

Statement from the Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners

Maximum Seating Capacity Set & Member Seating Offered

On April 23, 2021, The Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners (Board) voted to set a maximum seating capacity of 500 applicants for the July 2021 bar exam due to capacity constraints. These applicants will be tested at the minimum number of exam sites required to safely test all examinees pursuant to guidance by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). There are presently fewer than 350 applicants registered for the exam. Applicants will be awarded seats on a first-come/first-serve basis until maximum seating capacity is reached, or the late filing deadline of May 17, 2021 has passed. Any applications received after either point is reached will be rejected, and their fees will not be processed or will be refunded.

Additionally, as a courtesy to current Oregon State Bar members interested in attaining a Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) score, if the cap is not reached by non-member applicants, the Board will offer member seating for the July exam. A separate member seating application will be posted on May 3, 2021. It is a short two-page application submitted through a smartsheet, and separate from the one used by non-member applicants. Members interested in taking a UBE should watch the [Admissions Homepage](#) for the posting of the member application. The member application fee will be \$750. Members will not pay a separate investigation fee or late fee. A member's performance on the exam will NOT affect their membership status with the Oregon State Bar.

Member seating will not supplant non-member applications. Instead, once all non-member seats have been awarded, then member applications will be processed on a first-come/first-serve basis until the 500-seat capacity is reached. Once capacity is reached, seating and fee collection will close. Any application fees processed for members who are not awarded seats will be refunded. If the transactions were not processed, they will be cancelled.