



Republic of the Philippines  
Supreme Court  
Manila

Office of the Bar Confidant

**RE: 2020/21 AND 2022 BAR EXAMS**  
**REFUND OF BAR EXAMINATION FEES**

In accordance with the guidelines set forth in the *Frequently Asked Questions* for Bar Exam years 2020/21 and 2022, the Office of the Bar Confidant (OBC) has been acting on requests for refund of Bar Examination fees which were either excessively or erroneously made.

The OBC is now accepting requests for refund on the following grounds:

1. Failure to take or finish the 2020/21 or 2022 Bar Examinations by reason of COVID-19 infection; and
2. Failure to take the 2022 Bar Examinations due to the effects of Severe Tropical Storm Paeng.

Requests for refund based on grounds other than the aforementioned shall automatically be DENIED.

Applicants should file their requests through the *Refund of Bar Examination Fees Google Form* found in this link: [https://bit.ly/2020-21\\_2022BarFeesRefund](https://bit.ly/2020-21_2022BarFeesRefund). The specific instructions and the list of documents required to facilitate the refund process may be found in the said link. The deadline for submission of requests shall be on **September 30, 2023**.


Only refund requests made pursuant to this notice will be entertained. Those who have submitted requests for refund through the helpdesk form, mail or e-mail prior to the publication of this notice must submit another request via the *Refund of Bar Examination Fees Google Form*.

Examinees who deferred in taking the 2020/21 and/or 2022 Bar Examinations by reason of Covid-19 or STS Paeng may be granted **partial refund only**.

For any concerns regarding the refund, please contact the OBC Helpdesk hotline at (02) 8552 9690 or (02) 8552 9642.

Thank you very much.

July 11, 2023.

  
AMOR P. ENTILA  
Officer-in-Charge

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**SWORN DECLARATION OF ABSENCE DUE TO COVID-19**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age, single/married/widowed, Filipino and a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, after being duly sworn in accordance with law, hereby depose and state:

1. That I applied to take the \_\_\_\_\_ Bar Examinations and paid the bar fees amounting to Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00);
2. That on \_\_\_\_\_, I underwent COVID-19 Antigen/RT- PCR testing, the results of which showed that I was positive for COVID-19;
3. That I followed all the existing health protocols at the time;
4. That due to the above-stated circumstances, I was unable to take the \_\_\_\_\_ Bar Examinations;
5. That I am executing this Affidavit to attest to the truthfulness of the foregoing facts in connection to my request for refund of the bar fees; and
6. That I am aware that any fraud, misrepresentation, or misstatement of any relevant fact made hereof shall be a ground for the Office of the Bar Confidant to take action against me.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me, in \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ by affiant who exhibited to me his/her \_\_\_\_\_ issued at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

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**SWORN DECLARATION OF ABSENCE DUE TO CALAMITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age, single/married/widowed, Filipino Citizen and a resident of \_\_\_\_\_, after being duly sworn in accordance with law, hereby depose and state:

1. That I applied to take the 2022 Bar Examinations and paid the bar fees amounting to Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00);
2. That I was among those affected by Severe Tropical Storm *Paeng*, which placed Regions IV-A (CALABARZON), V (Bicol Region), VI (Western Visayas) and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) under a state of calamity pursuant to Proclamation No. 84, s. 2022 dated November 2, 2022;
3. That at the time of the said calamity, I was residing at \_\_\_\_\_;
4. That because of the above-mentioned calamity, I have directly experienced the following damages/injury to my health/family/property:  
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\_\_\_\_\_;
5. That due to the above-stated circumstances, I was unable to take the 2022 Bar Examinations;
6. That I am executing this Affidavit to attest to the truthfulness of the foregoing facts in connection to my request for refund of the 2022 bar fees; and
7. That I am aware that any fraud, misrepresentation, or misstatement of any relevant fact made hereof shall be a ground for the Office of the Bar Confidant to take action against me.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me, in \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ by affiant who exhibited to me his/her \_\_\_\_\_ issued at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

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