

Summary MCLE Regulations Changes for 2019-2020

Overview/Reasons for Changes to MCLE Accreditation Fees

- Simplifies accreditation fee charges (one fee based upon number of hours)
- No impact or cost to attorneys
- Increases efficiency and cost savings for the State Bar (eliminates most refunds)
- Prevents refunds/credits of less than \$25
- Does not adversely affect costs for CLE sponsors
- Does not significantly impact MCLE revenues
- Does not increase fees for the majority of MCLE approved courses (less than 2.50 hours)
- Keeps local bar exclusions intact for free CLE activities
- Potential savings for sponsors

Comparison of Current and Proposed Changes to MCLE Accreditation Fees

Current Fee Schedule for Non-accredited Sponsors:

Option A = \$20 per hour with \$50 minimum, or

Option B = \$10 per attendee with \$50 minimum

Option N/A - available to local bar associations that do not charge a registration fee

Late fee: \$100 for courses submitted less than 15 days in advance

Proposed Fee Schedule for Non-accredited Sponsors:

\$50.00 for courses between 0.50-2.50 hours in length (NO CHANGE)

\$75.00 for courses between 2.75 hours and 5.00 hours in length

\$100.00 for courses between 5.25 hours and 10.00 hours in length

\$150.00 for courses that are 10.25 hours or longer

No fee charged to local bar associations that do not charge a registration fee (NO CHANGE)

Late fee: \$100 for courses submitted less than 15 days in advance (NO CHANGE)

Current Fee Schedule for Accredited Sponsors

Option A = \$14 per hour with a \$35 minimum, or

Option B = \$7 per attendee with a \$35 minimum

Option N/A – available to local bar associations that do not charge a registration fee

No fee charged to local bar associations that do not charge a registration fee

Late fee: \$50 for courses submitted less than 15 days in advance

Proposed Fee Schedule for Accredited Sponsors

\$35 for courses between 0.50 and 2.50 hours in length (NO CHANGE)

\$60 for courses between 2.75 and 5.00 hours in length

\$85 for courses between 5.25 and 10 hours in length

\$120 for courses that are 10.25 hours or longer

No fee charged to local bar associations that do not charge a registration fee (NO CHANGE)

Late fee: \$50 for courses submitted less than 15 days in advance (NO CHANGE)

REVENUE COMPARISON

Non-Accredited Sponsors

TOTAL COURSE HOURS	CURRENT REVENUE	PROPOSED REVENUE
0.50 – 2.50 HOURS	No change in fee schedule	No change (\$50 per course)
2.75 – 5.00 HOURS	\$41,989	\$45,000 (\$75 per course)
5.25 – 10.00 HOURS	\$89,778	\$83,800 (\$100 per course)
10.25 OR MORE HOURS	\$115,705	\$121,050 (\$150 per course)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$247,472	\$249,850

Accredited Sponsors

TOTAL COURSE HOURS	CURRENT REVENUE	PROPOSED REVENUE
0.50 – 2.50 HOURS	No change in fee schedule	No change (\$35 per course)
2.75 – 5.00 HOURS	\$82,055	\$104,880 (\$60 per course)
5.25 – 10.00 HOURS	\$163,309	\$172,720 (\$85 per course)
10.25 OR MORE HOURS	\$210,269	\$180,840 (\$120 per course)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$455,633	\$458,440
	CURRENT REVENUE	PROPOSED REVENUE
TOTAL REVENUE ACCREDITED AND NON-ACCREDITED SPONSORS	\$703,105	\$708,290

Implementation Timeline

The changes to the MCLE Regulations would be effective January 1, 2020, allowing time to notify sponsors and update software.

State Bar Board Approval

Changes to the MCLE Regulations are approved and adopted by the State Bar Board of Directors (MCLE Rules, Article XII, State Bar Rules, Section 3 (C)).

TEXAS MCLE REGULATIONS

10.3.1 The accreditation fee for non-accredited sponsors shall be calculated as follows:

\$50 for 0.50 – 2.50 hours of credit

\$75 for 2.75 – 5.00 hours of credit

\$100 for 5.25 – 10.00 hours of credit

\$150 for 10.25 or more hours of credit

~~10.3.1 at the rate of \$20.00 per approved credit hour or \$10.00 per Texas attendee, whichever is less, with the minimum fee of \$50.00 to be paid for each CLE activity.~~

10.3.2 The accreditation fee for a sponsor who has been extended Accredited Sponsor status by the MCLE Committee outlined in Sections 10.3-10.3.7 or for an organization that meets the definition of a local bar association outlined below in Section 10.8.5, shall be calculated at the rate as follows:

\$35 for 0.50 – 2.50 hours of credit

\$60 for 2.75 – 5.00 hours of credit

\$85 for 5.25 – 10.00 hours of credit

\$120 for 10.25 or more hours of credit

~~10.3.2 of \$14 per approved credit hour or \$7.00 per Texas attendee, whichever is less, with the minimum fee of \$35 to be paid for each CLE activity.~~

10.3.3 Payment of the minimum accreditation fee shall accompany each application for accreditation submitted by a non-accredited sponsor. Applications for accreditation submitted without payment of the minimum fee shall be returned to the sponsor without being processed for accreditation. If the CLE activity is subsequently accredited/denied accreditation, the balance of the accreditation fee, except for a minimum fee of \$50 for non-accredited sponsors and \$35 for accredited sponsors, shall be refunded or credited to the sponsor's account, if any shall be paid by the sponsor within thirty (30) days after conclusion of the corresponding CLE activity.

11.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date for this set of regulations shall be ~~June 13~~ January 1, 2017 ~~2020~~.