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**NEW JERSEY BAR EXAMINATION**  
**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

- A. Each day of the examination, you must bring the enclosed admission letter and a government-issued photo ID to your assigned site or you **will not** be admitted.
- B. **Do not** call the examination site directly about your testing information. All calls should be directed to your case manager.
- C. Review the admission letter carefully to verify that the state in which you are scheduled to take the MBE is correctly identified. If it is incorrect, you must fax a letter with the correct information to your case manager immediately at 609-984-6859.
- D. The test sites will open at 8:00 a.m. You should plan to arrive no later than 8:15 a.m. All candidates must be seated by 8:30 a.m. (Candidates participating in the laptop program must arrive at the test site no later than 7:45 a.m. on Thursday. Special instructions are enclosed for laptop program participants.) Candidates are not permitted to leave their seats during the reading of the instructions.
- E. You must make a *bona fide* effort to answer each essay question and both sessions of the MBE. If the Examiners conclude you have not done so, none of your exams will be graded.
- F. Smoking is not permitted in the test site. Smoking may be permitted at outside designated areas. Examination papers must be left with your proctor.
- G. Quiet, soft-soled shoes should be worn to reduce noise level on uncarpeted floors.
- H. Requests for special seating during the examination or permission to use special devices (e.g., glucometers, insulin pumps, back pillows, braces, etc.) must be submitted via fax at 609-984-6859 **no later than July 16, 2010**. The request form can be found at [www.njbarexams.org](http://www.njbarexams.org) on the site assignment page. Failure to do so will delay your entrance into the examination.

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## **Policy Regarding Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices**

The Supreme Court has approved the policy of the Board of Bar Examiners that bans all cellular phones, palm pilots, beepers, pagers, wireless-capable watches/clocks, and similar electronic devices from all bar examination testing sites.

If an applicant is found to have a cell phone or other prohibited device in his or her possession while in the examination test area -- which includes the examination room, the rest rooms, and the hallway -- the following sanctions will be imposed:

1. The Site Administrator will see to the immediate removal of the applicant from the test site;
2. The Board of Bar Examiners will invalidate the applicant's bar examination; and
3. If the applicant applies to take a future bar examination, the incident will be referred to the Committee on Character for its consideration and report to the Supreme Court.

All applicants are given written notice of this policy prior to the examination. A final oral warning will be issued by the Site Administrator prior to the commencement of each session of the bar examination

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

To maintain security at the bar examination sites, you **are not** permitted to bring the following listed items into the examination site:

1. Handbags/purses
2. Hats/hoods (except religious apparel)
3. Tote bags, duffel bags, backpacks, briefcases, etc.
4. Bar review course study materials
5. Notes or scratch paper
6. "Liquid paper" or erasable ink
7. Electronic devices, such as cellular telephones, beepers, palm pilots, alarm clocks, etc.
8. Weapons of any kind
9. Coats
10. Ear Plugs (they will be provided)

The Board of Bar Examiners is not responsible for any items that a candidate is required to leave outside the testing room.

Applicants **are** permitted to bring the following items with them into the examination site:

1. The official admissions letter from this packet
2. Proper Photo Identification
3. Wallets
4. Writing materials - #2 pencils on Wednesday (pencil sharpeners will be available at locations throughout the examination room) and black or blue ink pens on Friday. Highlighters are permitted.
5. Small unwrapped food items, such as cough drops, mints, candy, gum, etc., if contained in a **clear plastic bag**, the dimensions of which **must not exceed 12 inches by 12 inches**.
6. One clear **plastic** bottle of water/soda/juice per exam session. **Beverages must be placed on the floor at the examination sites.**
7. Non-digital wristwatches (no other time pieces will be allowed) (not all sites have wall clocks)
8. Hygiene products
9. Layers of clothing are recommended as the heating/cooling systems function differently. **Sweaters and sweatshirts are permissible** (coats will not be allowed in the testing area).
10. Lunch in a paper bag that is labeled. Lunches will be placed in a designated location outside the testing room.

Other than the question and answer books, the only items permitted on the examination table are writing instruments, highlighters, the enclosed Admission Ticket, non-digital wristwatches, unwrapped tissues, and your clear plastic bag.

## SUGGESTIONS ON ANSWERING ESSAY QUESTIONS

The essay portion of the bar examination is designed to test your ability to demonstrate a basic and essential capacity for the practice of law. Your grade will be based on your ability to identify and analyze issues and to present an organized, coherent and well-written response within the prescribed format. The response must be lawyer-like. On some questions this may require you to write a concise document that approximates the work product of a practicing lawyer; for example, a written legal argument, a memorandum of law, an attorney's letter, a contractual provision, or an analysis of a statute.

Please be reminded that candidates must make a bona fide effort to answer each and every essay question to have his or her examination graded.

Knowledge of developments in the law of New Jersey may be beneficial; Board members have used case law as a source of questions. Although knowledge of New Jersey law will not be crucial to success on the examination, familiarity with new law or distinctive cases will aid you in preparing your responses.

In addition to the foregoing:

1. Read and re-read the problem carefully to familiarize yourself with the facts and circumstances. Do not assume additional facts unless directed to do so.
2. Make certain you understand the directions that appear in bold face type at the conclusion of the problem. The instructions may be different for each question. Adhere to those instructions and plan your response accordingly. Before you begin to write your answer, outline and organize your response.
3. Do not use a "scattershot" approach; rather, structure your answer before you begin to write so that the essay will demonstrate your ability to analyze legal problems and to provide an organized, logical and coherent written response.
4. When appropriate to the format of the question, discuss all sides of issues and do not let your disposition of an issue preclude discussion of other issues presented. When appropriate, discuss procedures and remedies as well as legal rights and liabilities.
5. Allocate enough time to compose a clear and concise response. The writing ability exhibited by your response will affect your grade. There are seven essay questions – four in a three-hour morning session and three in a two-hour and fifteen minute afternoon session.