

# Bar Exam Level Set Checklist

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This checklist is based on one of the more popular posts on my [BarExamMind.com](http://BarExamMind.com) blog. In that post, I suggest that you take stock of where you are at the beginning of your bar exam studies in order to make them as successful as possible. I call this a *bar exam level set*.

This checklist is based on my experience of taking two bar exams (Oregon and California) and responding to numerous questions from bar examinees just like you.

For detailed thoughts on each of the checklist topics below, please refer to my [Bar Exam Level Set post](#).

**Please note:** As I have tried to make this checklist comprehensive, not all items will apply to everyone.

## BASICS

- I have registered for the bar exam.
- I have completed all necessary paperwork for the bar exam, such as:
  - bar exam application
  - moral character paperwork
  - background check
  - other?
- I have paid all fees to be able to take the bar exam.
- I have purchased exam software if I am using a computer to take the test.
- I have signed up for the Bar Exam Mind newsletter at [BarExamMind.com](http://BarExamMind.com).

## STUDYING

- I have determined *where* I will study.
- I have determined *when* I will study.
- I have signed up for a comprehensive bar exam prep course(s) (or individual tutoring).
- If I cannot afford a bar prep course, I have located affordable or free study materials.

## FAMILY/FRIENDS

- I have spoken with my significant other about understanding my time commitment while studying for the bar exam.
- I have spoken with my significant other about how I may become very stressed out during my bar exam studies.
- I have worked out any scheduling issues with my significant other:
  - vacations
  - weddings
  - child care
  - other?
- I have told my non-bar-taking friends that I may not be as available as before while I study for the bar exam.
- I have arranged for childcare, if necessary.
- I have spoken with my children about how important the bar exam is to me and how I may need some quiet time while I study.

## FINANCES

- If I am concerned about money, I have cut back on unnecessary expenses.
- I have set up a system to ensure I pay my bills, in case I get so wrapped up in bar exam studies that I forget about them.
- I have set up auto-pay for my bills, if I think that will help.
- I have determined whether I will need any extra money to make ends meet while I study for the bar exam and have thought about how to obtain that money (e.g., loan, part-time job, freelancing, etc.).

## FOOD/HEALTH

- I have thought of when I will shop each week for healthy food.
- I have thought about how I will make time to prepare healthy meals (e.g., I'll cook all my meals for the week in advance on Sunday).
- I have scheduled time to exercise during my studies.
- I plan to get a full night's sleep as often as possible.

## EXAM DAYS

- I have made hotel reservations, if necessary.
- I have made travel arrangements.
- I have tested my exam software if I am taking the test on a computer.

I hope this checklist has been helpful.

Please feel free to share this with anyone you think might benefit from it.

If you have any suggestions about additional items to add to this checklist, please drop me a line at <http://www.barexammind.com/contact>.

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# Good luck on the bar exam!