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**MCLE Governing Board Order No. 1, s. 2008**  
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**GUIDELINES FOR MCLE COMPLIANCE OF NEW LAWYERS**  
**IN VIEW OF BAR MATTER NO. 1922, s. 2008**

In its meeting of February 06, 2008, the MCLE Governing Board laid down the guidelines for compliance by new lawyers with the MCLE requirements under Section 3 (a) of Bar Matter No. 850, as follows:

Where four (4) months or less remain of current compliance period upon admission or readmission to the Bar, the member is not required to comply with the MCLE program requirement for the said compliance period.

Thus, lawyers who pass the Bar when only four (4) months or less remain of the compliance period, are exempted from complying with the MCLE requirement for the said compliance period. They shall comply with the MCLE requirements for the next compliance period.

However, lawyers who are admitted to the Bar either one (1) year *after* the start of the current compliance period, or two (2) years after the start of the said compliance period, are required to comply with the MCLE requirements in accordance with the MCLE Governing Board resolution dated October 20, 2004, i.e. those admitted one year after the start of the current compliance period must comply with two-thirds (2/3) of the credit units required (24 c.u.) for that period; while those admitted two (2) years after the start of the compliance period should comply with one-third (1/3) of the required credit units (12 c.u.)

**LAWYERS ADMITTED TO THE BAR**  
**ONE (1) YEAR AFTER THE START OF THE COMPLIANCE PERIOD\***

**MCLE Subjects:**

- Updates on Substantive and Procedural Laws and Jurisprudence
- MCLE Committee Prescribed Subjects
- Legal Ethics
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy
- Trial and Pre-Trial Skills
- International Law and International Conventions

**Number of Units/Hours Required**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Updates on Substantive and Procedural Laws and Jurisprudence	X	X	X	X	X	X			
MCLE Committee Prescribed Subjects	X	X	X	X					
Legal Ethics	X	X	X	X					
Alternative Dispute Resolution	X	X	X						
Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy	X	X	X						
Trial and Pre-Trial Skills	X	X	X						
International Law and International Conventions	X								

Total: **24 Credit Units**

\*This is the MCLE compliance of 2002 and 2005 lawyers

LAWYERS ADMITTED TO THE BAR  
TWO (2) YEARS AFTER THE START OF THE COMPLIANCE PERIOD

**MCLE Subjects:**

**Number of Units/Hours Required**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Updates on Substantive and Procedural Laws and Jurisprudence									
MCLE Committee Prescribed Subjects	X	X	X						
Legal Ethics	X	X							
Alternative Dispute Resolution	X	X	X	X					
Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy									
Trial and Pre-Trial Skills	X	X	X						
International Law and International Conventions									

Total: **12 Credit Units**

Lawyers who have complied with the MCLE requirement may secure an MCLE Certificate of Compliance the number and date of issue of which shall be indicated under their signature in all pleadings filed by them before the courts and quasi-judicial bodies pursuant to Bar Matter No. 1922, s. 2008.

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