

July 2021 Michigan Bar Examination Exam Rules

As stated in the Michigan Supreme Court's Administrative Order 2021-2, applicants have the affirmative obligation to frequently check the Board's website, where updates, instructions, and other vital information will be provided.

The following information is posted elsewhere on the Board's July 2021 exam page, however, it is condensed into this document for convenience. Some of the below items contain additional information in the FAQs and exam information. Applicants are responsible for reviewing all of the information on the July 2021 exam page.

Applicants will receive bar exam information e-packets the first full week of July and are responsible for reviewing that information, including the Remote Bar Exam Security and Conduct Policies.

1. Applicants must ensure their computers meet ExamSoft's specifications and that adequate memory is available to capture the video/audio proctoring recordings.
2. All applicants must take the two mandatory mock exams within the posted timeframe. Failure to do so will result in deactivation and the inability to take the exam.
3. Applicants must take the bar exam alone in a room.
4. No paper, study aids, writing utensils, books, food or other items can be in the applicant's work station unless specific ADA accommodations have been granted by the Board. Only a clear bottle of water with the label removed or a clear glass of water and a box of tissue within arm's reach are allowed in applicants' workspaces.
5. No watches or time keeping devices may be worn during the exam.
6. Applicants should not have a cell phone in the testing room but are allowed to retrieve it and use it for the limited purpose of contacting ExamSoft's technical support.
7. After beginning the exam module applicants are not allowed to leave their seat for any reason and their faces must remain centered in view of the computer camera (see FAQs and exam information on how to ensure your face is in view of the camera). Applicants should avoid both leaning in any direction and staring down or away from the computer screen.
8. The exam time is set for Eastern and all applicants must follow the posted schedule regardless of what time zone they are testing in.
9. Any applicant who is unable to start the exam within 25 minutes of the posted start time and who is not on the phone with ExamSoft for assistance must notify the BLE office of the delay (BLE-INFO@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-4453) and the reason for the delay in order to avoid being locked out of the exam module or deactivated.
10. Exam answers and video/audio files must be uploaded by Thursday, July 29, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern.
11. Applicants are required to send a photo government identification to the BLE for verification purposes to compare with the ExamSoft exam photo/videos. Once verified, the identifications will be destroyed .
12. Only brightly colored foam earplugs are allowed (no white).
13. No hats, caps or head coverings may be worn during the testing sessions unless it is for religious reasons, but even then it may not have a brim or otherwise obscure the applicant's eyes.
14. Applicants are not allowed to use more than one monitor.
15. Conduct that may result in an investigation by the Board for cheating or misconduct on the exam includes, but is not limited to: disconnecting or obscuring the webcam, leaving the view of the webcam during the testing module, having a prohibited item in the testing space, using an unauthorized electronic device during testing, accessing, using or reviewing notes or other prohibited materials, having others in the testing space, and any other conduct that raises suspicion that an applicant cheated on the exam or disregarded the rules.