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**GUIDELINES AND RULES OF CONDUCT
FOR THE 2023 BAR EXAMINATIONS**

With the 2023 Bar Examinations only a month away, the Office of the 2023 Bar Chair issues this set of Guidelines and Rules of Conduct for the 2023 Bar Examinations (“Guidelines and Rules”) to allow all examinees, Bar personnel, and stakeholders to envision the examination days, map out their routes to and around their respective local testing centers, and execute a well-thought-out plan for a seamless Bar Examinations experience.

To ensure that the 2023 Bar Examinations shall transpire as smoothly and as hassle-free as planned, **all examinees are enjoined to thoroughly read and strictly abide by these Guidelines and Rules.** In the same vein, **Bar personnel and stakeholders are expected to acquaint themselves with the contents of these Guidelines and Rules.**

All are reminded that the Bar Examinations, aside from its nature as a qualifying condition for admission to the Philippine Bar, is an official function of and a formal judicial proceeding before the Supreme Court. Any act or whatever type of misdemeanor committed during the days of the Bar Examinations may constitute as ground for contempt of the highest Court, and, if the transgressor is an examinee, shall serve as a ground for Bar disqualification.

All other issuances of the Court relating to the 2023 Bar Examinations shall be deemed integral parts of these Guidelines and Rules.

Your Bar Essentials

All examinees must bring the following with them to their respective local testing centers (LTCs):

1. **One (1) laptop installed with *Exemplify* Version 3.3.** Examinees should have already taken the mandatory Sample Examination 3 in *Exemplify* using said laptop **by August 25, 2023** and before entering the LTC.¹ They should have also downloaded the morning and afternoon examinations before entering the LTC.
2. **Printed copy of Notice of Admission (NOA).** The NOA shall be sent to the Bar examinees' BARISTA-registered email address and available for download no later than August 18, 2023.²
3. **Printed copy of the accomplished *Honor Code, Health Liability Waiver, and Other Undertakings for the 2023 Bar Examinees*.** This form shall be available for download in the [SC Microsite](#) and [BARISTA](#) on a later date.
4. **Packed lunch food and eating utensils.** Food concessionaires will not be permitted inside the LTCs. Also, once inside, examinees will be prohibited to leave the premises of the LTC during lunch breaks, and they will not be allowed to receive food items or drinks from outsiders or from Bar personnel while the Bar Examinations are ongoing. Examinees are also encouraged to package their meals in reusable food containers.

An examinee who fails to bring any of the foregoing items may be barred entry to their LTC.

Examinees are to use a transparent bag to carry all their essentials. The zipper storage bags or plastics that you will use to carry your meal containers should be transparent. However, your laptop sleeves and meal containers need not be transparent. The idea is to allow ease of visual inspection of the contents of your bags and carriers without need of opening them to the inspecting Bar personnel.

¹ If you have not yet installed *Exemplify* in your laptop, you are strictly enjoined to do so. For guidance, kindly refer to Bar Bulletin No. 5, Series of 2023 at <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Bar-Bulletin-No-5.pdf> and the *Exemplify* Manual at <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-Bar-Exemplify-Manual.pdf>.

² Examinees may download their NOA from their BARISTA Dashboard, under *Downloadable Forms*. **The NOA must be printed in colored ink on Letter size (8.5 x 11 in) bond paper.**

The surface of your laptop and all its external components should appear as plain, as neutral, as undistracting to others, and as unindicative of cheating as possible. Remove or cover the stickers or decorations thereon. Disable built-in or added lighting effects and fixtures, if any, on your laptop, keyboard, or mouse. At the discretion of the Bar personnel conducting the security or tech inspection or the Proctor, examinees may be required to temporarily hide any markings or modifications on their laptops that the Bar security or tech personnel or the Proctor may deem distracting or suspicious during the examinations.

