



Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
MINOR JUDICIARY EDUCATION BOARD

To: Certification Course Students
From: Minor Judiciary Education Board
Date: August 31, 2026
RE: Registration for the Fall 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 Certification Orientation webinar on Thursday, October 15, 2026, followed by in-person classes and exam November 4 - December 4, 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 on 10/14/26,
or sooner once classroom capacity is met.*

[**CLICK TO REGISTER**](#)



3. Participate in the online Certification Orientation webinar on October 15, 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 Students who do not participate in the orientation webinar will be considered to have "withdrawn" from course and will be removed from the class roster.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 class at the PJC beginning November 4, 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 Thursday, October 15, 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 and the final exam will be conducted **in-person** at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center (PJC), 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from November 4 - December 4, 2026. Sessions will be conducted Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **There will be no classes on November 11, 26, and 27.** *Information and dates are subject to change – details will be discussed during the webinar.*
- Prospective Magisterial District Judge (**MDJ**) students should plan to attend all classes during the course. Prospective Arraignment Court Magistrate (**ACM**) students should plan to attend classes specific to the ACM role on the following dates: Nov. 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 23, 30 and Dec. 1. *The exam is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2026, with December 4 serving as a makeup day in the event of severe weather that causes the PJC to be closed on exam day. Information and dates are subject to change – details will be discussed during the webinar.*
- To be eligible for the exam, attendance is mandatory every day (one absence is permitted) for the entire course. If you are a returning student who met the exam eligibility during a previous course, you must attend the review classes at the end of the course (Nov. 23, 24, 30, and Dec. 1). If you cannot commit to the fall course, the next course is planned for June 2027. Registration will open in March for the spring course. *Information and dates are subject to change – details will be discussed during the October 15th webinar.*
- Instruction will be provided in areas necessary 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.**
- Course instruction and materials (paper and electronic) will be provided to students at no cost; however, students are 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. See [Rule 601. Certification requirements of interested persons.](#)
- 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.

