

# NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

## BAR EXAMINATION SECURITY POLICY

The Board's Security Policy will be strictly enforced. While best efforts are made to provide candidates with quiet testing spaces, no space is a completely noise-free environment. For this reason, candidates are expressly permitted under this Security Policy to bring foam/silicone/gel ear plugs without cords or strings into the exam room.

**REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION FOR ALL CANDIDATES:** To gain entry into the testing room you MUST have (1) Seat Ticket (Do NOT write on either side of seat ticket at any time) and (2) Valid government-issued photo identification. Your first and last name on your government issued photo ID must match the first and last name on your Seat Ticket.

**PERMITTED ITEMS FOR ALL CANDIDATES:** The following items are permitted in the exam room and must be carried into the exam room in one clear and re-sealable plastic food storage bag (no plastic grocery bags, backpacks, purses, laptop bags, etc.):

- No 2 pencils, erasers and one small pencil sharpener
- On MPT/MEE day **only**: blue or black pens
- Over-the-counter and prescription medications (must be in original container)
- Small bottle of hand sanitizer & extra face masks (no gators & no writing on disposable face mask)
- Credit cards & cash (may be moved to a pocket for safekeeping once in exam room)
- Crutches & walking canes
- One beverage in a clear, re-sealable, disposable/recyclable, one-liter plastic bottle with **all labels removed**. No coffee or drink cups even if it has a lid.
- Menstrual Products (may be placed inside an opaque bag if preferred)
- Keys (hotel and car)
- Prescription eyeglasses and accompanying case
- Quiet snacks (unwrapped in clear food bag) – NO peanuts or tree nuts
- Foam/silicone/gel earplugs (**no** cords or strings)
- Small UNOPENED package of tissues

**ADDITIONAL PERMITTED ITEMS FOR LAPTOP USERS:** For MPT and MEE sessions, the following items are also permitted:

- Laptop and power cord (laptop stands and risers are not permitted)
- External mouse and/or external keyboard (wired or wireless) and mouse pad (no writing on either side)

***\*\*ANY ITEM NOT LISTED AS "PERMITTED" IS PROHIBITED, AND ANY PROHIBITED ITEM WILL BE CONFISCATED\*\****

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### PROHIBITED ITEMS AND PROHIBITED CONDUCT

**NO** electronic devices of any kind, including cell phones, smart watches, calculators, cameras, fitness trackers, etc.

**NO** watches of any kind (there will be clocks at all test sites)

**NO** highlighters, correction tape or correction fluid

**NO** mechanical pencils during any session and **NO** pens during any MBE session

**NO** wired or wireless headphones/headsets/ear buds (ordinary foam/silicone/gel ear plugs [without a cord or string] are permitted)

**NO** notes, papers, books, bar review or study material in any format or media, dictionaries, prayer books or any other written material

**NO** luggage, laptop bags/sleeves, handbags, purses, wallets, backpacks, briefcases, etc.

**NO** hats, baseball caps, visors or sunglasses (religious headwear is permitted)

**NO** weapons of any kind

**NO** coffee or drink cups even if they have a lid (see permitted items above for acceptable beverage containers)

The following conduct is expressly prohibited:

1. Studying in the exam room. No paper or electronic notes may be brought and/or accessed in the exam room at any time.
2. Using laptop computer for any non-exam purpose, such as studying, reading emails, and/or accessing any internet site.
3. Removing laptop computer from exam room during the lunch break (candidates who do so must handwrite the afternoon session).
4. Leaving the exam room or test site during a session except to use the restroom with permission of a proctor.
5. Opening the exam materials before time is called or continuing to work after time is called.
6. Attempting to remove any of the exam materials from the room or attempting to record or reproduce any exam materials.
7. Copying or attempting to copy from another person.

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS ROOM:** All coats, jackets, bags, cell phones and other prohibited items must be left, at your own risk, in the Personal Belongings Room. The exam will NOT be delayed due to long lines in the Personal Belongings Room.

**SECURITY POLICY VIOLATIONS:** If you are found to be in violation of any aspect of this Security Policy or any other provision of Board Rule 6000.13, a misconduct investigation may be commenced and may result in a Notice of Charges being filed against you. Penalties for sustained violations of Board Rule 6000.13 may include nullification of your exam score, disqualification from taking future exams, and notice to the Character and Fitness Committee.

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