



The State Bar *of California*

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DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Tammy Campbell, Program Manager, Office of Admissions

SUBJECT: July 2019 California Bar Examination (CBX) Cost-Analysis

BACKGROUND

As part of the on-going process to monitor the costs related to administering the California Bar Examination (CBX), a cost analysis of the July 2019 CBX has been prepared. Attached is more detail regarding the various expenses associated with administering the examination.

DISCUSSION

The cost for administering the July 2019 CBX was \$2,298,274 for 8,206 applicants. In 2018, the figures were \$2,198,191 and 8,600 respectively. The increase in costs from 2018 to 2019 can mostly be attributed to moving the Ontario Testing Accommodations facility back to the Los Angeles area due to poor hotel conditions and lack of proctor pool in the Ontario vicinity.

Here are a few highlights from the cost analysis:

1. Approximately 82% of the facility capacity was used to administer the CBX. This is a slight decrease from the July 2018 administration where 84% of the facility capacity was utilized. However, the July 2019 Bar Exam had more withdrawals than the July 2018 Bar Exam.
2. The July 2019 California Bar Examination aligns with historical data with 85% of our total costs comprised of costs related to facility rental, electrical, and proctors.

It costed approximately \$278 (\$194 in July 2018) to administer the 2019 July CBX to an applicant taking the examination at a standard test center compared to approximately \$2,942 (\$2,423 in July 2018) for each applicant taking the examination at a Testing Accommodations test center. The overall cost per applicant for the July 2019 CBX was \$280. The number of testing accommodation applicants had an 18.2

percent decrease compared to the year before. For the July 2018 examination, there were 476 applicants that took the CBX at a Testing Accommodations test center compared to 389 in 2019.

Administering examinations at Testing Accommodations test centers involve higher costs because of the type of facility that must be used, i.e., hotel instead of a conference center in order to be able to provide semi-private/private rooms, additional proctor requirements, specialized equipment/software, etc. It's also important to note that these figures don't include 'soft' costs for staff time and actual costs for medical experts/consultants to review testing accommodations petitions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the report be received and filed.

PROPOSED MOTION

If the Committee agrees, the following motion is suggested:

Move that the report on costs for administering the July 2019 California Bar Examination be received and filed.

