



MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (MCLE) WELCOME

Congratulations! You passed the bar exam! Here is your “cheat sheet” on how continuing education works.

Timing (Every 3 Years)

California attorneys do their MCLE (Minimum Continuing Legal Education) in 3-year blocks. Your last name’s initial permanently puts you on one of the following schedules:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Period</u>
1 (Last Initials A-G)	2/1/19 – 1/31/22
2 (H-M)	2/1/18 – 1/31/21
3 (N-Z)	2/1/17 – 1/31/20

How Much MCLE to Do (25 Hours or a Proration)

That’s 25 hours every 3 years – or fewer if you switch to Inactive at some point. (In fact, you’ll also have a smaller number this first time around, because you were just licensed.)

For example, an April 2019 admittee named Fred Thompson (N-Z, i.e., “Group 3”) will have 10 months of MCLE (April 2019 – January 2020), or 7 hours. A June 2019 admittee named Rosalie Clogson (A-G, or “Group 1”) will have 32 months of MCLE (June 2019 – January 2022), or 23 hours.

Also, as a new admittee, you’ll have a special 10 hours of free MCLE content to complete, on practical basics like drafting briefs and arguing in court. We’ll contact you about this, and it will count toward your regular MCLE.

What Subjects to Cover (Ethics, Bias and Competence)

Your MCLE total must always include some Legal Ethics, as well as Bias Elimination and Mental Competence (e.g., substance abuse affecting practice) topics.

For detailed information pertaining to MCLE Requirements please refer to the State Bar’s website at: [MCLE Requirements](#). For detailed information pertaining to Proportional Requirements, including the “Proportional Requirement Table,” please visit the State Bar’s website at: [Proportional Requirements](#).

How to Register Your MCLE with the Bar (an Online Honor System)

We’re on the honor system. You’ll keep track of your own proof of attendance and just tell the bar that you’ve done all of your education every 3 years. We may then randomly audit your proof.

The “Important Information” document will tell you how to do this also. Please print and keep it as a reference.

Other Information

In “Important Information,” you’ll find instructions on how to find MCLE activities, what it means to be MCLE exempt, and definitions of important MCLE-related terms, such as “participatory” versus “self-study” education.