Examinees are highly encouraged to supply themselves with the following, as they will no longer be allowed to exit their respective LTCs, once inside and until the end of each Bar Examination day:

1. Light snacks and/or candies;
2. Water and/or non-alcoholic beverages, and water containers/tumblers;
3. One (1) umbrella, if necessary;
4. One (1) charger for your laptop; and
5. One (1) two-pin type-A plug adapter for your charger, if needed.

Examinees may bring and use for their last-minute onsite review only hard copies of law-related reference materials.³ All soft copies of law-related reference materials or any file that has a reasonable connection with the substance and procedure of the examinations **must be removed** from their laptops.

The list of **allowed** items may be found in [Annex A](#). **It is understood that an item NOT LISTED thereunder is deemed PROHIBITED and shall be CONFISCATED if found by the Bar personnel.**

The names of the examinees who will be found to (a) have brought in any prohibited item and adamantly refused to surrender the same; or (b) have smuggled or attempted to smuggle any prohibited item into the LTC,

³ *Law-related reference materials* shall refer to all academic materials that have a logical connection to any of the subjects tested in the Bar Examinations, regardless of whether the same pertains to any or all of the Bar subjects for a given examination day or not. These include but are not limited to codals, printouts of laws, textbooks, annotated materials, digests, reviewers (whether personally made or issued by the law school or student-led Bar operations), personal notes, etc. These may either be saved locally in the laptop's hard-drive or remotely through cloud or the internet.

shall be noted by the Bar personnel and will be reported to the Office of the 2023 Bar Chairperson for appropriate disciplinary action.

As a special accommodation, cellular phones confiscated from an examinee during the security inspection process shall be returned to them only upon their exit from their LTC at the end of every Bar Examination day.

Bringing dangerous and regulated implements, e.g., deadly weapons, firearms, alcoholic drinks, controlled drugs and substances, cigarettes or electronic cigarettes, vape instruments, or any similar items and devices, into the LTC is absolutely forbidden. At any time during the examinations, examinees who will be caught (a) in possession of such dangerous and regulated implements; (b) exhibiting signs indicating that they are under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs; or (c) in the act of drinking alcohol or smoking, shall be denied entry into the LTC, ejected from the premises of the LTC, disqualified from taking the examinations, cited for contempt of Court, and/or subjected to further investigation and/or appropriate legal action, as the case may be.

Examinees with exceptional and meritorious reasons for bringing items like hearing aids, breast pumps, and other similar devices into the LTC must lodge a request to bring said items through their Venue Examinee Supervisor (VES) **on or before August 31, 2023**.

For an efficient and timely ingress and egress, all examinees are encouraged to bring only what is essential in the taking of the examinations.

Attire and Proper Decorum

Again, the Bar Examinations is a court proceeding in nature. **Thus, kindly dress appropriately.**

Consider also your comfort as you take the examinations. You may bring a jacket, raincoat, and/or water boots, if you deem it necessary. However, keep in mind that jackets and other similar outerwear must be removed during the security inspection and frisking process.

Examinees are also required to wear closed footwear. Wearing footwear that exposes an examinee's toes and/or heels is not allowed.

Again, watches *of any kind* are **PROHIBITED** and shall be confiscated during the security inspection process.

Be respectful, conduct yourselves properly and in consideration of others, and observe the decorum befitting a Supreme Court official function.

For more information on the Dress Code, please refer to [Annex B](#).

Health Protocols⁴

Examinees are responsible for their own health and are expected to observe standard protective measures, including but not limited to the following: limiting non-essential movement prior to the Bar Examinations, frequent and proper handwashing, physical distancing, wearing of face masks, and practicing proper coughing etiquette. To further ensure the health and well-being of examinees and their successful completion of the Bar Examinations, all are strongly urged to properly wear their face masks at all times, except when eating or drinking.

Examinees are not required to present negative RT-PCR or Antigen test results as a prerequisite for entry into their LTC. While also not required, examinees are highly encouraged to be fully vaccinated⁵ against Covid-19.

