

CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINING COMMITTEE

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS REGARDING COVID-19 POLICIES FOR THE FEBRUARY 2022 CONNECTICUT BAR EXAMINATION

The February 2022 administration of the Connecticut bar examination will be an in-person examination administered on February 22-23, 2022, at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. There will be no remote option.

The CBEC's Current COVID Policy:

All candidates for the February 2022 bar examination are required on each day of the examination to present (1) proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 PCR test and (2) a valid photo identification. All candidates will also be required to be masked at all times during the entire examination.

The CBEC will be closely monitoring COVID-19 health and safety requirements and these current protocols are subject to change between now and the date of the February 2022 bar examination based on CDC guidelines and/or requirements imposed by federal, state, and local authorities.

Fully Vaccinated: Fully vaccinated means the person is in compliance with CDC guidelines. Currently that means a person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) or two weeks after receipt of a single dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Vaccine. This definition of fully vaccinated is subject to change should the CDC change its definition of "fully vaccinated."

Acceptable Forms of Proof of Vaccination:

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card or an official immunization record from the jurisdiction or state where the vaccine was administered or a digital or physical photo of such card or record, reflecting the person's name, vaccine brand, and dates administered; or
- CT WiZ Public Portal Official COVID-19 Record.

Negative COVID Test

Unvaccinated candidates will be required to submit proof of a negative COVID-19 test result to enter the test site each morning of the exam. The negative test result must be from a PCR test performed on a sample drawn no more than four (4) days before the first day of the February 2022 bar examination (the test must be performed on a sample drawn no earlier than Friday, February 18, 2022). At this time candidates will be permitted to present the same negative test result for each day of the examination.

Results from antigen or at-home test will NOT be accepted.

Candidates are responsible for obtaining the COVID test and bearing the costs associated with obtaining the test result. If a candidate does not have the appropriate negative test result, they will not be permitted entry into the test site, and there will be NO exception or exemption to this policy on either morning of the exam.

Withdrawal and Credit of Application Fee:

If you will not be able to present proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 PCR test on exam day, or if you will not be able to comply with the indoor mask mandate for the examination in February, then we suggest that you should withdraw from the bar examination now. All candidates who withdraw by Monday, January 24, 2022 (for whatever reason) will receive an automatic 75% fee credit towards either the July 2022 or February 2023 bar examination. Please review Article III-3 of the CBEC Regulations for more information regarding withdrawal of applications.

Each candidate acknowledges that there exists an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any place where people are present. Each candidate agrees to comply with all health and safety measures implemented by the CBEC to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and transmission during the examination administration.