

SECTION 8. THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS

A. Individual Courses or Programs

1. **Application for Individual Courses or Programs** *[revised effective December 6, 2013]*—Sponsoring organizations may seek accreditation of individual courses or programs offered in New York; or offered out of state and not accredited by a New York Approved Jurisdiction, ~~or offered in any nontraditional format,~~ by completing the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board “Application for Accreditation of an Individual Course Activity.” Similarly, individual attorneys may seek credit on their own behalf for participating in such courses or programs. A completed application form and supporting information shall accompany all requests for accreditation of CLE courses and programs. Continuing legal education courses that are granted accreditation by the CLE Board are deemed approved for credit as of the date of the course or program, in traditional live classroom settings only, unless otherwise indicated in the CLE Board approval letter.

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4. Standards for Accreditation

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- c. The continuing legal education course or program shall be offered in New York ~~State,~~ or offered out of state and not accredited by a New York Approved Jurisdiction, ~~or offered in any nontraditional format,~~ by a provider that has substantial, recent experience in offering continuing legal education, or that has demonstrated an ability to effectively organize and present continuing legal education to attorneys. *[revised effective December 6, 2013]*

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B. Accredited Provider Status

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- a. **Eligibility** *[revised effective December 6, 2013]* – Providers that are legal organizations and that have sponsored, organized and administered, over the prior three (3) years, with at least one (1) in each year, eight (8) or more separate and distinct continuing legal education courses or programs offered in New York; or offered outside of New York state and not ~~approved~~ accredited by an New York Approved Jurisdiction ~~or offered in any nontraditional format~~, and meeting the standards set forth in section 8(A)(4)(a)-(j) of these Regulations and Guidelines, may seek Accredited Provider status. A “legal organization” under this subsection is defined as a provider whose courses are (1) taught primarily by attorneys and (2) designed primarily for attorney audiences. Committees, departments or divisions of New York Accredited Providers are not eligible for Accredited Provider status unless otherwise approved by the New York State CLE Board.

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C. Hybrid Accreditation of Individual Courses or Programs

1. **Application** *[revised effective December 6, 2013]* – Sponsoring organizations that do not meet the criteria for Accredited Provider status may seek hybrid accreditation for repeat presentations of individual courses or programs offered in New York; or offered out of state and not accredited by a New York Approved Jurisdiction ~~or offered in any nontraditional format~~, by completing the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board “Application for Accreditation of an Individual Course Activity.” Applicant shall indicate that it is seeking hybrid accreditation of its course or program. A completed application form and supporting information shall accompany all requests for accreditation of CLE courses and programs.