Examinees who clearly exhibit symptoms of any ailment during the security process or at any time during the examinations will be assessed by the medical staff onsite and if necessary, placed in designated isolation testing rooms to continue taking the Bar examinations. Examinees who feel unwell may request medical assistance by calling the attention of the Proctors or any Bar personnel.

Examinees who have **special requests and/or medical concerns** (*e.g.* pregnant, senior citizen, person with disability, etc.) are required to relay the same to the VES assigned to their LTC. The link to the online request form shall be relayed to the examinees by their respective VESs. Concerned examinees must send a detailed written special request or concern, with the examinee's wet or electronic signature affixed thereto, to their respective

⁴ These Health Protocols are hereby issued in consideration of the lifting the State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 pursuant to Proclamation No. 297 signed on July 21, 2023.

⁵ Under the Inter-Agency Task Force Guidelines on the Nationwide Implementation of Alert Level System for COVID-19 Response (2022), one is considered fully vaccinated only after having received the second dose in the case of a two-dose vaccine (such as, but not limited to, Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, or Sinovac), or after having received the sole dose of a single-dose vaccine (such as Johnson & Johnson).

VES **no later than August 31, 2023**. Kindly append the appropriate medical certificates and/or documents to support your special request or concern.

Downloading the Examination Before Each Bar Day; Important Reminders on the Use of *Exemplify*

[Bar Bulletin No. 5, Series of 2023](#)⁶ and the *Exemplify* Manual were previously issued to guide all examinees on how to use *Exemplify*. All examinees are expected and assumed to have familiarized themselves with *Exemplify*'s tools and features before the 2023 Bar Examinations. This includes installing the correct version of *Exemplify* (Version 3.3 for both Windows and Mac operating systems), and knowing how to download, take, and upload examinations through *Exemplify*.

The updated *Exemplify* Manual may be accessed [here](#).⁷

Examinees who do not know how to navigate *Exemplify* will not be given technical and troubleshooting assistance during the Bar Examinations. No extensions shall be given to make up for lost time for failure of an examinee to make the necessary preparations.

As stated in Bar Bulletin No. 5, Series of 2023, examinees are required to complete and submit Sample Examination 3 by 11:59 p.m. of August 25, 2023. Examinees may confirm the successful upload of their sample examinations through the following modes:

- (a) Verifying that *Exemplify* has displayed the green confirmation screen right after your upload of the examination;
- (b) Checking your registered email address for the confirmation notice sent to your email; and
- (c) Checking your *Exemplify* dashboard, and on the Exam Takers portal, under the "History" tab.

The Court will not entertain any requests for confirmation of successful uploads of the Sample Examinations nor send individual reminders to examinees who have not submitted at least one answer file for Sample Examination 3.

⁶ For ease of reference, the full site address for Bar Bulletin No. 5, Series of 2023 is <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Bar-Bulletin-No-5.pdf>.

⁷ For ease of reference, the full site address of the updated *Exemplify* Manual is <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-Bar-Exemplify-Manual.pdf>.

The password-protected examination files for the morning and afternoon subjects shall be made available for download on the *Exemplify* dashboard twenty-four (24) hours before the start of each Bar examination day. Only one (1) download of each examination file shall be allotted for each examinee.

All examinees are required to download both examination files on the laptop they intend to use for the Bar Examinations before proceeding to their respective LTCs. To minimize the risk of incurring any delays on the day of the Bar Examinations, do not forget to download the examination files. Examinees will not be allowed to download the examination files while they are in line for the security process in their respective LTCs.

The password-protected examination files shall not be decrypted until the password for each examination has been transmitted by the Bar Chairperson to the LTC before the start of every examination. **Any attempt to crack the password of the examination file shall be considered cheating.**

The Best Practices indicated in Bar Bulletin No. 5 and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#),⁸ such as disabling all your antivirus programs and operating system updates and removing all digital copies of law-related reference materials, are deemed integral parts of the Guidelines and Rules. Examinees are enjoined to abide by them since these Best Practices are designed for a seamless test-taking experience using *Exemplify*.

