

Paralegal Certificate Program

Paralegal Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Requirements (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 6450(d))

Every two years, any person who is working as a paralegal shall be required to certify completion of the following mandatory continuing legal education:

- 4 hours of continuing legal education in Legal Ethics
- 4 hours of continuing legal education in either General Law or in an area of Specialized Law.

Total MCLE Required Hours = 8

All continuing legal education courses shall meet the requirements of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 6070. Certification of these continuing education requirements shall be made with the paralegal's supervising attorney. The paralegal shall be responsible for keeping a record of the paralegal's certifications.

Failure to meet the continuing education criteria will result in the individual being out of compliance with the law and not qualified to be a paralegal in California.

For new paralegal program graduates, the time clock begins once the graduate starts working as a Paralegal employed under the supervision of an attorney.