

## Republic of the Philippines Supreme Court Manila

## OFFICE OF THE BAR CHAIRPERSON

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## 2024 BAR EXAMINATIONS DIGITAL MODALITY GUIDELINES: DEVICE and OPERATING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, SAMPLE ASSESSMENTS and BEST PRACTICES

Consistent with the Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations 2022-2027, the Court shifted the framework in the conduct of Bar Examinations from the traditional pen-and-paper method to the digital platform. The guiding principle is to harness the limitless potential of technology while being cautious on how to mitigate the risks if certain applications are adopted.

Specifically, the Court will administer the 2024 Bar Examinations using the *Examplify* software, enabling examinees to download the examinations to their laptop computers while blocking access to other files and programs. Internet connectivity is required to download the examinations and upload the answers.

All examinees must install *Examplify for Windows version 3.4.6* or *Examplify for Mac version 3.4.4*. The minimum system requirements may be accessed at *https://examsoft.com/resources/examplify-minimum-system-requirements/*. Further, laptop computers with MacOS must **NOT** update the system software or install *MacOS Sequioa or MacOS 15*, whether in *beta* version or its regular release.

The laptop computers must have essential hardware specifications like Wi-Fi capability, an integrated keyboard, a functional trackpad, an inbuilt display monitor, adequate battery life, and working chargers.

On **August 1, 2024**, all examinees shall receive an email containing login credentials and detailed instructions on downloading and accessing their *Examplify* accounts. Examinees who failed to install *Examplify* **on or before August 20, 2024** shall result in the deactivation of their accounts.

To familiarize and help the examinees navigate the *Examplify* software, the Court will administer three (3) sample assessments which must be taken on the same laptop computers they will use in the actual Bar Examinations.

The **First Sample Assessment** may be downloaded **starting August 1**, **2024**. The examinees may take the assessment **multiple times** and *asynchronously*, and the answers may be uploaded **on or before August 25**, **2024**.

The Second Sample Assessment may be downloaded starting August 9, 2024. The examinees shall answer the assessment *synchronously* on August 10, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The **Third Sample Assessment** may be downloaded **starting August 16**, **2024**. The examinees shall take the assessment *asynchronously* and the answers may be uploaded **on or before August 25**, **2024**. This assessment is **MANDATORY** and failure to take it within the prescribed period shall result in the deactivation of *Examplify* account.

The examinees who successfully uploaded their answers to the sample assessments will receive an acknowledgment email in their respective BARISTA-registered email addresses. The examinees can also verify the successful uploading of their answers on the *Examplify Dashboards* and in the *History Tab* of the Exams Takers Portal.

All queries regarding *Examplify* may be directed to the Office of the Bar Confidant (OBC) Helpdesk at *https://bit.ly/2024BarExamsHelpdesk*, under the *"Examplify–Technical Issues"* section.

The examinees must follow best practices for the digital aspect of Bar Examinations that may be accessed at *https://bit.ly/2024BarExamsFAQs*.

The public may contact the OBC at (02) 8 552 9690 or (02) 8 552 9642 for further concerns. The Court reminds the public that only notices and issuances posted on its official website and legitimate social media accounts are true and accurate information:

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On behalf of the Supreme Court, may the Almighty bless us with unwavering faith and clarity of heart as we embark on our *#MostValuableLaban*. Hold fast to your dreams and make *#BarNiJLo2024* your *#MarVeLousBar*.

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