Traveling to your LTC

To ensure the smooth ingress of traffic and all stakeholders in the LTCs, road closures may be implemented in the vicinity of your LTC. Examinees are advised to apprise themselves of the specific location of their LTC and the road closures, which may be found in [Annex C](#), and make the necessary logistical arrangements.

As a general rule, the gates to all LTCs shall be **open from 5:00 a.m. and shall close at 7:00 a.m.** Some LTCs may also designate an earlier opening time, which will be relayed to you by your VES.

⁸ For ease of reference, the Frequently Asked Questions for the 2023 Bar Examinations may be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/2023BarExamsFAQs>.

In anticipation of heavy traffic conditions and long lines during ingress, and to give yourself ample time to settle down in your testing room, you are encouraged to come as early as possible, unless your LTC is implementing a batching system to manage ingress of a large number of examinees. After the gates are closed, late examinees will not be allowed to enter without the permission of the 2023 Bar Chairperson.

For LTC security purposes, examinees will not be allowed to park their vehicles within the premises of the LTC. Examinees who intend to drive to the venue are advised to make alternative parking arrangements.

Entering your LTC

Still for security reasons, examinees must undergo the following routine levels of screening upon arrival to their LTC:

Screening	Reminders
Step 1: Identity Verification	Examinees will be asked to remove their masks or other face coverings for five seconds at most, to verify if they match the photo on their Notice of Admission. The verification shall be done from a one-meter distance. Please prepare your NOA for easy verification.
Step 2: Bag Inspection	In most LTCs, Steps 2 and 3 are conducted simultaneously in one (1) station. After Identity Verification, kindly surrender all your belongings, including your jacket and similar outerwear for inspection. The examinee's transparent bag will be thoroughly checked for prohibited items, <i>i.e.</i> , any items not listed in the allowed items under <i>Annex A</i> . All items found in possession of the examinee that are not included in the list of allowed items shall be confiscated. Please bring only the essentials to minimize lead time and bottlenecks for this station.
Step 3: Tech Inspection	The examinee's laptop bag will be thoroughly checked and inspected for prohibited items, and for any markings on your laptop and other devices. Please remember to remove and cover all external decorations and markings on your laptop.
Step 4: Body Frisking	As a final step before entering the LTC, all examinees will undergo body frisking to check for prohibited items.

Again, all examinees are advised to limit their items and devices to the essentials. Otherwise, non-essential items will be confiscated upon entry.

After completing your screening, examinees are advised to proceed to their respective testing rooms. You may follow the directional guides posted around the LTC or request directions from security and Bar personnel, if necessary.

Prayer rooms and lactation rooms will also be available in all LTCs. However, please note that these rooms should be used for their intended purpose only and shall be closed during the examination times. Loitering in these rooms is strictly prohibited.

Time Schedule for the Bar Examination Days

The activities and schedule for each Bar day are indicated hereunder in tabular form, for the examinees' guidance and strict compliance:

Time	Activity	Guidelines and Rules of Conduct
5:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.	Ingress of Examinees	<p>Please note that some LTCs may have an earlier opening time, which will be communicated to you by your VES. Gates will close by 7:00 a.m. Please come as early as possible and comply with the relevant Guidelines and Rules.</p> <p>On the first day of the Bar Examinations, please submit your accomplished <i>Honor Code, Health Liability Waiver, and Other Undertakings for the 2023 Bar Examinees</i> to the Head Proctor. You are also required to submit your NOA to the Head Proctor upon arrival to your testing room on each Bar Day.</p> <p>Examinees must have settled down inside their testing room with their laptop and other essentials by 7:30 a.m. If needed, please use the restroom before then. The Wi-Fi password may be found on the board.</p>
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	First Bell	<p>All examinees must have already placed their bags (which contain their law-related reference materials and other non-essential items for taking the examination) at the designated area, and seated in their testing rooms by 7:30 am.</p>

