



Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
MINOR JUDICIARY EDUCATION BOARD

To: Certification Course Students

From: Minor Judiciary Education Board

Date: March 2, 2026

RE: Registration for the Spring 2026 Certification Course

The next certification course and examination for prospective Magisterial District Judges (MDJ) and Philadelphia Arraignment Court Magistrates (ACM) will begin with an online lunchtime Certification Orientation webinar on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, followed by in-person classes June 1-26, 2026, at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center (PJC), 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17106.

To register:

1. Please read all information below and on page 2 before registering.

2. Click the link to register for the course:

❖ *Online registration will close May 8, 2026, or sooner once classroom capacity is met.*

[Click to Register](https://forms.office.com/g/qVsrTijOjr)

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3. Participate in the online Certification Orientation webinar on May 12, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

❖ All students, new and returning, must participate in the webinar. Students will receive the webinar logon information via email from MJEB@pacourts.us. Students who do not participate in the orientation webinar will be considered to have “withdrawn” from course and will be removed from the class roster. Students who withdraw are welcome to register for future courses.

4. Attend classes at the PJC beginning on June 1, 2026.

❖ Bring your photo identification on the first day of class to be verified during course check-in and on exam day.

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MJEB CERTIFICATION COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

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- “Magisterial District Judges and Arraignment Court Magistrates who are not members of the bar of this Commonwealth shall complete a course of training and instruction in the duties of their respective offices and pass an examination prior to assuming office.” See: [42 Pa C.S.A. §3112](#)
- All students (new and returning) must attend the **online Certification Orientation webinar on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** The session will help students prepare for the course. The session is only open to registered students and will last no longer than an hour. Students will receive the webinar (WebEx) logon information via email from MJEB@pacourts.us at least a week before the event. Please check your email spam/junk folders if it does not appear in your regular inbox or contact staff at MJEB@pacourts.us or 717-231-9515.
- After the webinar, classes will be conducted **in-person** at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center (PJC), 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from June 1-26, 2026. Sessions will be conducted Monday -Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be no class on June 19, 2026. The final exam will be administered at end of June (TBD) - more information will be provided.
- Instruction will be provided in areas needed to perform the minor judiciary duties involving civil and criminal law, including evidence and procedure, summary proceedings, vehicle code, judicial ethics, criminal procedure, civil procedure, crimes code, search and seizure, arrest, bail procedures, and more. This course is not designed to assist students with their elections or appointments.
- Prospective Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) students will attend all classes during the month-long course. Prospective Arraignment Court Magistrate (ACM) students will attend the classes specific to the ACM role. The schedule of specific classes will be provided during the webinar.
- Only one absence is permitted for new certification course students. Returning students who have previously attended the entire month-long course must attend the review classes held at the end of the course. If you cannot commit to the spring course, the next course is planned for November-December 2026. Registration will open in September for the fall course.
- Course instruction and materials (paper and electronic) will be provided to students at no cost; however, students will be responsible for their own personal expenses (i.e., parking, meals, transportation, lodging, etc.). Students should bring their laptops, electronic tablets, and/or smart phones to class. Free guest Wi-Fi is available for students to access educational resources. More information will be discussed during the webinar.
- Certification expires after 25 months and requires completion of an annual weeklong continuing education course to remain certified during that 25-month period. It will expire prior to the 25 months for failing to attend the continuing education course. Once certification expires, students must retake the review classes and pass another exam to be certified again. *Individuals who are certified during the spring course will need to attend the continuing education course for prospectives currently scheduled for December 15-18, 2026.*
- For information regarding classroom and testing accommodations, visit [MJEB Certification Training](#) and the [ADA](#) pages on pacourts.us for more information. Requests for nonstandard classroom accommodations (NCA) must be made a month prior to class. Requests for nonstandard testing accommodations (NTA) must be made in writing a month prior to the exam.
- For more information about the PA Court System, please visit: <https://www.pacourts.us/learn>
- All information is subject to change.