

Dear February 2021 Idaho Bar Exam Applicants:

I am writing to provide additional information about the online bar exam on February 23-24, 2021.

Test Schedule

I posted the schedule for the bar exam on our bar exam webpage: <https://isb.idaho.gov/admissions/bar-exam/> You will see that the exam is broken out into 90-minute test sessions in order for you to take comfort breaks every 90 minutes. Please note if you requested reasonable accommodations your test schedule may be different.

ExamSoft Features

Consistent with all Idaho bar exams, spellcheck will be disabled.

You will have the ability to highlight the question text, take notes in a notes/virtual scratch paper screen, cut/copy/paste from notes into your answer screen, and perform find and replace functions. You will learn more about these features when you complete the mock exams (described below).

Examplify software will include ExamID and ExamMonitor tools to provide identity verification via facial recognition, audio/video recording and human proctor review.

You will take the exam on your personal computer or laptop with a web camera and microphone enabled. Please confirm that your device meets the minimum system requirements by reviewing those requirements on the Idaho State Bar's ExamSoft webpage, examsoft.com/idbar.

Please refer to ExamSoft's FAQs, Lighting Tips and Remote Proctoring Guide posted on our website for more information about the online bar exam software: <https://isb.idaho.gov/admissions/bar-exam/>

You may not use more than one monitor to take the exam.

Important ExamSoft Dates and Deadlines

January 14, 2021 – ExamSoft registration will open. ExamSoft will contact you directly with instructions on how to register and install Examplify on the computer you will be using for the bar exam. You will also be able to download the mock exams that are designed to teach you how the software will function during the bar exam. The first two mock exams are **required**. In the first mock exam, your photo will be taken and you will be asked to display your photo ID (i.e., driver's license, passport) for the camera. This process is designed to replicate our physical inspection of photo IDs at an in-person exam and enables us to verify your identity. The third mock exam is optional, but it is strongly recommended that you complete the third exam to better familiarize yourself with the software.

January 29, 2021 – Deadline to complete registration and to complete the two mock exams. **Applicants who fail to complete registration and the two mock exams will not be permitted to take the February 2021 Idaho Bar Exam.**

February 16, 2021 – February 2021 bar exam files will be available for you to download.

February 19, 2021 – Deadline to complete your downloading of the bar exam files. **Applicants who fail to download the bar exam files will not be permitted to take the February 2021 Idaho Bar Exam.**

Online Bar Exam Rules

During the exam, you must remain in your seat in view of your camera. You are not permitted to leave the view of your camera during an exam session. You may leave the view of your camera during breaks. With that said, we understand emergencies may happen. We are developing a procedure for reporting emergencies to the Idaho State Bar and will have more information about that in the coming weeks.

Scratch paper is not allowed for the MEE and MBE. Scratch paper is allowed for the MPT only.

You may have a watch or clock, food, drink, and medications with you during the exam.

You may take the exam at the location of your choice (e.g., home, office, library, law school, etc.). The environment should be quiet and distraction-free.

MBE Portion of Exam

If you qualify for an MBE Exemption or MBE score transfer under Idaho Bar Commission Rule 217 and are considering changing your mind about whether or not to take the MBE, you must make a final decision by **January 28, 2021**. Keep in mind that an applicant must sit for the MEE, MPT and MBE in the same exam administration to earn a Uniform Bar Examination score.

Deferral to July 2021 Idaho Bar Exam

If you choose not to take the February 2021 bar exam, you can defer to the July 2021 bar exam. Deferral requests must be received by February 23, 2021. Submit a deferral request using our [online form](#). The Idaho Supreme Court has waived the deferral fee and deferral limits through the February 2021 Bar Exam.

A version of this email will be saved as a pdf and posted on our website:

<https://isb.idaho.gov/admissions/bar-exam/>

Please feel free to contact me at 208-955-8885 or Belinda Brown, Admissions Analyst at 208-955-8884 or by email with any questions.

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