		Going out of the testing room during this period is strictly prohibited.
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Morning Examinations	<p>The examination shall begin once the second bell rings at 8:00 a.m. <u>and</u> your Proctor posts the password on the board. Examinees need not wait for Proctors to instruct them to start the examination.</p> <p>The Proctor shall write the time regularly on the board. The bells shall also ring as the end of the examination approaches:</p> <p>(a) Third bell at 11:30 a.m., to signal that there are 30 minutes left;</p> <p>(b) Fourth bell at 11:55 a.m., to signal that there are 5 minutes left; and</p> <p>(c) Fifth bell at 12:00 noon, to signal the end of the morning examinations. At the fifth bell, all examinees must begin uploading their answer files.</p> <p>Examinees who shall finish the examination before the fifth bell may immediately upload their answer file. You may only leave your room after confirming the upload of the examination by showing the green confirmation screen to your Proctor.</p>
12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break	<p>After completing your examination, please leave your laptop on your desk and proceed to the designated meal areas.</p> <p>Unless otherwise allowed by your Proctor, testing rooms and the hallways beside your testing rooms are off-limits to the examinees during lunch break.</p> <p>During lunch break, you may review hard copies of law-related reference materials. Examinees may be allowed to enter their testing rooms by 1:00 p.m. All examinees must be in the classroom and settled down by 1:30 p.m.</p>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	First Bell	<p>All examinees must have already placed their bags (which contain their law-related reference materials and other non-essential items for taking the examination) at the designated area, and seated in their testing rooms by 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Going out of the testing room during this period is strictly prohibited.</p>

<p>2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Afternoon Examinations</p>	<p>The examination shall begin once the second bell rings at 2:00 p.m. and your Proctor posts the password on the board. Examinees need not wait for Proctors to instruct them to start the examination.</p> <p>The Proctor shall write the time regularly on the board. The bells shall also ring as the end of the examination approaches:</p> <p>(a) Third bell at 5:30 p.m., to signal that there are 30 minutes left;</p> <p>(b) Fourth bell at 5:55 p.m., to signal that there are 5 minutes left; and</p> <p>(c) Fifth bell at 6:00 p.m., to signal the end of the afternoon examinations.</p> <p>Examinees who shall finish the examination before the fifth bell may immediately upload their answer file. You may only leave your room after confirming the upload of the examination by showing the green confirmation screen to your Proctor.</p>
<p>6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Egress</p>	<p>Please collect your NOA and belongings before exiting your LTC. Upon collecting your NOA, you are requested to check if a certification at the back of your NOA has been accomplished by your Proctor. This certification shall prove that you have completed the examination.</p> <p>All are required to leave their LTC and avoid loitering in the premises.</p> <p>Note, however, that at the end of the <u>last</u> examination, the NOA shall be retained by the Proctor for submission to the Office of the Bar Confidant.</p>

The sequence of subjects and coverage per examination day is indicated in [Bar Bulletin No. 1, Series of 2023](#).⁹

Taking the Examinations; Verifying the Successful Upload of your Examination

Once you arrive in your testing room on the first day of the Bar Examinations, please submit your NOA and your printed and accomplished

⁹ For ease of reference, Bar Bulletin No. 1, Series of 2023 may be accessed at [https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/files/bar-2023/\[Dec-8\]-BB-1-2023.pdf](https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/files/bar-2023/[Dec-8]-BB-1-2023.pdf).

Honor Code, Health Liability Waiver, and Other Undertakings for the 2023 Bar Examinees to the Head Proctor.

You may bring water bottles/tumblers and light snacks and candies inside your testing room. However, any damage to your laptop due to food or liquid spillage shall be your sole responsibility.

