

Revised Late Compliance Instructions for the 2018/2019 Compliance Period – Deadline Extended

Notices of apparent noncompliance were mailed in mid-February to A-L attorneys and judges who did not comply with the continuing legal education requirements for the 2018/2019 compliance period, which ended December 31, 2019.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the Commission on Continuing Legal Education (“Commission”) has extended the late compliance deadline to June 29, 2020, and waived the self-study cap for attorneys and judges to remove the hour deficiencies during the late compliance period only.

To return to compliance status: attorneys and judges who are out of compliance with the continuing legal education requirements for the 2018/2019 compliance period must remove all hour deficiencies on or before June 29, 2020. To submit a request for late compliance, a Continuing Legal Education Late Compliance Reporting Form ([Form 19](#)) should be completed providing evidence of the continuing legal education activities that have been completed on or before **June 29, 2020**, to fully remove the hour deficiencies for the 2018/2019 compliance period. The form should include the date, title, activity code number, and the number of hours completed. Please note the Commission has only waived the self-study cap for the late compliance period (January 1, 2020 – June 29, 2020). Self-study caps that were exceeded during the 2018-2019 compliance period will not be waived.

In addition to removing the hour deficiencies by June 29, 2020, attorneys and judges must also file the Late Compliance Reporting Form (Form 19) providing evidence that the full deficiency was removed by the June 29, deadline. The Form 19 can be filed in one of two ways:

1. Mail the completed Form 19 to the Supreme Court of Ohio, Office of Attorney Services, 65 S. Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, postmarked on or before July 31, 2020, along with the late compliance fee made payable to the Supreme Court of Ohio; or
2. Email the Form 19 to LateCompliance@sc.ohio.gov and request to pay the late compliance fee by credit card. Any late compliance forms sent by email must be received by July 31, 2020, 11:59 p.m. ET.

Failure to remove the hour deficiencies on or before June 29, 2020, and failure to submit the request for late compliance by the July 31 deadline, will result in the Commission issuing a monetary sanction and/or suspension from the practice of law.

[View a list of approved CLE activities.](#)

The late compliance fee is based upon the number of hours that you are deficient. The fee schedule can be found at www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvc/CLE/forms/lateComplianceFeeSched.pdf.

To return to compliance status from a New Lawyers Training deficiency: new attorneys who are out of compliance with the New Lawyers Training requirements for the 2018/2019 compliance period ending December 31, 2019, must remove the New Lawyers Training deficiencies on or before September 10, 2020, to avoid suspension from the practice of law. For a complete list of New Lawyers Training courses being offered, please check the [Approved CLE/New Attorney Activity link](#), and select New Attorney in the drop down box.

To submit a request for late compliance, a Late Compliance Reporting Form ([Form 19](#)) should be completed providing evidence of the new lawyers training activities that have been completed to fully remove the hour deficiencies for the 2018/2019 compliance period. The form should include the date, title, activity code number, and the number of hours completed. Requests for late compliance must be submitted with the \$300 late compliance fee, postmarked on or before September 17, 2020. Failure to remove the New Lawyers Training hour deficiencies on or before September 10, 2020, and failure to submit the request for late compliance by the September 17 deadline, will result in the Commission issuing a suspension from the practice of law, as authorized by Gov.Bar R. X, Section 17(B), and consistent with CCLE Reg. 503.4.