

## **Policy for Special Arrangements for Religious Beliefs**

**Introduction.** The Board of Law Examiners adopted this policy on June 13, 2025, to honor each examinee’s free exercise of religion while maintaining the integrity of the Texas Bar Exam. To maintain the integrity of the exam, the Board must, in part, preserve the confidentiality of exam materials, administer the exam as uniformly as practical, and require examinees to abide by rules designed to prevent cheating and minimize disruption.

**Alternate exam day.** If an applicant is a member of a religious organization with a religious holy day that falls on a day that the Texas Bar Exam is scheduled to be administered, and the applicant wishes to observe that holy day, and observing that holy day would prevent the applicant from taking the Texas Bar Exam on the holy day, then the Board will permit the applicant to take the Texas Bar Exam on an alternate day if the applicant submits a timely Request for Alternate Exam Day for Religious Beliefs—the alternate day must be during or immediately following a regularly-scheduled exam, which could be six months later.

- “Religious holy day” means a day on which the tenets of a religious organization prohibit the organization’s members from participating in secular activities.
- “Religious organization” means an organization that qualifies as a religious organization under Section [11.20](#), Tax Code.

**Other special arrangements.** If an applicant needs special arrangements during the Texas Bar Exam to freely exercise their religion, and the special arrangements can be addressed in a standard testing room without deviation from the standard testing schedule, the applicant may submit a timely Request for Special Arrangements. Some common special arrangements include wearing a hat or scarf that is otherwise prohibited or bringing a sack lunch to handle dietary restrictions.

**Procedures.** The Director of Admissions shall publish forms, procedures, and timelines for submitting a Request for Alternate Exam Day and a Request for Special Arrangements in the Texas Bar Exam General Instructions and in the FAQs displayed on the Board’s website.

**Delegation.** The Board delegates to the Executive Director the authority to (1) determine whether a request made under this policy should be granted, and (2) administer all or part of the Texas Bar Exam to an applicant on an alternate day as needed to implement this policy.