

Steps Required to Take the California Bar Exam
 Information from The State Bar of California website (www.calbar.ca.gov)

<u>Registering as a Law Student</u>	
Description: All law students must register with the Committee of Bar Examiners not later than 90 days after he or she begins the study of law.	Filing fee: \$92.00
Deadline: 90 days after beginning law school.	
Comments: You must be registered before you can apply to take the bar exam. Be sure your registration is processed before applying to take the bar exam.	

<u>Applying to Take the California Bar Examination</u>	
Description: You must file this application to sit for the bar exam. The applications are usually available one month before the deadline.	Filing fee: \$529.00 Laptop Computer fee: \$119.00
Deadlines: July 2006 Bar: prob. April 1, 2006	
Comments: The application must be completed on-line. You will need to select the test site, so determine whether you will write or word-process your exam.	

<u>Obtaining Moral Character Clearance</u>	
Description: Prior to being sworn in as an attorney, you must submit to a moral character check and obtain a positive moral character determination.	Filing fee: \$431.00
Deadline: No specific deadline. It takes a minimum of six months to process. The Bar recommends filing at least 8 to 10 months prior to the date you wish to be admitted to practice law, i.e. get your bar results.	
Comment: “Good moral character” includes qualities of honesty, fairness, candor, trustworthiness, observance of fiduciary responsibility, respect for and obedience to the laws of the state and the nation and respect for the rights of others and for the judicial process. Not having moral character clearance can delay and even jeopardize your employment opportunities. The form is lengthy and requires details you might not have readily available. It is best to get started sooner rather than later.	

<u>Petitioning for Accommodations</u>	
Description: Prior to receiving accommodations for the bar exam, you must petition for accommodations.	Filing fee: None
Deadline: There is no specific deadline. Petitioners should petition as early as possible.	
Comments: The determination requires extensive documentation. Depending on the disability, you may be required to provide additional documents and testing. Give yourself enough time.	