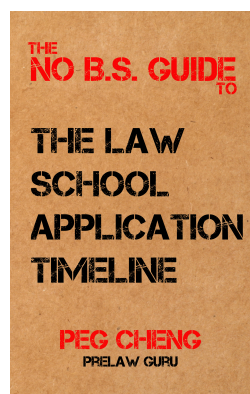


The Law School Application Timeline

Task	Ideal Deadline	Drop-dead Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> Study for the LSAT †	4-5 months prior to the test date	3 months prior to the test date
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for LSAC ◇ fee waiver, if needed	As soon as possible	As soon as possible
<input type="checkbox"/> Register for the LSAT	June test: by March Sept./Oct.: by June Dec.: by August	1 month prior to the test date
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for LSAT accommodations, if needed	After LSAT registration	After LSAT registration
<input type="checkbox"/> Research law schools	Ongoing	Ongoing
<input type="checkbox"/> Register with the CAS Δ	August 1	October 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Send transcript(s) to the CAS	August 31	October 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Write resume	September 15	November 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Secure letters of recommendation	September 30	December 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Write personal statement	October 15	January 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Write addenda and supplemental essays	October 30	January 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Take the LSAT	June or Sept./Oct.	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Finalize list of law schools	November 10	January 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Tailor materials to schools' requirements	November 19	January 9
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply to law schools	November 20–30	January 10–20
<input type="checkbox"/> Thank your recommenders	December 10	January 31
<input type="checkbox"/> Receive admissions decisions	December - August	February - August
<input type="checkbox"/> File taxes	February 10	February 10
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete the FAFSA *	February 15	February 15
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete financial aid applications	February 28	February 28
<input type="checkbox"/> Respond to wait lists	As needed	As needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Visit law schools	February - April	February - April
<input type="checkbox"/> Send first deposit	March - May	March - May
<input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate!	Summer	Summer
<input type="checkbox"/> Send second deposit	May - July	May - July
<input type="checkbox"/> Enter law school	August or September	August or September



† Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)

The LSAT is a standardized test that law schools use to evaluate applicants for admission.

◇ Law School Admissions Council (LSAC)

The LSAC administers the LSAT and the online services that you use to apply to law schools.

Δ Credential Assembly Service (CAS)

The CAS is part of the LSAC. This service stores your letters of recommendation and transcripts.

* Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

This is the application you fill out to apply for financial aid from the U.S. government.

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