Once seated, you may already open your laptop, connect to the internet of the LTC by encoding the Wi-Fi password posted on the board, log in to *Exemplify*, verify your successful download of the examinations, and proceed to the window where you will input the password of your examination. **However, please be reminded that you are prohibited from using your laptop for any purpose other than connecting to the internet, logging in to and using *Exemplify* to take the examinations, and uploading your answer file.**

Once the **first bell** rings at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., examinees should observe silence until the end of the examinations so as not to disturb other examinees. You will not be allowed to leave the classroom between 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

After the **second bell** rings at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Proctor shall post on the board the password to your examination. **Once posted on the board, you may already input the examination password and begin the examination. The examination password is case-sensitive. Please input the password carefully.**

Please make sure that you have set your font style to Times New Roman, and your font size to 14. **Failure to do so shall be considered as marking, and therefore, cheating.**

Should you need to leave the testing room for any reason, please raise your hand to call the attention of the Proctor. Before leaving the room, you are required to enable the *Hide Exam* feature in *Exemplify* by clicking *Exam Controls* on the upper right portion of the screen.

Please be careful and refrain from prematurely submitting your examination by accident. You are highly encouraged to confirm that you have answered all examination questions before submitting your answer file. **Once an examinee exits or closes the examination, they will not be able to re-enter the examination file.**

After you submit your examination by clicking the “Submit Exam” button in *Exemplify*, the answer file will be encrypted, your laptop will reconnect to the internet, and your answer file will be uploaded. If the answer file was successfully uploaded, you will see a green confirmation screen with a check mark. **You are required to show this green confirmation screen to the Proctor before leaving the examination room.**

In addition to the green confirmation screen, you may further verify the successful upload of your encrypted answer file by checking your *Exemplify* dashboard or your *Exemplify* Exam Takers portal. You will **not** be allowed to access your email within the premises of the LTC to verify the upload of your examination file unless specifically permitted by the Office of the 2023 Bar Chair.

Salubongs and Other Gatherings

To avoid untoward incidents, *salubongs*, send-offs and other gatherings within the immediate vicinity of all LTCs are strictly forbidden.

Unruly crowds shall be immediately dispersed by the law enforcement personnel onsite to maintain order and ensure the safe ingress and egress of all examinees. All stakeholders and well-wishers outside the LTC are also strongly urged to minimize any noise or commotion until the end of the afternoon examinations to allow all examinees to finish their examinations undisturbed.

Your VES; Other Reminders

All Bar examinees are reminded to read all other issuances of the Court on the Court’s microsite for guidance, as these are integral parts of the Guidelines and Rules. All policies established therein must be read in consonance with and deemed supplemental to each other.

The VES for each LTC shall contact all examinees through their BARISTA-registered email address no later than August 20, 2023. The VES shall send important reminders from time to time and shall address examinees’ LTC-specific concerns that are not squarely answered by these Guidelines and Rules and other Court issuances. If you have not been

contacted by your VES by the said date, please notify the Office of the Bar Confidant immediately through the [OBC's 2023 Helpdesk](#).¹⁰

All queries relating to the Guidelines and Rules and not specifically addressed by Court issuances should be coursed through OBC's 2023 Helpdesk. However, all LTC-specific queries should be sent to your VES.

For your information and guidance.

August 15, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. L. Hernando", written over a horizontal line.

RAMON PAUL L. HERNANDO

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Chair, 2023 Bar Examinations

¹⁰ For ease of reference, the full site address of the OBC's Helpdesk Form is <https://bit.ly/2023BarExamsHelpdesk>.

