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.

STEP 1 Fitness Application

A. Fitness Application Filing Deadlines[1]

Your Fitness Application is tied to the bar exam you wish to take. We cannot guarantee that your Fitness Application will be approved in time for you to apply for that bar exam, but 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)*
February 23–24, 2027	March 25, 2026 – July 1, 2026	July 1, 2026 – October 7, 2026
July 27–28, 2027	October 21, 2026 – December 2, 2026	December 2, 2026 – March 3, 2027

B. Fitness Application Filing Fees[2]

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 $17 (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 *prior to* 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 *after* 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
* Petition for Admission of Foreign-Educated Applicant (which includes a Fitness Application)	$1,000

[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 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 *termination* 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 *suspension* 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 with an asterisk may be filed during the "Final" filing period with an additional fee of $500.

C. Fitness Application Withdrawal Deadline[4]

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 Filing[5], Accommodations, Transcript, and Laptop Deadlines

You may apply to sit for a bar exam once you hold a valid Certification of Fitness. You should not wait until the last day to begin the application process because you must first file an eligibility request that must be reviewed by the Office of Bar Admissions. Only after that request is approved will you 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 accommodations forms *before* you receive Certification of Fitness. **All application periods automatically close at 4 p.m. Eastern Time, and your application is not filed until the fee is received.**

Bar Exam Dates	Regular Bar Exam Application Filing Period	Final Bar Exam Application Filing Period *(requires a late fee of $500)*	Accommodations Deadline	Transcript Deadline	Laptop Registration Deadline
Feb. 23–24, 2027	September 1, 2026 until 4 pm on January 1, 2027	January 1, 2027 until 4 pm on January 15, 2027	Nov. 1, 2026	Jan. 31, 2027	Feb. 1, 2027
July 27–28, 2027	March 1, 2027 until 4 pm on June 1, 2027	June 1, 2027 until 4 pm on June 15, 2027	April 1, 2027	June 30, 2027	July 1, 2027

[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.

B. Bar Exam Application Filing Fees

The Filing Fee for the Bar Exam Application includes fees charged by both the Board of Bar Examiners[6] 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 (which is the same price that ExamSoft charges for laptop registration).

Type of Bar Exam Application	Filing Fee Charged by Board of Bar Examiners	Filing Fee Charged by NCBE	Laptop Fee Charged by ExamSoft or Handwriting Fee
Two-Day Bar Exam Application filed by current law student	$400	$107	$105
Two-Day Bar Exam Application filed by law school graduate	$550	$107	$105
One-Day Attorneys' Exam Application	$550	$35	$105

C. Bar Exam Application Withdrawal Deadline[7]

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.