



RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2026 GEORGIA BAR EXAMINATION

Registration Verification

The regular deadline to register for the February 2026 Bar Exam is at 4 p.m. on January 1, 2026, and the final registration deadline (with a \$500 late fee) is at 4 p.m. on January 15, 2026. Applicants who have not completed the registration process (including payment) by the final deadline will not take the exam. Admission tickets are not issued, but applicants who timely register will receive a notification at the top of their homepage that they “have successfully registered for the February 2026 Bar Examination.” Registered applicants will receive an email about laptop registration on January 13 and a message on their homepage with logistical information during the week of February 8. The answers to frequently asked questions about laptop registration are found [here](#).

Location of the Exam, Parking, and Hotels

The Georgia Bar Exam will be administered at the Georgia International Convention Center (“GICC”), at 2000 Convention Center Concourse in College Park. You can view pictures of the exam site by clicking [here](#). Please note that the GICC will now charge you \$15 to park; the parking fee must be paid by credit or debit card (no cash). Parking will be in Lots B–E (which are conjoined lots on the north side of the GICC). The GICC is also accessible via the ATL SkyTrain (which connects to MARTA at the airport). Plan your trip before exam day so that you will arrive on time to the exam. For more information about getting to the GICC, click [here](#). There are several hotels within walking distance of the GICC. You are responsible for making hotel reservations, and we recommend that you do this as soon as possible. For reservation links, click [here](#).

Exam Dates

The two-day Georgia Bar Exam will be administered on Tuesday, February 24 and Wednesday, February 25, 2026. The one-day Georgia Attorneys’ Exam will be administered on Tuesday, February 24; applicants taking the Attorneys’ Exam do not return on Wednesday to take the MBE.

No Cell Phones, Watches, or Other Electronic Devices

You are prohibited from having a cell phone, watch, or any other electronic device (other than your registered laptop) in the exam room. Digital clocks with the official time will be displayed in the exam room.

Required Items

- You must place an **official photo ID** (driver’s license, passport, or other government-issued photo ID) on your table during each exam session. **The name on the ID must match the name on your application.**

- **Laptop computers on Tuesday:** If you are taking the exam on a laptop, you must bring your registered laptop and laptop power cord on **Tuesday**. You should also bring an extension cord if your power cord is shorter than the standard six feet. You will not have to rely on your battery; electrical connections will be supplied at each table. It is your responsibility to ensure your laptop is in working order prior to the exam. You may use a wired mouse (not a wireless mouse) and mouse pad, but it is not recommended. If you want to use a mouse, you should practice with the mouse on a mock exam.
- **Black pens on Tuesday:** You will need a black pen to sign your signature card. If you wish, you may write notes in your MPT booklet in the morning, and scratch paper is provided with the essay questions in the afternoon. If you are handwriting your answers, you will also use black pens to write your MPT and essay question answers.
- **Pencils on Wednesday:** Non-mechanical #2 pencils are required for the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE). Mechanical pencils are prohibited. The MBE is administered with paper answer sheets, and laptops are not allowed on Wednesday. You may bring a manual (not battery operated) pencil sharpener. We will provide an electric pencil sharpener in the lobby so you can sharpen your pencils during the lunch break.

Allowed Items

- Highlighters (Tuesday only).
- Manual pencil sharpener (Wednesday only).
- Water in a transparent or translucent (not opaque) and unlabeled bottle.
- Transparent bag for laptop computer and power cord. Most applicants carry their laptop in their hands and do not need a bag.
- Transparent bag with personal items, such as wallet, cash, credit card, parking claim ticket, keys, personal hygiene items (including feminine hygiene items), and medications. The transparent bag should not contain other items, such as jackets or sweaters.
- Prescription eyeglasses. (Meta and other “smart” glasses are prohibited.)
- A KN-95 or N-95 face mask.

Foam ear plugs will be provided; you may not bring your own ear plugs.

No Food or Drinks

The NCBE does not allow food or drinks (including gum and candy) other than water (with no additives or coloration) in the exam room unless an administrative accommodation has been pre-approved by the Board of Bar Examiners.

Lunch

Chick-fil-A, Dunkin’, and Papa John’s are currently available inside the GICC (credit and debit only). We do not recommend leaving the GICC for lunch; traffic can be heavy, and the GICC will charge you another \$15 to park when you return. If you bring a lunch, you may not bring it inside the exam room.

Prohibited Items

Prohibited items must be placed in the black bins outside the exam room, and the Board of Bar Examiners and Office of Bar Admissions assume no liability for any damaged or missing items.

Items placed in the prohibited items bins should be visible or in a transparent bag. Please do not place non-transparent backpacks or bags in the bins. If you have in your possession in the exam room any electronic device (other than your registered laptop) or any other prohibited items, you will be reported to the Board of Bar Examiners and the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants. Your device may be confiscated for an indefinite period of time and sent to the NCBE to verify that there is no exam information on the device.

