



THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

65 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

July 2023 Bar Examination FAQs

Where will the Bar Examination be held?

The July 2023 exam will be held at the Roberts Centre located at 123 Gano Road in Wilmington, Ohio.

How will the exam be administered at the Roberts Centre?

Two examinees will be seated at opposite ends of 8-foot tables. There are four sets of proctored restrooms.

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?

Neither COVID 19 vaccinations nor a negative test will be required to sit for July 2023 bar examination; however, the guidance provided by the CDC related to isolation and quarantining related to COVID-19 is located here: [Isolation and Precautions for COVID-19](#).

What measures have been taken to accommodate social distancing?

Examinees should maintain social distancing 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 be dismissed by area. The Roberts Centre will be offering the option to purchase boxed lunches for the exam. There will be four different [choices](#) available to purchase on each exam day.

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 (MBE DAY 2 ONLY). 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 [Special Arrangement Form](#). The deadline to submit the [Special Arrangement Form](#) is July 5, 2023. 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.

When does ExamSoft registration open?

Examinees that wish to use their laptop for the exam, must register their laptop with ExamSoft. Registration opens on June 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and closes on July 5, 2023, at 4:00 pm. More information about the laptop program can be found here: [Ohio ExamSoft Registration](#)

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

Can I use copy and paste on my laptop during the examination?

Copy and paste is a feature enabled in Examplify for applicants using their laptop computer on the essay portion of the examination. To prevent accidental deletions, applicants should always use copy and paste instead of cut and paste. If the cut function is accidentally used, we recommend undoing the cut action immediately in order to prevent deletion of content. To undo a previous cut action, immediately use one of the following keyboard shortcuts:

- Windows: CTRL+Z
- Mac: ⌘ +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 Exemplify. If an applicant navigates away from the question or continues testing after a cut, content on the clipboard will be deleted and undo will not recover it.

What is the deadline to upload answers?

The deadline for uploading MEE and MPT answers is 10:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

When will the July 2023 results be available?

A list of successful examinees will be posted to the Supreme Court of Ohio's website on October 27, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. Examinees will also receive their individual scores on the Bar Admissions Portal.

Additional FAQ's will be supplemented.