

Tennessee Bar Exam – FAQ

1. Do I need to bring any materials such as pencils, pen, or paper?

No. Pens and pencils will be provided. Outside writing instruments will not be permitted. NO white out liquid or tape, eraser, or sharpeners are allowed at the exam table. Scratch paper has been incorporated into the exam question books. There will be several pencil sharpeners available throughout the exam room.

2. Can I have a travel, a digital watch, or any watch/timer?

No clocks or watches of any kind are allowed. There will be a clock provided in the room visible to all.

3. Can I bring mint, cough drops, chew gum, or have any type of candy during the exam?

Hard mints, cough drops or hard candy are permitted, if unpackaged/unwrapped and placed on the exam table prior to the start of the exam. Gum, soft candies or chocolates are not permitted.

4. Can I bring tissue for my nose?

Yes, up to two tissues may be kept at the exam table but must be out of the package and placed on table prior to start of exam. It is also okay to go to the restroom during the test by following the correct guidelines given by the proctor during the instruction period.

5. Can I bring a water bottle, juice, carbonated drink, or a 5 hour energy drink?

Water stations are provided in the exam room. You may not bring anything to drink in the room with you. Water must be consumed at the water station and may not be taken back to your seat.

6. Can I bring a sack lunch, or a snack to have during exam?

A sack lunch can be brought to the site but must be left in the designated area during testing; it may not remain at your exam table. You must leave the exam room during lunch. You are permitted to have unwrapped hard candy or hard mints at your table (See 3, above). If you have a medical need for additional food at your exam table, you need to file for accommodations using the application for non-standard testing in Synergy.

7. Can I bring my laptop bag or sleeve for my laptop, or my purse to carry my wallet or personal items?

There will be a designated area at the testing location where these items will be required to be placed. They are not permitted to be at your exam table. If a bag or laptop sleeve is found at your table, you may be ejected from the exam and your bag may be held for Board inspection. Please note that you will not be permitted to access your bag at any time during the exam.

8. Can I bring in medicine?

If there is a medical need, please file for accommodations as soon as possible using the application for non-standard testing in Synergy. Non-medicated eye drops in a clear bottle with the label removed may be left on your table; otherwise you must file an application for accommodation using the application in Synergy.

9. Can I wear a jacket, sweater, hoodie, cap, or hat?

It is advisable to dress in layers as temperature affects everyone differently and it is cool in the testing rooms. Caps, hats, or hoods, including hooded sweatshirts, jackets or shirts, are not allowed. Please contact the TBLE prior to the exam if head coverings are worn for religious observance.

10. Will I be able to receive another exam booklet if I need more space to write?

Yes.

11. What time and how long is lunch time?

Lunch is from approximately 12:15 until 1:15. You must be in your assigned seat at 1:15 for instructions.

12. Are there sample questions for the exam?

Yes, sample essay questions are available on our website at www.tnble.org.

13. Does it matter that I am Left-Handed?

No, exam testing sites are set-up for everyone.