ATTACHMENT

Examination Administration Costs - July 2019 General Bar Examination																		
Test Center																		
Facility	Capacity	# of Testers	% of Capacity	Type	Facility Rental	Tables & Chairs	Electrical	Parking	Water	AV	Phones	Computers	Shipping	Staff Rooms & Parking	Proctors	Off-Duty	Grand Total	Cost/Tester
Northern California:																		
Crowne Plaza Hotel - Burlingame (S623)	125	109	87.20%	TA	\$124,884.21	\$777.93	\$2,080.00	\$2,940.00	\$0.00	\$2,194.17	\$398.94	\$1,389.03	\$800.00	\$5,645.24	\$104,405.10	\$5,626.50	\$251,141.12	\$2,304.05
Hilton Sacramento Arden West (S706)	60	36	60.00%	TA	\$63,090.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,017.35	\$884.20	\$1,489.03	\$1,000.00	\$2,067.82	\$37,852.12	\$4,999.50	\$115,400.22	\$3,205.56
Oakland Convention Center (L600)	1,200	1,055	87.92%	Laptop	\$20,484.28	\$19,491.18	\$32,258.12	\$5,720.00	\$0.00	\$5,518.84	\$0.00	\$277.60	\$1,050.00	\$5,074.00	\$38,335.29	\$2,739.00	\$130,948.31	\$124.12
Santa Clara Convention Center (LW850)	1,725	1,206	69.91%	Combo	\$30,980.00	\$9,639.00	\$39,910.00	\$0.00	\$4,712.81	\$4,585.98	\$282.46	\$292.35	\$1,500.00	\$11,794.88	\$63,514.45	\$2,730.75	\$169,942.68	\$140.91
McClellan Convention Center (LW703)	556	500	89.93%	Combo	\$27,450.00	\$4,114.00	\$10,916.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,214.40	\$0.00	\$386.88	\$1,350.00	\$943.92	\$24,762.89	\$2,656.50	\$76,795.09	\$153.59
Northern California Totals	3,666	2,906	79.27%		\$266,888.69	\$34,022.11	\$85,164.62	\$8,660.00	\$4,712.81	\$20,530.74	\$1,565.60	\$3,834.89	\$5,700.00	\$25,525.86	\$268,869.85	\$18,752.25	\$744,227.42	\$256.10
Southern California:																		
Doubletree Hotel - Orange (S260)	100	85	85.00%	TA	\$94,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00	\$0.00	\$2,593.51	\$0.00	\$3,442.45	\$800.00	\$3,261.78	\$72,229.43	\$6,789.75	\$186,516.92	\$2,194.32
Doubletree Hotel - Westside (S106)	125	113	90.40%	TA	\$120,230.40	\$1,770.00	\$3,408.00	\$1,441.00	\$0.00	\$2,549.64	\$551.25	\$1,439.98	\$800.00	\$6,156.48	\$145,138.97	\$5,626.50	\$289,112.22	\$2,558.52
Sheraton Mission Valley (S304)	75	44	58.67%	TA	\$63,667.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,362.32	\$1,018.26	\$719.18	\$1,200.00		\$40,538.36	\$5,651.25	\$115,157.05	\$2,617.21
Sheraton Gateway LAX (S114)	100	87	87.00%	TA	\$88,872.57	\$841.78	\$0.00	\$4,966.50	\$0.00	\$4,485.44	\$0.00	\$719.18	\$700.00	\$3,087.86	\$72,120.69	\$5,610.00	\$181,404.02	\$2,085.10
Ontario Convention Center (L400)	1,848	1,487	80.47%	Laptop	\$36,870.21	\$9,240.00	\$31,932.80	\$3,376.00	\$1,130.52	\$2,573.45	\$200.00	\$337.60	\$500.00	\$2,802.00	\$69,409.33	\$2,730.75	\$161,102.66	\$108.34
Ontario Convention Center (LW402)	456	355	77.85%	Combo	\$9,217.55	\$1,850.00	\$7,983.20	\$844.00	\$1,130.51	\$2,573.45	\$200.00	\$337.60	\$500.00	\$1,120.80	\$19,487.72	\$2,697.75	\$47,942.58	\$135.05
Anaheim Convention Center (LW275)	1,100	913	83.00%	Combo	\$37,733.25	\$7,960.00	\$29,664.00	\$2,826.00	\$4,362.11	\$1,497.81	\$282.41	\$277.60	\$1,200.00	\$6,060.39	\$97,773.12	\$2,829.75	\$192,466.44	\$210.81
San Diego Marriott Marquis (L306)	740	613	82.84%	Combo	\$57,107.50	\$8,169.00	\$37,146.52	\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$6,204.44	\$387.50	\$231.60	\$1,500.00	\$3,885.80	\$29,076.55	\$2,656.50	\$147,490.41	\$240.60
Pasadena Center (L102)	1,326	1,191	89.82%	Laptop	\$27,333.37	\$13,951.00	\$35,913.00	\$2,340.00	\$0.00	\$5,350.00	\$253.58	\$212.60	\$500.00	\$3,423.84	\$54,218.78	\$2,706.00	\$146,202.17	\$122.76
Pasadena Center (LW112)	470	412	87.66%	Combo	\$18,145.87	\$5,117.00	\$8,285.00	\$1,020.00	\$0.00	\$2,462.05	\$253.58	\$212.60	\$500.00	\$2,223.96	\$16,419.80	\$2,706.00	\$57,345.86	\$139.19
Southern California Totals	6,340	5,300	83.60%		\$553,428.40	\$48,898.78	\$154,332.52	\$21,088.50	\$6,623.14	\$32,652.11	\$3,146.58	\$7,930.39	\$8,200.00	\$32,022.91	\$616,412.75	\$40,004.25	\$1,524,740.33	\$287.69
Miscellaneous Charges													\$ 29,100.00			\$ 206.25		
Non-TA Sites - Subtotal	4,814	4,067	84.48%	Combo	\$265,322.03	\$79,531.18	\$234,009.14	\$17,251.00	\$11,335.95	\$34,980.42	\$1,859.53	\$2,566.43	\$8,600.00	\$37,329.59	\$412,997.93	\$24,453.00	\$1,130,236.20	\$277.90
TA Sites - Subtotal	485	387	79.79%	TA	\$554,995.06	\$3,389.71	\$5,488.00	\$12,497.50	\$0.00	\$18,202.43	\$2,852.65	\$9,198.85	\$5,300.00	\$20,219.18	\$472,284.67	\$34,303.50	\$1,138,731.55	\$2,942.46
Exam Totals	10,006	8,206	82.01%		\$820,317.09	\$82,920.89	\$239,497.14	\$29,748.50	\$11,335.95	\$53,182.85	\$4,712.18	\$11,765.28	\$43,000.00	\$57,548.77	\$885,282.60	\$58,962.75	\$2,298,274.00	\$280.07
% of Total					35.7%	3.6%	10.4%	1.3%	0.5%	2.3%	0.2%	0.5%	1.9%	2.5%	38.5%	2.6%	100.0%	

***Hotels do not charge for water