

Child and Elder Abuse Reporting Requirement Frequently Asked Questions

The Oregon Supreme Court recently amended the MCLE Rules to allow lawyers to complete their child abuse and elder abuse reporting credit by attending a combined one-hour course per reporting period, instead of attending child abuse and elder abuse reporting CLEs in alternative reporting periods. The primary impetus for this rule amendment is to streamline MCLE requirements for OSB members and to ensure they have timely information about their obligations to report abuse.

1) When does the combined child abuse and elder abuse reporting credit requirement become effective?

The MCLE Rule and Regulation amendments requiring a combined one-hour course on child abuse and elder abuse reporting credit will become **effective January 1, 2018**.

2) Do I still need to complete an elder abuse reporting credit?

Beginning with the 2018 reporting year, all active OSB members in a three year reporting period will need to complete a combined one-hour course on child abuse and elder abuse reporting.
MCLE Reg. 3.300(d)

3) Do I still need to complete a child abuse reporting credit?

Beginning with the 2018 reporting year, all active OSB members in a three year reporting period will need to complete a combined one-hour course on child abuse and elder abuse reporting.
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4) Some members in the three-year reporting periods ending December 31, 2018 and December 2019 have already completed a child abuse or elder abuse reporting credit. What happens to that credit?

If your three-year reporting period ends 12/31/2018 or 12/31/2019, and you have already completed a child abuse reporting or elder abuse reporting credit for this reporting period, you will NOT be required to complete the combined course in your current reporting period. The child abuse reporting or elder abuse reporting credit you completed prior to the effective date of the rule amendment (1/1/2018) will be sufficient to meet this new requirement.

5) I was recently reinstated and assigned a new reporting period. Do I need to complete a combined course on child abuse and elder abuse reporting?

No. The combined course on child abuse and elder abuse reporting credit is required only for members in a three-year reporting period.

6) I was recently admitted to the Oregon State Bar and this is my first reporting period. Do I need to complete a combined course on child abuse and elder abuse reporting?

No. The combined course on child abuse and elder abuse reporting credit is required only for members in a three-year reporting period.

7) Still have questions?

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