consultant	\$1,000
Fitness Application for Renewal of Certification (Recertification)	\$400
*Fitness Application for Readmission following disbarment by the State Bar of Georgia	\$3,500
*Fitness Application for Readmission after the expiration of five years from the effective date of voluntary resignation from the State Bar of Georgia	\$1,000
Fitness Application for Reinstatement within five years from the effective date of voluntary resignation from the State Bar of Georgia	\$800
*Fitness Application for Readmission following termination from the State Bar of Georgia due to non-payment of dues	\$1,000
Fitness Application for Reinstatement following suspension from the State Bar of Georgia due to non-payment of dues	\$800
Failure to Register with the State Bar of Georgia	\$800

NOTE: IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR FITNESS APPLICATION, PAYMENT OF A LATE FEE DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL BE ISSUED CERTIFICATION OF FITNESS.

Bar Examination Application Filing Deadlines

The Bar Examination Application is available only to applicants who hold a valid [Certification of Fitness to Practice Law in Georgia](#).

If your Application for Certification of Fitness is pending, you **ARE NOT** yet eligible to submit a Bar Examination Application.

In order sit for the Georgia Bar Examination, you must submit a [Bar Examination Application](#) to the Board of Bar Examiners. **All Bar Examination Applications must be submitted online and the appropriate filing fees must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions before 4:00 p.m. on the posted Bar Examination Application Filing Deadline. ALL POSTED TIMES ARE EASTERN TIME. U.S. Postal Service postmarking by the posted deadline IS NOT accepted as timely receipt.**

In order to apply for the Bar Examination you must first log in to the Office of Bar Admissions website at www.gabaradmissions.org. If you have not previously done so, you should click on the **Register** link at the top of the page and provide the requested information.

You should log in to your **User Home Page**, click on **Application Forms tab**, then click on **Apply** under the **Bar Exam Application** heading.

You should answer the six (6) **Exam Eligibility** questions and click **Submit**. Your eligibility request will be forwarded to the Office of Bar Admissions. Within 2 business days, a staff member will review your request and you will receive an email with instructions on how to complete the **Bar Examination Application** process and pay the appropriate [filing fee](#).

Keep in mind that you WILL NOT be considered registered for the Bar Exam until you complete all of the steps outlined in the instructions that will be emailed to you.

BAR EXAMINATION DATES	BAR EXAMINATION APPLICATION FILING DEADLINES		
	Regular Bar Examination Application Filing Period closes at 4:00 p.m.	Final Bar Examination Application Filing Period *\$200 LATE FEE REQUIRED opens at 4:01 p.m.	Transcript Deadline
February 26-27, 2019	November 5, 2018 – January 2, 2019	*January 2, 2019 – February 1, 2019	January 31, 2019
July 30-31, 2019	April 8, 2019 – June 5, 2019	*June 5, 2019 – July 5, 2019	June 30, 2019
February 25-26, 2020	November 4, 2019 – January 2, 2020	*January 2, 2020 – February 3, 2020	January 31, 2020
July 28-29, 2020	April 6, 2020 – June 3, 2020	*June 3, 2020 – July 6, 2020	June 30, 2020
February 23-24, 2021	November 9, 2020 – January 6, 2021	*January 6, 2021 – February 5, 2021	January 31, 2021
July 27-28, 2021	April 5, 2021 – June 2, 2021	*June 2, 2021 – July 2, 2021	June 30, 2021

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Applications not received in the Office of Bar Admissions by the published Regular Bar Examination Application filing deadline may be filed in accordance with **Part B, Section 2(e)** of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#), which states:

"An applicant who fails to file in a timely manner an application to take the bar examination or fails to submit charges to the NCBE as provided above [**See Part B, Section 2(b) of the Rules.**] shall nevertheless be permitted to take the examination if, within 30 days of the [Regular] Bar Examination Application Filing Deadline as provided above, he or she files an application to do so and pays a late fee of \$200 (in addition to the regular fee prescribed by these **Rules**) and submits all applicable charges to the NCBE."

Withdrawal of the Bar Examination Application

The [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#) in Georgia provide at **Part B, Section 3** that "an applicant who withdraws no less than fourteen (14) days prior to an examination shall be refunded 50% of the bar application fee paid. **National Conference of Bar Examiners charges are not refundable.**"

In order to request a refund of 50% of your Bar Examination Application filing fee, a **written withdrawal request** must be received in the Office of Bar Admissions **by the deadline posted above**. The withdrawal request must be dated and contain identifying information, including the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number and the signature of the applicant. The withdrawal request may be submitted via email to hinesr@gasupreme.us or via U.S. mail to:

Ms. Runette Bell Hines
Supreme Court of Georgia
Office of Bar Admissions
244 Washington Street, SW
Suite 440
Atlanta, GA 30334

Bar Examination Application Filing Fees

A filing fee is required when submitting the Bar Examination Application. See Part B, Section 2(b) of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

TWO-DAY GEORGIA BAR EXAMINATION APPLICATION – \$442

ONE-DAY GEORGIA ATTORNEYS` EXAMINATION APPLICATION – \$378

Fees may be paid online by credit card (**VISA or MasterCard**) at the time you submit your application, or you may submit a money order or cashier's check made payable to the **Board of Bar Examiners**.
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Regular fees and late fees may be combined in one money order.
Applications are not considered filed until all required fees have been paid.

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