

## COVID-19 Response: Distance Learning & Deadline Extensions

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in accordance with guidance from state and national governmental authorities, the PA CLE Board office is currently closed. Staff members are working remotely to answer emails and process workflow to ensure timely CLE compliance tracking. Please note the following announcements from the PA CLE Board regarding the impact of the coronavirus on CLE operations:

### Distance Learning Limitations Removed for 2020:

On April 15, 2020, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued a [Court Order](#) temporarily waiving the six (6) hour limitation on distance learning credits for 2020 compliance deadlines. Attorneys in Pennsylvania may now complete all 12 hours of their 2020 CLE requirements through approved distance learning activities. Please note the following conditions of this one-time accommodation:

- Suspension of the distance learning cap will apply to 2020 CLE deadlines and the standard cap of six (6) hours earned through this delivery method will resume with 2021 annual compliance deadlines.
- In order to contribute toward the CLE requirement, distance learning credits must be earned through participation in approved programs offered by [Accredited Providers of Distance Learning](#).
- Distance learning credits in excess of twelve (12) will not carry forward towards future annual compliance deadlines.
- Up to six (6) excess distance learning credits earned in calendar year 2020, completed after the applicable 2020 compliance deadline, may be carried forward into calendar year 2021 for those lawyers in Compliance Group 1 and Compliance Group 2. Thus, lawyers in Compliance Group 1 may earn up to six (6) distance learning credits from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 that will count towards their April 30, 2021 compliance requirements. Lawyers in Compliance Group 2 may earn up to six (6) distance learning credits from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 that will count towards their August 31, 2021 compliance requirements. Those lawyers in Compliance Group 3 may not carry any excess distance learning credits earned in calendar year 2020 into calendar year 2021.
- Credits not classified as distance learning will carry forward if applicable.

### Accreditation Process Updated:

The process for becoming an Accredited Provider of Distance Learning has been streamlined. [More Information](#)

### Compliance Group One Deadline Extension:

The April 30, 2020 compliance deadline for completing CLE requirements has been extended until August 31, 2020. [More information](#)

#### Current Non-Compliant Attorneys:

A 90-Day hardship extension has been granted for the following:

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  - - Compliance Group 2: Attorneys who have not complied with the August 31, 2019 CLE requirement by July 17, 2020 will be placed on Administrative Suspension.
    - Compliance Group 3: Attorneys who have not complied with the December 31, 2019 deadline by July 21, 2020 will be assessed a second late fee.
  - CLE credit deficiencies for the August and December 2019 compliance deadlines may be completed through approved distance learning.
  - If you owe a late fee for non-compliance, we encourage you to use the secure payment feature available through your [MyPacle account](#). This payment method provides a secure and more immediate fee resolution than mailing a check.

Still have a question? Please send us an email at [pacleb@pacle.org](mailto:pacleb@pacle.org). A member of our staff will be happy to assist.

The CLE Board will continue to monitor the impact of the coronavirus and update this page with news and announcements. In the meantime, you can learn more about mitigating the spread of the virus at [health.pa.gov](http://health.pa.gov).