Annex A
List of Allowed Items

Required Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) laptop, with <i>Exemplify</i> Version 3.3 installed and equipped with the most basic specifications: Wi-Fi-enabled laptop, with a built-in keyboard, a working trackpad, integrated screen, and sufficient battery power • Printed Notice of Admission (NOA) • Printed and accomplished <i>Honor Code, Health Liability Waiver, and Other Undertakings for the 2023 Bar Examinees</i> (Note: this form shall be available for download in the SC Microsite and BARISTA on a later date) • Packed lunch, preferably contained in reusable packaging, with eating utensils. Your meal containers need not be transparent. However, any zipper storage bags and plastics carrying your meal containers must be transparent
Items that are Optional and Highly Encouraged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) laptop bag or laptop sleeve (Note: The laptop bag or sleeve is not required to be made of transparent materials) • One (1) charger for your laptop • One (1) two-pin type A plug adapter for your charger, if needed • Light snacks and/or candies • Water and/or non-alcoholic beverages, and water containers/tumblers • One (1) umbrella, if necessary
Other Allowed Items	<p>The following laptop accessories are allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) additional laptop bag or sleeve (Note: The laptop bag or sleeve is not required to be made of transparent materials) • For laptops without any USB-A port: a USB-C to USB-A adapter • For laptops without a <u>built-in</u> wireless internet card: external Wi-Fi adapter • Webcam cover for the laptop camera • Keyboard protector, skin, or cover for the laptop keyboard • External non-mechanical keyboard and/or external mouse, which may be wired or wireless, as long as the receiver is not a USB dongle (Note: While the above external accessories are allowed, the examinee table sizes in some LTCs are sufficient only to accommodate one (1) laptop.) • Mouse pad, without markings • Rubber earplugs, which must be non-electronic <p>The following items/accessories are also allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) pen and a maximum of three (3) sharpened, non-mechanical pencils, which may be used by examinees while taking the examinations. Scratch paper shall be provided for this purpose (Note: As stated in Bar Bulletin No. 1, Series of 2023, answers will not require computation. Accordingly, calculators are

	<p><i>not allowed</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hard copies of law-related reference materials¹¹ and other reading materials, <i>e.g.</i>, religious texts, personal diaries, fictional pocketbooks● Small religious or spiritual items. However, prayer books and other similar religious texts should be placed in your bag while you are taking the examinations● Prayer mats● Wallets and their usual contents (cash, credit and debit cards, and other small personal effects)● House and/or car keys● Small hygiene-related items, <i>e.g.</i>, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine pads, wet wipes, alcohol sprays, sanitizers, lotions, deodorants, makeup kits, lipsticks, lip gloss, face and body powders, face and body sprays, handkerchief, face towels● Change of clothes, jackets, raincoats, and/or water boots● Personal battery-powered fans, not larger than 4" in diameter, or in length and width● Prescription and over-the-counter medicine● Authorized medical devices/instruments (such as breast pumps, hearing aid, hip posture devices, etc.), <u>provided</u> that the examinee has secured prior approval of VES
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Annex B
Dress Code

2023 BAR EXAMINATIONS DRESS CODE

Examinees must wear **comfortable** but **appropriate** and **decent attire**, keeping in mind that the examinations is a **Supreme Court proceeding**.



❌ **Footwear with exposed toes or heels, even with socks**



❌ **Bottoms that are ripped or are above the knee**



❌ **Garments with exposed shoulders (sleeveless), belly-buttons (cropped) or underwear (see-through)**

Annex C
**Local Testing Centers, Their Locations,
and Road Closures/Traffic Advisories**

Local Testing Center; Exact Address	Road Closures; Traffic Advisory
<p>1. San Beda University – Manila</p> <p>638 Mendiola Street, San Miguel, Manila</p>	<p>Mendiola Street (both lanes) shall be closed to vehicular traffic from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Concepcion Aguila Street (both lanes) shall likewise be closed during those times, but examinees on board vehicles shall be allowed access up to Mendiola Street strictly for pick-up and drop-off purposes only.</p> <p>Please expect heavy traffic on Legarda Street (eastbound lane, from Mendiola to Figueras Street). Stay tuned for any updates from your VES on any lane closures.</p>
<p>2. University of Santo Tomas</p> <p>España Boulevard, Sampaloc, Manila</p>	<p>A portion of España Boulevard (two west-bound lanes, from Lacson Avenue to P. Noval Street) and Dapitan Street (from Lacson Avenue to P. Noval St.) shall be closed from 3:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>3. San Beda College – Alabang</p> <p>8 Don Manolo Boulevard, Alabang Hills, Muntinlupa City</p>	<p>Don Manolo Boulevard shall be accessible only to authorized personnel, Bar examinees, and Alabang Hills Village residents from 3:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. or until all examinees have entered the LTC.</p> <p>The service road along Alabang-Zapote Road (secondary/inner road from Market Street to Don Manolo Boulevard) shall be closed from 3:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>4. University of the Philippines – Diliman</p> <p>Diliman, Quezon City</p>	<p>No road closures or rerouting shall be implemented outside the UPD campus. Examinees must enter the LTC by traversing University Avenue; the entrance to the campus along Katipunan Avenue shall be closed.</p> <p>However, please expect heavy traffic inside the campus and along University Avenue and C.P. Garcia Avenue from 3:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>

