July 2022 Frequently Asked Questions

Where will the July 2022 Bar Examination be held?

The exam will be held at the Roberts Centre located at 123 Gano Road in Wilmington, Ohio. The Court has reserved the entire space for use of the exam. The entire exam room space is 60,000 square feet.

How will the exam be administered at the Roberts Centre?

There will be at least two separate entrances and exits. Examinees will be divided and assigned to a particular entrance and exit. Two examinees will be seated at opposite ends of 8-foot tables. There are four sets of proctored restrooms, which will be set up to comply with social distancing requirements.

How will examinees know what time to arrive?

Examinees will receive assigned entrance times with their exam instructions. Entrance times will be staggered to decrease the number of examinees gathered in the lobby area. The lines may extend outdoors to ensure social distancing.

Is there a vaccination or negative test requirement?

While the Supreme Court of Ohio has determined that neither COVID 19 vaccinations nor a negative test will be required to sit for July 2022 bar examination, examinees must comply with CDC guidance related to isolation and quarantining related to testing positive for COVID-19 and exposure to COVID-19: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html</u>.

What measures have been taken to accommodate social distancing?

Examinees must maintain at least six feet of distance at the Roberts Centre while moving about inside and outside the exam hall. There will be no talking in the exam hall between examinees nor may they gather in groups while in line to enter or when leaving the exam. Examinees will be told what time to arrive for check-in and which entrance they are assigned. Arrival and departure times will be staggered.

Will examinees be required to wear masks?

Examinees, proctors, and staff will not be required to wear masks. Those who wish to wear a mask, may do so.

How will the lunch break work?

Applicants will not be released for lunch all at once but will dismissed by area. The Roberts Centre is offering the option to purchase boxed lunches for the exam. Below is the link that you may use to purchase a boxed lunch. The deadline to order is July 19, 2022, at noon. Please note that if you want to order a lunch for both days, you will need to complete the form once for each day and late orders and "day of" orders will not be accepted.

Lunches will be available for pickup in the Hotel Foyer outside the Wilmington Boardroom. Seating will be available on the outdoor patio space next to the hotel lobby where there will be tents, tables, and chairs available.

If you have any questions about lunch orders or payments, please contact the Roberts Centre directly.

https://www.robertscentre.com/lunchorder/

What items are permitted to bring to the exam site?

Exam day instructions, which will be mailed to examinees, will provide detailed information regarding permitted and non-permitted items. Below is a list of some newly permitted items:

- Face mask
- Personal sized hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Handheld pencil sharpeners. No electric or battery powered sharpeners permitted.

What items will be provided to examinees?

Exam day instructions, which will be mailed to examinees, will provide detailed information regarding the items that will be available for examinee use. For example:

- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer stations

Are menstrual products permitted in the exam hall?

Yes. Menstrual products including tampons, maxi pads, and liners may be brought into the exam hall. All examinees are permitted to bring in one clear plastic gallon bag, which shall include permitted items. Staff will visually inspect the clear plastic bag upon entering the exam hall. To protect the sterility of the product, examinees will not be required to open an original menstruation product. If the menstrual products are not visible in the clear plastic bag, staff will have to inspect the items. Purses and other bags are not permitted inside the exam hall and must remain in the designated area in the lobby and cannot be accessed until dismissed by the exam administrator. An assortment of menstrual products will be available in each restroom.

Will examinees have access to restrooms during testing?

Examinees will have access to restrooms during testing and are permitted to take menstrual products back and forth to restroom as needed.

How will examinees be dismissed from the exam hall?

Examinees will be dismissed by area. Examinees are not permitted to leave the exam hall unless instructed to do so by the exam administrator.

How will the exam hall be cleaned?

Prior to the start of each day, the hall will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized by staff. Restrooms, door handles, and other high traffic areas will be cleaned throughout the test day.

What if I have a medical condition or other circumstance that requires me to have items not normally permitted in the examination room or to have special seating arrangements?

If you have a medical condition or other circumstance that is not covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires you to have items at the examination site not normally permitted, such as diabetic supplies, lumbar support, or a lactation pump, or to have special seating arrangements such as a wheelchair accessible table or access to a lactation room, you must submit a <u>Special Arrangement Form</u>. The deadline to submit the Special Arrangement Form is July 7, 2022. The Office of Bar Admissions will do their best to grant your request. If your request is approved, a letter will be emailed providing you with information regarding your specific request. Please note that a new Special Arrangement Form is required for each administration of the examination for which you apply.

If I decide not to take the July 2022 exam, is there an option to defer my application or receive a refund?

Examination fees are not refundable or deferable except when extraordinary circumstance, beyond the control of the applicant, occur.

When does ExamSoft registration open?

Examinees that wish to use their laptop for the exam, must register their laptop with ExamSoft. Registration opened on June 7, 2022 and closes on July 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm. More information about the laptop program can be found here: <u>Ohio ExamSoft Registration</u>

Note: All examinees must be using Examplify version 2.8.5. Please follow the prompts to install or update to version 2.8.5.

If you do not wish to use a laptop, no further action is required.

Copy/Paste vs. Cut/Past Functionality in Examplify

It is recommended that examinees utilize the copy/paste function instead of cut/paste. If cut is accidentally used, we recommend undoing the cut action in order to prevent deletion of content. To undo a previous cut action, applicants will need to immediately use one of the following keyboard shortcuts:

- Windows: CTRL+Z
- Mac: $\Re + Z$

or, right click in the essay typing area and choose 'Undo' from the dropdown menu or press the undo key on the Essay editor formatting toolbar within Examplify. If an applicant navigates away from the question or continues testing after a cut, content on the clipboard will be deleted.

If the copy/paste function is utilized, a symbol such as Â, may be inserted if there is an extra space included at the end of the copied text and then pasted using a right-click feature or using the copy and paste function located under the formatting toolbar with Examplify. For example:

A sentence written as: "Here is my original sentence."

when copied and pasted using right-click copy options or the formatting toolbar would be pasted as: "Here is my original sentence. \hat{A} "

If a paragraph was written and then copied and pasted using right-click options or the formatting toolbar it would appear as: "Here is my original sentence.ÂThis is a paragraph of text.ÂI have inserted text here.Â"

This behavior is found in Windows devices/OS and not on Mac devices at this time. Copying and pasting using the keyboard shortcuts (e.g. CTRL+C and CTRL+V and \mathbb{H} +C and \mathbb{H} +V) are not resulting in a symbol. If the symbols are not deleted, the symbols will show in the printed or exported answers. We recommend that applicants use the following keyboard shortcuts to copy and paste text:

Windows:

- CTRL+C to copy
- CTRL+V to paste

Mac:

- \#+V to paste

What is the deadline to upload answers?

The deadline for uploading MEE and MPT answers is 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

When will the July 2022 results be available?

Results will be posted to the Supreme Court of Ohio website on October 28, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Additional FAQ's will be supplemented and may change based upon the recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health or the Clinton County Health Department.