

# First Year Students: How to Register with the CA State Bar

Though you may register with the State Bar at any point during law school, they ***strongly recommend*** that you complete this requirement during your first 90 days of law school. You only need to register once and your registration does not expire.

- 1) Go to the California State Bar website: [www.calbar.ca.gov](http://www.calbar.ca.gov).
- 2) Once you're on the website, choose the "Future Lawyers" tab at the top of the page.



- 3) In the top right corner, click the "Register with the State Bar" link.



- 4) Once you select this link and read the information on the page, at the bottom of the screen, you'll see the link to begin your application.

7. File an application, take the **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination**, and achieve a scaled score of 86.00 or greater, which examination is administered and graded by the National Conference of Bar Examiners;

8. Comply with California **court-ordered child or family support obligations**.

There is no requirement of citizenship or residency, and there is no reciprocity with other states.

### HOW TO USE THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA'S APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

To complete the online application, simply type your answers in the corresponding fields or select your answers from the pop-up lists (where applicable).

After you complete a screen, click the **NEXT** button at the bottom or on one of the sections listed on the left column to move to a different screen. Before you are allowed to jump screens, we will inspect your data on the current screen for errors or inconsistencies. If errors or omissions are found, you will be returned to the screen to correct your answer(s). Otherwise, your data will be saved and you will proceed to the requested screen. We also allow you to skip to another screen without your new data being saved. Be aware that if you use the Skip & Jump function on the left column, data on the current screen will not be saved and will have to be re-entered prior to submittal.

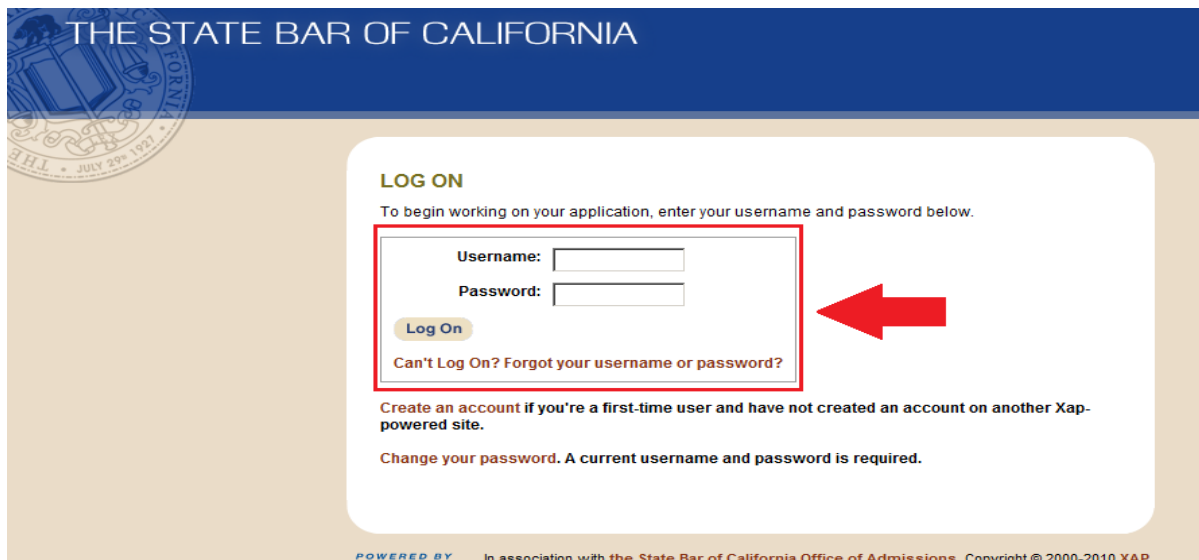
Once you have completed the application, click the **'SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION'** button located on the last screen to submit the application.

**Click here if you have any technical questions or need assistance with this online application.**

 [Begin Application to Register with the State Bar](#)

**Returning users: If you have submitted your application and need to access your confirmation page again, log on with your username and password and access the application manager.**

- 5) If you are a first time user, you will need to create an account. Creating an account is not actually registering, it is just creating an account with the State Bar so that you can register!



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### LOG ON

To begin working on your application, enter your username and password below.

Username:

Password:

[Log On](#)

[Can't Log On? Forgot your username or password?](#)

Create an account if you're a first-time user and have not created an account on another Xap-powered site.

Change your password. A current username and password is required.



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- 6) Once your account is created, you will receive a confirmation email from the State Bar at which point you can log in and complete the application to register. *There is a registration fee of \$119.*
- 7) You will receive an acknowledgement in the mail once your registration has been processed – be sure to hold onto this confirmation.
- 8) If you have any questions please contact the California State Bar directly at (415) 538-2300.