<p>5. Manila Adventist College</p> <p>1975 corner San Juan & Donada Streets, Pasay</p>	<p>San Juan Street (from Donada Street until Leveriza Street) shall be closed to vehicular traffic from 3:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Donada Street and Leveriza Street shall remain open. However, please expect heavy traffic along these streets from 3:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>6. University of the Philippines – Bonifacio Global City</p> <p>14th Drive, University Parkway District, Fort Bonifacio Global City, Taguig</p>	<p>University Parkway Drive will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Traffic congestion may be expected in 14th St. Drive between 3:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>7. Saint Louis University</p> <p>A. Bonifacio Street, 2600 Baguio City</p>	<p>No road closures or rerouting shall be implemented in the vicinity of SLU. However, kindly expect traffic congestion along the roads near SLU (General Luna Road, Magsaysay Avenue, A. Bonifacio Road, and A. Rimando Road) from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>8. Cagayan State University</p> <p>Carig Campus, Palm Avenue, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan</p>	<p>No road closures or rerouting shall be implemented in the vicinity of CSU. Dalan na Pappabalo shall remain open (with one-way traffic leading to PENRO); traffic congestion may be expected therein between 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>9. University of Nueva Caceres</p> <p>J. Hernandez Avenue, Naga City, Camarines Sur</p>	<p>J. Hernandez Avenue (from the intersection of Arana Street up to the front of Grand Master Mall) and P. Burgos Street (from the J. Hernandez Avenue intersection to Gen. Luna Street) shall be closed to vehicular traffic from 12:01 a.m. to 7 p.m.</p>
<p>10. University of San Jose – Recoletos</p> <p>Basak Campus, Cebu City</p>	<p>No road closures or rerouting shall be implemented in the vicinity of USJR. However, kindly expect traffic congestion along the roads near USJR, specifically N. Bacalso Avenue, from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>

<p>11. University of San Carlos</p> <p>Hoerdemann Law and Business Building, Pelaez, Street, Cebu City</p>	<p>Sanciangko Street corner Junquera Street and Pelaez Street corner Sanciangko Street shall be closed to vehicular traffic from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>12. Dr. V. Orestes Romualdez Educational Foundation</p> <p>Calanipawan Road, Barangay Calanipawan, Tacloban City</p>	<p>No road closures or rerouting shall be implemented in the vicinity of DVOREF on September 17 and 20. However, kindly expect traffic congestion in the vicinity of DVOREF, including Calanipawan Road, on September 17 and 21 from 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Calanipawan Road will be closed to vehicular traffic on September 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>13. Ateneo de Davao University</p> <p>Senior High School, McArthur Highway, Bangkal, Davao City</p>	<p>No road closures or rerouting shall be implemented in the vicinity of ADDU. However, kindly expect traffic congestion along the roads near ADDU, such as the General Douglas Macarthur Highway, from 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>14. Xavier University</p> <p>Ateneo de Cagayan, 73 Corrales Avenue, Cagayan de Oro City</p>	<p>Hayes Street shall be closed to vehicular traffic from 5:00 p.m. of the day before each Bar day until 6:00 p.m. of each Bar day.</p>