

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN TODAY:**

**A systematic approach to preparing for the bar exam**

- Knowing the foundations – exam logistics, subjects tested, grading methodology, etc. This is important because you can strategize around your weak areas and strong areas.
  - o Mini exercise: Which portion of the bar exam do you struggle with the most? MBE/essays/PTs
  - o Now, which portion of the bar exam do you feel most confident in?
- General blueprint of study approach (how much to study which portion at which point)
- Scheduling
  - o You could follow or tweak a premade study schedule from your prep course or somewhere else and use it as inspiration, but YOU know yourself and your time budget best. It will take more time to plan your study schedule, but it'll be worth it.

*“Give me six hours to chop down a tree, and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”*

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### Here are 5 questions to consider when starting to craft a personalized study schedule:

1. **What's your time horizon?** (How many weeks?) This is your starting point.

2. **Are you a repeater?** If yes, spend less time on “background review.” To avoid burnout, limit your prep to 3 months for repeaters, 4 for first timers.

3. **Are you working at the same time?** (No, studying full time / Yes, working part time < 30 hrs/wk / Yes, working full time > 40 hrs/wk)

Part timers: Constraints make you more creative and efficient with your time. The less time you have available, prioritize more the things that move the needle (practice and feedback). Spread out your study period but not too much. Instead, cut unnecessary activities.

4. **How many subjects are you preparing for? What are your 3 weakest?** You may want to double up and “sandwich” other areas with these weak subjects.

5. **Which are your weak areas?** (MBE, essays, and/or PTs) If you need more work on essays, certain subjects, MBE, etc., plan to do more of those.

### Example 16-week schedules

[For California exam](#)

[For NY UBE](#)

You can take ideas from them, but don't simply copy. These were schedules were personalized to their own preferences and needs (for example, every Sunday was off in the first one) and thus probably won't work for you.

**Most people think they lack motivation when they really lack clarity to act on. The key to clarity—and composure—is knowing the next step to take. Get clear on what you need to do, and the rest will follow.**

So try making your own. It can be in a calendar format (like the first example) or a list format (like the second example).

For more guidance and examples, check out [Passer's Playbook 2.0](#).

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### The 3 things you really need for bar prep:

1. Source materials ([outlines](#), [questions to practice with](#) (see below also), [sample answers](#))
2. How-to knowledge – not just WHAT to study, but HOW to study (which I cover here on my [blog](#), in Passer’s Playbook, and in my free weekly emails)
3. Action from you to do the things that matter (practice and feedback)

[1] is traditionally in the realm of commercial prep companies like Barbri and/or supplemented with other resources (see list below).

### **Some supplemental resources to get started for each portion of the exam:**

MBE (all real questions)

- [\$250-365 range] **UWorld MBE QBank** -or- **AdaptiBar** ([see review and comparison](#))
  - Discount codes: “bhmb25” for \$87 off UWorld / “MTYLT” for \$30 off AdaptiBar
  - Pick one of these
- [\$50-90 range] **[Strategies & Tactics for the MBE](#)** (7<sup>th</sup> edition)
  - Fewer questions (will overlap with above)
  - Excellent explanations
  - Primer guide for each subject

Essays & PTs

- [\$125-175 range] [CA only] **[BarEssays](#)**
  - Discount code: “MTYLT25” for \$25 off
  - Range of real graded answers to compare
- [Free – CA essays and UBE/MEE] [Past essays and M/PTs & selected answers](#)
  - Some states publish selected answers

[2] is presumed from your law school days or given a cursory look by prep companies. Usually deemed “obvious” (yet fails many students).

