



District of Columbia July 2023 Bar Exam Announcement

Applicants are responsible for all information contained in this Announcement. Please read all instructions. Do not rely upon past instructions, or instructions for other jurisdictions. Please read carefully.

General Information

The July 2023 Uniform Bar Exam will be administered by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (“DCCA”) *in person*, on July 25-26, 2023. The exam materials are on paper. Laptops are required to write responses for the essay portions of the exam. Applicants who wish to handwrite their essays must submit a request to Director Shanks, at sshanks@dcappeals.gov. There will not be separate seating for handwriters. Responses for the multiple choice sections of the exam are recorded on scantron sheets with **No. 2** pencils.

The standard administration of the exam will consist of four 3-hour sessions with a 45-60 minute break midday on each day. Applicants who wish to request variances from the standard administration of the exam must apply for ADA accommodations. Applicants who are nursing may request a courtesy schedule. (See below.) Applicants granted ADA accommodations *may* test additional days. (See “Schedules” below.)

Study materials are not permitted at testing venues and will be confiscated. Possession of study materials at a testing venue is an exam conduct violation.

There are two testing venues for the standard administration of the exam. Applicants will be randomly assigned to a venue for seating. Seating requests for a specific venue will not be accepted. **Please do not contact the Committee on Admissions to request a specific location. Seating will be assigned 2 to 3 weeks before the exam.** Both locations are easily accessible by Uber and by [Metro](#).

The two venues for the standard administration of the exam are the [D.C. Armory](#) located at 2001 East Capitol Street, SE; and at the [Washington Hilton](#) located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW.

The Washington Hilton is offering a special rate for a limited number of reservations for bar exam applicants: [DC Bar Exam Guest Room Reservations](#). Applicants can make reservations irrespective of their assigned location for the exam.

There are two testing venues for the non-standard administration of the exam for individuals who are granted accommodations: D.C. Court of Appeals, Historic Courthouse, 430 E St. NW and DC Bar, 901 Fourth St. NW.

Exam Registration/Application

Registration for the exam will open on April 5, 2023 at 9:00am ET and will close on May 16, 2023 at 5:00pm ET. **There is NO late registration period.** If you wish to sit for the exam, you must submit your application by May 16, 2023 at 5:00pm ET. It is recommended that you do not wait until the last minute to submit your application in the event that you encounter technical difficulties and are unable to submit your application by the deadline. There are no exceptions to the application deadline.

Applicants can create an account on the Committee on Admissions website at: [DC Bar Admissions Home \(dcappeals.gov\)](https://dcappeals.gov) by selecting the "Create Account" button at the bottom of the page. **Please note that the application for the JULY exam will not open until April 5th,** however applicants can browse a [copy of the application](#) now. Please do not attempt to begin an application until April 5th.

Please read all instructions. Do not rely upon past instructions, or instructions for other jurisdictions.

Accommodations

Accommodation decisions will be issued on a rolling basis beginning on or before April 17th.

Applicants wishing to apply for accommodations can submit accommodation requests beginning today, March 15, 2023 through May 16, 2023. To request an accommodation, you MUST send the request form and supporting medical documentation to dcaccommodations@dcappeals.gov. If you have previously been granted accommodations for the D.C. bar exam, please submit a copy of your grant letter with the request form. If you are requesting the same accommodation that you were previously granted for the D.C. bar exam, you do not need to resubmit medical documentation.

Accommodation requests and supporting documents sent to dcaccommodations@dcappeals.gov by the application deadline of May 16, 2023 5:00 PM ET, will be reviewed. Requests and documentation submitted after May 16, 2023 and/or submitted by other means will not be reviewed.

All other applicants seeking accommodations must submit a request form with supporting documentation. Please submit proof of prior accommodations and medical documentation of your disability with your supporting documentation. Please read the [guidelines](#) for documentation.

Accommodation requests that are not accompanied by supporting documentation will receive an automatic denial. ONLY accommodation requests and supporting documentation sent to dcaccommodations@dcappeals.gov will be reviewed.

Emergency Accommodations *may* be granted **where an applicant experiences circumstances that create a need for accommodations *after* the deadline.** For Emergency Accommodations send an email with details and supporting documentation to Director Shanks at: sshanks@dcappeals.gov.

