

Tennessee Board of Law Examiners

Statement of Policies and Procedures

P-4.03 Dates and Places of Giving the Examination

For the July 2020 administration of the Uniform Bar Examination in Tennessee, the following policies will apply:

- (a) **Maximum Capacity.** In order to comply with state and local government orders which restrict the size of public gatherings resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, seating at each July exam location will be limited, based in the number of applicants from Tennessee law schools, to no more than 50% of the customary number of seats.
- (b) **Location priorities.** Because of restrictions on the number of people permitted at gatherings under continuing COVID-19 orders, seats for the July 2020 examination will be assigned based on the following priorities:
 - (1) First seating priority is for applicants who are 2019 or 2020 graduates of law schools located in Tennessee who will be taking the exam for the first time;
 - (2) If seats remain after fulfilling the first priority, second priority is for applicants who are 2019 or 2020 graduates of law schools located in Tennessee who have taken the examination in Tennessee one time and were unsuccessful.
 - (3) If seats remain after fulfilling the second priority, third priority is for re-examination applicants who are graduates of law schools located in Tennessee based on the number of times the applicant has taken the exam in Tennessee. For example, applicants who have taken two times and were unsuccessful are prioritized over those who have taken three times.
 - (4) Applicants will be seated in priority order based on availability of a seat and the date and time the Tennessee application in Synergy was completed (submitted and the fee paid), with those who complete the application earliest being seated before those in the same priority who completed an application later in the application period. Applicants with priority who cannot be seated in the selected location will be offered a seat at another location.
 - (5) Applicants will be notified of their exam date and location by June 30, 2020.
- (c) Applicants for the July 2020 Uniform Bar Examination in Tennessee who are not assigned a seat for the July 2020 administration will be given the choice to sit for the October 2020 examination in Knoxville or February 2021 examination in Knoxville, Nashville, or Memphis.

(d) This Policy is temporary and, except for subsection (c), this Policy expires after the July 2020 examination unless the Policy is modified or extended by the Supreme Court prior to that time.