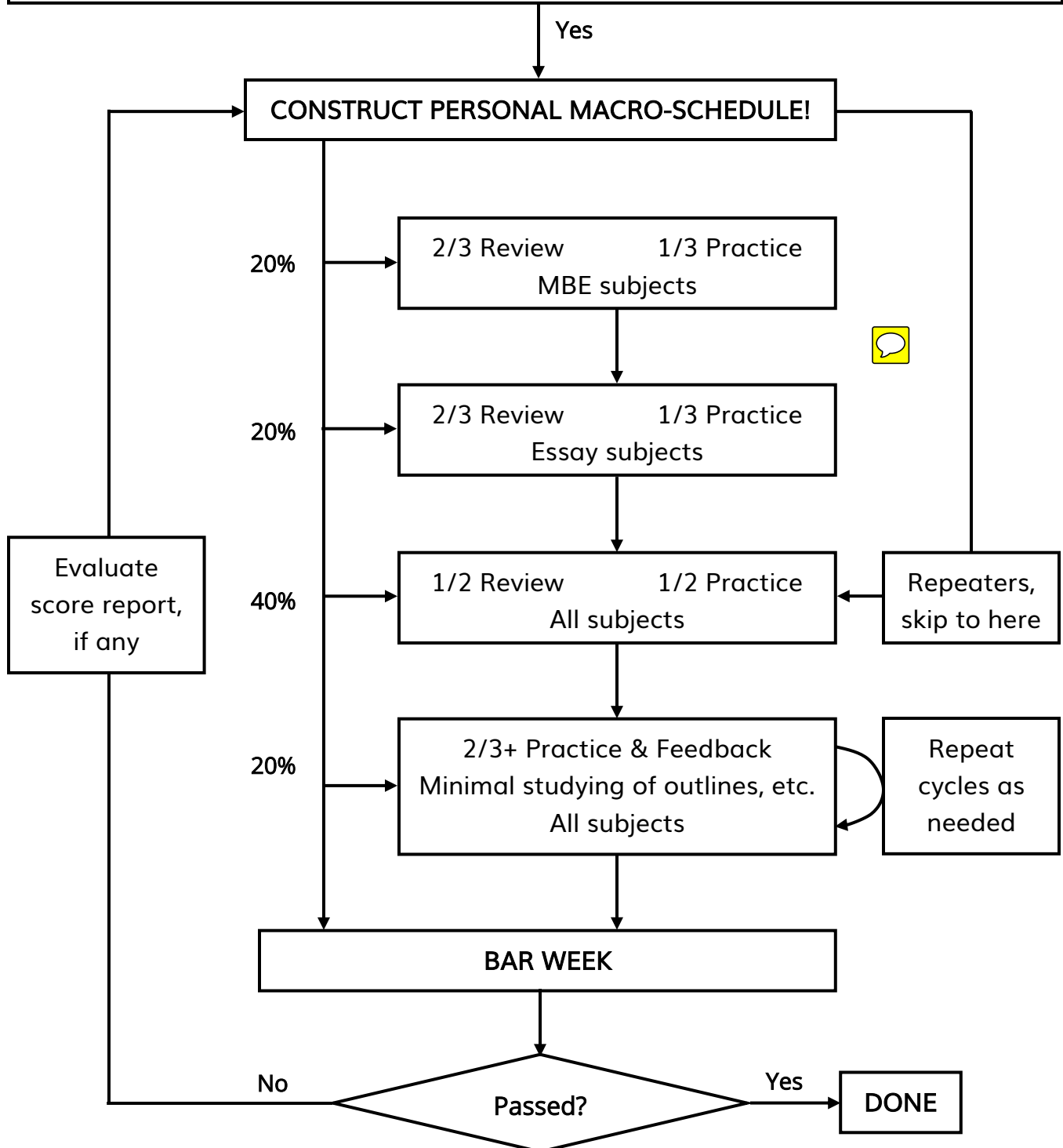
[3] is only supplied by your will to act. But having a step-by-step system helps you take that first step in guiding your focus and mental load on executing, rather than trying to figure out what to do next.

### **Check out a simple blueprint approach:**

# SYSTEMATIC STUDY BLUEPRINT

## The Foundations

- Do you know how your bar exam works? Scoring, format, etc.
- Are you building/maintaining a habit of consistent studying (ideally daily)?
- Do you have a general idea of what you need to study (subjects, weaknesses) and how much time you have?



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Hey there.

Good morning. Well. I got a 1390 or higher on a few previous bar exams so I will be submitting for the provisional attorney license.

Ps is. I do like reading your emails. You always have a fresh take on the bar exam that a lot of people need

Sincerely,

Lee [redacted]

(OPTIONAL) What was your favorite part about my resources?

12 responses

Your humor

Emails & FB community

Magic sheets!

Motivational emails incorporating strong 'focus' reminders and tips. Thanks!

fb community and the handbook for sure.

The MTYLT blog and the weekly emails (especially the MBE Question of the Week) were my favorite resources that you provide!

Your guidance

The blog and emails but I didn't have time or money to put forth for any of your other products.

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Everything

Emails and products.

Emails, FB community, weekly MBE questions through UWorld