Appeals can be made up to ten days after an accommodation grant is denied in full or in part. Appeals must contain new information with supporting documentation Appeals may not include new or additional requests that were not a part of the original accommodation request.

Courtesy Schedule for Applicants Who are Nursing

Applicants who are nursing and wish to apply for a courtesy schedule can do so by submitting a letter

with medical documentation as proof that they are nursing by submitting a request to Director Shanks at sshanks@dcapeals.gov. Individuals who are breastfeeding and who wish to request an **ADA accommodation** should send their request to: dcaccommodations@dcapeals.gov.

LLMs / Graduates of Non-ABA Approved Law Schools

Applicants whose first law degree is from a non-ABA approved law school must meet additional requirements. (If you already have / will receive a *Juris Doctor* from an ABA approved law school within three months of the first day of the exam, these requirements do not apply to you.) Please review these [guidelines](#) and [instructions](#) regarding eligibility to sit for the D.C. Bar exam.

Laptop Registration

Applicants must pay the software licensing fee of \$150 and register their laptops directly with the software vendor, ILG360. **Laptop registration will open July 6th and end July 17th.**

COVID 19 Protocols

The DCCA is closely monitoring health and safety mandates, and recommendations issued by federal and local authorities concerning COVID 19. DCCA recognizes that conditions and protocols may change between now and the time of the exam and will make appropriate modifications to exam procedures as required and recommended by public health authorities. Currently masks are required at the DCCA. Depending on the status of the COVID 19 pandemic, applicants may be required to wear a mask fully covering their mouth and nose during the exam. All COVID-19 safety and health procedures will be announced closer to the exam.

Exam Schedules

The exam test sites will open at 8:00 am. The exam will begin at 9:00am. Applicants who are late to any session of the exam will not be admitted to the exam. The general schedules for the standard and non-standard administrations of the exam are shown below.

Exam Schedules

July 2023 Exam Schedule for Standard Administration

Date / Session (Am or PM)	Length of Session	Exam Content
July 25 AM	3 hours	MPT 1 & 2
July 25 PM	3 hours	MEE 1 – 6
July 26 AM	3 hours	MBE 1 – 100
July 26 PM	3 hours	MBE 101-200

(Schedules continue on the next page.)

July 2023 Exam Schedule for Non-Standard Administration
Courtesy Schedule with no additional time

Date / Session (Am or PM)	Sessions	Exam Content
July 25 AM	90 min. /break 30 min./90 min.	MPT 1 / break/ MPT 2
July 25 PM	90 min. /break 30 min./90 min.	MEE 1 – 3 / Break/ MEE 4-6
July 26 AM	90 min. /break 30 min./90 min.	MBE 1 – 50/ Break/ MBE 51-100
July 26 PM	90 min. /break 30 min./90 min.	MBE 101-150/ Break/ MBE 151-200

July 2023 Exam Schedule for Non-Standard Administration
Additional Time - 25%

Date / Session (Am or PM)	Length of Session	Exam Content
July 25 AM	3.75 hours	MEE 1-6
July 25 PM		
July 26 AM	3.75	MBE 1-100
July 26 PM	113 minutes	MPT
July 27 AM	3.75 hours	MBE 101-200
July 27 PM	113 minutes	MPT

July 2023 Exam Schedule for Non-Standard Administration
Additional Time – 50%

Date / Session (Am or PM)	Length of Session	Exam Content
July 25 AM	2.25 hours	MPT
July 25 PM	4.5 hours	MEE 1-6
July 26 AM	4.5 hours	MBE 1-100
July 26 PM	2.25 hours	MBE 101-150
July 27 AM	2.25 hours	MBE 151-200
July 27 PM	2.25 hours	MPT

July 2023 Exam Schedule for Non-Standard Administration
Additional Time – 100%

Date / Session (Am or PM)	Length of Session	Exam Content
July 25 AM	3 hours	MEE 1-3
July 25 PM	3 hours	MEE 4-6
July 26 AM	3 hours	MBE 1 – 50
July 26 PM	3 hours	MBE 51-100
July 27 AM	3 hours	MBE 101 – 150
July 27 PM	3 hours	MBE 151-200
July 28 AM	3 hours	MPT
July 28 PM	3 hours	MPT