

Allowed and Prohibited Items at the Bar Exam

This list may be updated. Please check back to make sure that you have the most current information. If you have a question about something that is not listed, assume it is prohibited. You may contact our office in advance to ask.

The Minnesota bar examination is administered in a secure setting. In order to protect the integrity of the bar examination only approved items will be allowed into the examination room. Additional items are prohibited not only for the security of the examination, but also to prevent distractions for all.

*****Prior to taking the examination, all examinees will be required to self-affirm that they are only bringing allowed items into their exam room. If you have questions, please ask now.*****

ALLOWED (in a clear plastic baggie)

- Surgical or N95/KN95/KN94 mask
- Refillable water bottle (bottle must be see-through with no labeling)
- Personal size hand sanitizer bottle (3 ounces or less; flip-top or pump)
- Sanitizing wipes (personal size)
- Disposable gloves
- Car keys, key fob, hotel key
- Parking receipt or ramp ticket (same day)
- Bus pass, hotel baggage claim ticket
- Passport/driver's license/photo (no passport holder)
- Credit card/cash
- Extra eyeglasses and protective eyewear (no eyeglass case, cleaner, or cloth)
- Analog watch
- Contact case/lens solution (4 oz. or less)
- Laptop and power cord (if using laptop - day 1) – remove any laptop covers PRIOR to exam
- Wired mouse/keyboard (if using laptop - day 1)
- Medication (unwrapped – not in a bottle or blister pack)
- Epipen
- Inhaler
- Eye drops
- Chap Stick/lipstick (may be required to open)
- Cough drops (small amount - unwrapped)
- Menstrual hygiene products*
- Hair binder or clip
- Headwear worn for religious reasons

ALLOWED WITH PRIOR PERMISSION (contact the Board office)

- Packaging for medication, other than loose in your clear plastic baggie, must have advance approval from the Board to bring into the exam room. This includes prescription bottles and blister packs.

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Any electronic device, including, but not limited to: cell phone, iPod, MP3 Player, PDA, Blackberry, camera, Fitbits or similar devices, or any other digital or analog recording device (except a laptop computer on day one if you are registered to use one)
- Earplugs (1 pair per day will be provided. Leave them in the exam room during lunch. You will not be allowed to bring earplugs back into the room)
- Pencils or pens (They will be provided. Leave them in the exam room during lunch. You will not be allowed to bring them back into the room.)
- Highlighters or other writing utensils
- Books or papers (including instructions from the Board office)
- Food or beverage (other than clear water bottle)
- Gum, breath mints, Listerine Strips, or similar
- Coats, jackets, scarves, hats & caps
- Passport case or holder
- Eyeglass case, cleaner or cloth
- Sunglasses
- Facial tissues (available at each proctor table)
- Nail clippers
- Weapons (including all types of pocket knives)
- Mace/Pepper spray
- Cigarettes/E-Cigarettes
- Any bag, purse, backpack, laptop bag, laptop sleeve, briefcase, etc.
- Wallet
- Digital watches and clocks or analog clocks
- Wireless mouse/keyboard or mousepad
- Laptop cover or case
- Anything in the computer's USB port, CD drive, or other removable storage port
- Computer cooling devices
- Hand lotion

*Menstrual hygiene products may be in an opaque bag; opaque bags are subject to inspection due to exam security.