

FAQ

MICHIGAN LAW BASICS

What is *Michigan Law Basics*?

It is an online training program covering Michigan-specific practice areas and is required for admission to the State Bar of Michigan.

Who needs to complete this training?

All Michigan bar applicants.

How much does the training cost?

\$99

Who requires this training and who developed it?

As of February 1, 2023, the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC) and the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) require all Michigan bar applicants to complete the *Michigan Law Basics* online training as part of the admissions process.

ICLE developed this training in conjunction with the BLE and experienced Michigan lawyers and judges and is responsible for delivering it.

What information is required before I register?

You will need a National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) number. The NCBE will assign this number to you during the admissions process.

How do I register for *Michigan Law Basics*?

ICLE's online registration page will be available starting February 1, 2023. The URL will be made available at that time.

If you have any questions about the *Michigan Law Basics* registration process, ICLE's customer experience team is ready to help: icle@umich.edu or 877-229-4350 (M-F 8:00am-5:00pm).

Who do I contact if I have questions about Michigan's admissions process?

For questions regarding admission by examination or without examination, visit the Board of Law Examiners' (BLE) website at www.courts.michigan.gov/administration/committees-boards/board-of-law-examiners/admission-to-the-bar-in-michigan/ or call 517-373-4453.

ICLE is unable to answer these types of questions.

Do I need to prepare for this training?

Questions will be based on the training presentations and materials. If you pay attention to the lessons, you should be able to answer the two hurdle questions presented at the end of each of the six lessons. If, for any reason, you incorrectly answer any of the hurdle questions, you will be able to repeat that lesson and answer another set of questions. No additional or advance preparation or materials are needed.

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What is a hurdle question?

It is a question about the content presented in a lesson. It does not require you to have any information that is not provided in each of the six lessons.

What does the training cover?

Michigan-specific practice basics for six major areas. These areas represent a large part of law practice in Michigan:

- Civil litigation
- Criminal law
- Family law
- Probate and estate planning
- Torts and no-fault

How long does the training take?

It requires approximately 12 hours to complete—about one hour of viewing and one hour of reading time for each of the six lessons, plus time to complete the two hurdle questions at the end of each lesson.

Do I need to complete the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE) *before* I take the training?

No, but you must complete the *Michigan Law Basics* online training in order to receive your *official* UBE results.

In deciding when to take the training, you should consider the time it will take you to complete all steps in Michigan's admissions process. There is a three-year time limit on the use of your *Michigan Law Basics* online training certificate for the admissions process. If you exceed that time frame, you will have to take the training again (and incur the registration fee again).

Do I need to graduate from law school before I take the training?

Yes.

When can I access the training and how long do I have access?

You can access the training immediately after registering with ICLE (using your NCBE number).

Important: Access is valid for 60 days from the date of registration. If you do not complete the training within that 60-day time period, you will need to register and pay again.

Do I receive a certification of completion right after completing *Michigan Law Basics*?

Yes. The training software will generate a certificate of completion for you. You must download this certificate as soon as you complete the training. You will need to submit this certificate to the BLE as part of the admissions process. Email your certificate to mlccomponent@courts.mi.gov.

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Aside from *Michigan Law Basics*, does Michigan have mandatory continuing legal education requirements for lawyers?

No.

Can my firm pay for this?

No, the registration is for an individual using their NCBE number and requires the individual to make the payment; however, ICLE will provide a receipt that you can submit to your employer for reimbursement if it is an approved expense.



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