

RULE 182. QUALIFICATIONS OF MASTER

A. Education, Experience, and Training. To be eligible to be appointed to preside over cases governed by the Juvenile Act, 42 Pa.C.S. § 6301 et seq., an individual shall:

- 1) be a member, in good standing, of the bar of this Commonwealth;
- 2) have been licensed to practice law for at least five years; and
- 3) one of the following:
 - a) have at least two years of practical experience in juvenile law; or
 - b) have completed a course approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for new masters prior to hearing cases that shall include:
 - i) the Juvenile Act;
 - ii) the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure;
 - iii) the penal laws of Pennsylvania;
 - iv) the Child Protective Services Law;
 - v) the collateral consequences to an adjudication of delinquency; and
 - vi) any local procedures and state regulations.

B. Continuing Education. A master shall complete six hours of instruction in juvenile delinquency law, policies, or related social science research every two years, which shall include:

- 1) updates in the initial training areas as provided in paragraphs (A)(3)(b)(i)-(vi); and
- 2) child and adolescent development.

C. Compliance. A master shall sign an affidavit attesting that he or she has met the requirements of this rule. The affidavit shall be sent to the President Judge or his or her designee of each judicial district where the attorney is appointed as a master.

COMMENT

Pursuant to paragraph (A), masters are to have at least five years of experience as an attorney with at least two years of experience in juvenile law. If attorneys do not have two years of experience in juvenile law, they may attend a training to qualify as masters over juvenile cases.

The training program is to be approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board.

The Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board may approve courses designed to address the requirements of paragraph (B) for continuing education. These requirements are additional requirements to the Pa.R.C.L.E. because they mandate specific training in juvenile delinquency law. However, the credit hours received do count towards the total maximum required under Pa.R.C.L.E. 105.

Pursuant to paragraph (C), a master is to certify to the court that the requirements of this rule have been met.

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RULE 1182. QUALIFICATIONS OF MASTERS

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 - iii) the Child Protective Services Law; and**
 - iv) any local procedures and state regulations.**

B. Continuing Education. A master shall complete six hours of instruction in juvenile dependency law, policies, or related social science research every two years, which shall include:

- 1) updates in the initial training areas as provided in paragraphs (A)(3)(b)(i)-(iv); and**
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additional requirements to the Pa.R.C.L.E. because they mandate specific training in juvenile dependency law. However, the credit hours received do count towards the total maximum required under Pa.R.C.L.E. 105

Pursuant to paragraph (C), a master is to certify to the court that the requirements of this rule have been met.

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