The following items are NOT allowed inside the Exam Room:

- backpacks or bags of any kind, other than transparent bags for laptops and personal items (as described above under “Allowed Items”);
- watches, clocks, and fitness trackers;
- any removable media, such as memory cards, USB devices, or other storage devices;
- electronic devices other than registered laptop and wired mouse (including cell phones, external keyboards, cameras, calculators, recording devices, and headphones);
- headphones or ear plugs (except as provided by the Board of Bar Examiners);
- non-transparent laptop skins/covers;
- highlighters (prohibited on Wednesday; allowed on Tuesday);
- mechanical pencils;
- paper or written materials;
- white-out/correcting fluid or tape;
- clothing (or any item) with profanity;
- flip-flops or backless shoes;
- hats or coverings worn on the head, except religious apparel (unless an administrative accommodation has been pre-approved by the Board of Bar Examiners);
- perfumes or colognes;
- food or beverages other than water (unless an administrative accommodation has been pre-approved by the Board of Bar Examiners);
- umbrellas (the venue will provide a place to leave umbrellas in the lobby); and
- weapons (which are also not allowed anywhere on the venue’s property).

Clothing and Climate Control

Casual, comfortable clothing is appropriate. You should consider layered clothing because some applicants find the exam room to be cool. Hooded sweatshirts are allowed, but you may not wear the hood over your head in the exam room (pursuant to NCBE requirements). Coats, jackets, and other clothing will be checked for prohibited items. Do not wear perfumes, colognes, or other fragrant substances, as some applicants have allergies aggravated by these scents. Wear quiet shoes with soft soles—not flip-flops or backless shoes—as you may have to walk across the exam room to the restrooms during the exam.

Admission to the Exam Room

- **Seating:** All seats are preassigned with a name card at each seat. You must sit in your assigned seat throughout the entire exam. Charts indicating the Row Number in which your seat is located will be posted in the lobby outside the exam room. Row numbers are posted on the front and back table of each row and on paddles held by the row monitors.
- **Schedule:** Standard-time applicants can find the exam schedule [here](#). Applicants with non-standard testing accommodations will receive their schedule directly from the Office of Bar Admissions.
- **Laptop Applicants:** On Tuesday, standard-time laptop applicants will be admitted to the exam room at 8:00 a.m. All removable media must be removed from your laptop prior to entering the exam room. Upon admission, you should follow the Exemplify instructions placed at your seat. Laptop instructions will begin at 8:15 a.m. **Any laptop applicant arriving after 8:15 a.m. may not be admitted to the exam room until 8:55 a.m. and may be required to handwrite the MPT and Essay portions of the exam.**

Anonymous Grading

You must not write your name on any MPT or Essay testing materials or answers. Until the completion of grading, exam answers will be identifiable only by Applicant Number.

Composition of Exam and Exam Tips

You can find information about the composition of the exam and exam tips [here](#).

Technical Support

It is your responsibility to ensure that your laptop is dependable and that it is in working order prior to the exam. ExamSoft site engineers will provide limited technical support.

Uploading Answers

You must upload your answer files no later than 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25. You are strongly encouraged to upload as soon as possible after leaving the exam room on Tuesday.

No Talking or Leaving the Exam Room

Applicants may not talk to each other during any exam session, including in the restrooms. If you complete a portion of the exam prior to the ending time for that session, you may not turn in your answers early or leave the exam room until you are dismissed. All applicants (including those with double time) will take the Georgia essay session on Tuesday, and you may discuss the essay questions after the exam if you wish (although we recommend that you focus on the MBE!).

Violation of Rules

Once time is called, any applicant who continues to type or write may be disqualified from the exam. Any applicant who violates any of the Rules and Instructions for the exam will be reported to the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants and the Board of Bar Examiners.

Inability to Complete the Exam

If you decide to withdraw from the exam after it has begun, you must report this decision to a member of the staff of the Office of Bar Admissions at the administration table in the exam room and complete a withdrawal form prior to leaving the exam room.

Oath of Applicant

By taking the Georgia Bar Exam, you will be deemed to have sworn to or affirmed the following:

I solemnly swear or affirm that I have no previous information as to the contents of the questions upon which I have been examined and that I have not received directly or indirectly, from any source whatever, any assistance, but that I wrote the answer exclusively from my knowledge.

No Contacting Board Members

Applicants are prohibited from contacting any member of the Board to Determine Fitness of Bar Applicants or any member of the Board of Bar Examiners. Any applicant communications should be sent to the Office of Bar Admissions at gabaradmissions@gasupreme.us, and our office will communicate this information to the appropriate Board.

Notification of Results

All applicants will receive written notification of their exam results. We will announce the score release date on the [“Latest News” section of our website](#). The pass list will be posted on our website no later than 4:00 p.m. on the scheduled release date.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the Georgia Bar Exam will proceed as scheduled as long as the venue remains open, and we will notify applicants [on our website](#) if the venue is closed. If severe weather is predicted for the days of the exam, please plan accordingly. Late applicants will not be allowed to make up any time lost. In the event of a power outage during the exam that requires the use of the venue’s generator, all applicants may be required to handwrite the remainder of the MPT/Essay portion of the exam in answer books.