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Provider Special Newsletter

PCAM modifications...

Certain fields in PCAM have been modified to reflect MCLE Rule changes effective for courses July 1, 2017

- Delivery Methods are streamlined to three types: (1) live in person; (2) live technology; and (3) recorded technology.
- In-House programs no longer require five attorney learners (live and recorded course format) so this field has been removed.
- Professional Responsibility pages have been modified to reflect each of the specific professional responsibility areas: diversity/inclusion, mental health/substance abuse, or other professional responsibility areas (ethics, civility or professionalism). Providers will select from one professional responsibility area per course or specify multiple segments for each professional responsibility area. See the [Commission on Professionalism's Professional Responsibility Education Guide](#).

No changes are required for the batch import file process at this time. (Batch import applies only to Accredited Providers who use this process.)

Revised Attendance and Teaching Certificate

Revised attendance certificates are available for all providers to use. The Board asks that providers use these forms, or substantially similar forms. Revised teaching certificates will be posted in the beginning of July. See [Provider – Questions & Forms](#).

Rule Change Re-cap: MCLE Rule changes effective for courses held July 1, 2017 and after

MCLE Rule 795(a)(6) Delivery Methods: descriptions for delivery methods are streamlined to three types: (1) live in person; (2) live technology; and (3) recorded technology. Interactivity remains a key for all courses. Providers must offer a way for course learners to ask questions of faculty or other qualified commentators and receive a reply within a reasonable time.

MCLE Rule 795(d)(1) “In-House” Programs: accredited courses offered by law firms, corporate law departments or government agencies need to meet the standards for any other CLE course or activity under the Rules, including submitting applications, attendance and fees due. Most notable: (a) in-house courses will no longer need five attorney learners for live or recorded courses; and (b) courses desiring pre-determination of accreditation will not need to be submitted at least 30 days before the course start date. Note that subsection (ii) still states that no credit is allowed for discussions relating to the handling of specific cases or issues relating to the management of a specific law firm, corporate law department or government agency.

MCLE Rule 794(d) Professional Responsibility Requirement: Effective July 1, 2017, PCAM’s professional responsibility page will be redesigned to accept courses offered in each of the specific professional responsibility requirements: diversity/inclusion; mental health/substance abuse; or other professional responsibility areas (ethics, civility and professionalism). Attendance and teaching certificates will also be revised and posted on the Questions & Forms page of the Board’s website. Given this new requirement, providers should use the Board’s new forms as they will specify the required professional responsibility areas.

Beginning with the two-year reporting period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, attorneys’ six hours of professional responsibility CLE must include at least one hour of diversity/inclusion CLE and at least one hour of mental health/substance abuse CLE. No courses offered or activities undertaken before July 1, 2017 are eligible to meet the new requirements. Please refer to the [Commission on Professionalism's FAQs](#) for additional information.

Any questions? Go to www.mcleboard.org and select Contact to Send us a Message, or call us during business hours – Monday through Friday (except Illinois Supreme Court Holidays), 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. CT at (312) 924-2420.

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