

Deadlines and Fees for Fitness Application and Bar Exam Application

Admission to the practice of law in Georgia generally requires the submission of **two** applications with separate deadlines and fees. You must first file an Application for Certification of Fitness, and after you are notified that the Fitness Board has certified you as fit to practice law, you must timely file a Bar Exam Application to become eligible to sit for a particular bar exam. You can view upcoming deadlines at a glance [here](#).

Step 1: Fitness Application

A. Fitness Application Filing Deadlines¹

Your Fitness Application is tied to the bar exam you wish to take. While we cannot guarantee that your Fitness Application will be approved in time for you to apply for that bar exam, you can improve your odds by filing your Fitness Application near the beginning of the application period and responding promptly to any requests from your application analyst. **You should file your Fitness Application BEFORE you have been fingerprinted, and you may do so before you have gathered all your documentation. It is only after filing the Fitness Application that you will be able to upload documents to your file. All application periods automatically close at 4 p.m. Eastern Time, and your Fitness Application is not filed until the fee is received.**

Bar Exam Dates	Regular Fitness Application Filing Period	Final Fitness Application Filing Period (requires a late fee of \$500)
July 30–31, 2024	October 25, 2023 – December 6, 2023	December 6, 2023 – March 6, 2024
February 25–26, 2025	April 1, 2024 – July 3, 2024	July 3, 2024 – October 2, 2024

B. Fitness Application Filing Fees²

The amount of the filing fee depends on whether you are a current law student and the type of Fitness Application you are filing. Fees may be paid by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) with an additional \$15 (non-refundable) convenience fee, or by money order or cashier's check payable to the Board of Bar Examiners and delivered to the [Office of Bar Admissions](#).

Type of Application	Fee
* Fitness Application for applicants who wish to sit for the two-day exam if filed <i>prior to</i> the award of the first professional degree in law	\$450
* Fitness Application for applicants who wish to sit for the two-day exam if filed <i>after</i> the award of the first professional degree in law	\$750
* Fitness Application for applicants who wish to sit for the one-day Attorneys' Examination	\$1,200

¹ See Section 4 of Part A of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

² See Section 5 of Part A of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

* Petition for Admission of Foreign-Educated Applicant (which includes a Fitness Application)	\$1,000
Petition to determine eligibility for Admission on Motion without Exam (which includes a Fitness Application)	\$2,500
* Fitness Application for Readmission following disbarment by the State Bar of Georgia	\$5,000
* Fitness Application for Readmission following <i>termination</i> from the State Bar or after the expiration of five years from the effective date of voluntary resignation from the State Bar	\$1,000
Fitness Application for Reinstatement (either following <i>suspension</i> from the State Bar or within five years from the effective date of voluntary resignation from the State Bar)	\$1,000
Fitness Application for Renewal of Certification (“Recertification”)	\$800
Fitness Application for Foreign Law Consultant	\$1,500
Application following failure to timely register with the State Bar of Georgia ³	\$800

* Applications designated above with an asterisk may be filed during the “Final Fitness Application Filing Period” with an additional fee of \$500.

C. Fitness Application Withdrawal Deadline⁴

Applicants will receive a refund of two-thirds of the filing fee, excluding any late fee, if they provide a written withdrawal request within 15 business days of the receipt of the application by the Office of Bar Admissions. To withdraw your application, send an email [here](#).

Step 2: Bar Exam Application

A. Bar Exam Application Filing⁵, Transcript, Accommodations, and Laptop Deadlines

You may apply to sit for a bar exam once you hold a valid Certification of Fitness. To apply, log into your homepage, select the “Application Forms” tab, and click on “Apply” under the “Bar Exam Application” heading. You will answer several exam eligibility questions and click “Submit.” Your eligibility request then will be reviewed by the Office of Bar Admissions, and, within two business days, you will receive instructions on how to complete the Bar Exam Application and pay the filing fee.

In order to sit for the bar exam, you must also meet the separate transcript deadline; and if you require nonstandard or administrative accommodations, you must meet the accommodations deadline. Note that you can provide your transcript and accommodations forms *before* you receive Certification of Fitness, and the deadline to apply for accommodations passes *before* many applicants receive their Certification. Finally, you must meet the laptop deadline if you want to take the exam on your laptop. Additional information about these requirements can be found [here](#). **All application periods automatically close at 4 p.m. Eastern Time, and your application is not filed until the fee is received.**

³ See Article 1, Section 4 of the [Bylaws of the State Bar of Georgia](#).

⁴ See Section 5 of Part A of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

⁵ See Section 2 of Part B of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

Bar Exam Dates	Regular Bar Exam Application Filing Period	Final Bar Exam Application Filing Period (requires a late fee of \$500)	Transcript Deadline	Accommodations Deadline	Laptop Registration Period
July 30–31, 2024	March 1, 2024 until 4 pm on June 1, 2024	June 1, 2024 until 4 pm on June 15, 2024	June 30, 2024	May 1, 2024	June 4, 2024 until 4 pm on July 3, 2024
Feb. 25–26, 2025	September 1, 2024 until 4 pm on January 1, 2025	January 1, 2025 until 4 pm on January 15, 2025	Jan. 31, 2025	Dec. 1, 2024	TBA (Jan. 2025)

B. Bar Exam Application Filing Fees

The Filing Fee for the Bar Exam Application includes fees charged by both the Board of Bar Examiners⁶ and the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Fees may be paid by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) with an additional \$7 (non-refundable) convenience fee, or by money order or cashier's check payable to the Board of Bar Examiners and delivered to the [Office of Bar Admissions](#). Remember that your Bar Exam Application is not filed until the fee is received, and you will not be able to pay the fee until your eligibility request is approved. Applicants who file during the final application period will incur an additional fee of \$500, and applicants who choose to handwrite their answers will incur an additional fee of \$105.

Type of Bar Exam Application	Filing Fee Charged by Board of Bar Examiners	Filing Fee Charged by NCBE
Two-Day Bar Exam Application filed by current law student	\$400	\$104
Two-Day Bar Exam Application filed by law school graduate	\$550	\$104
One-Day Attorneys' Exam Application	\$550	\$32

C. Bar Exam Application Withdrawal Deadline⁷

Applicants will receive a refund of one-half of the filing fee charged by the Board of Bar Examiners (excluding any late fee and fees charged by the NCBE), if they withdraw from an exam before the expiration of the regular application period (June 1 for the July exam and January 1 for the February exam). To withdraw from the bar exam, select the "Opt-Out" feature on your homepage or send an email [here](#).

⁶ See Section 2(b) of Part B of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).

⁷ See Section 3 of Part B of the [Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law](#).