

Know Your Ethics Obligations Do You Need Ethics Training?

State officers and employees who are required to file Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS filers) are also required by law to complete ethics trainings.

- 1. The Online Ethics Orientation (OEO) is required within the first 90 days of becoming an FDS filer, unless you complete the Comprehensive Ethics Training Course (CETC) first. The OEO is available on the Statewide Learning Management System (SLMS).
- 2. The Comprehensive Ethics Training Course (CETC) is your primary training obligation, and must be completed within two years of becoming an FDS filer. This course can be taken at your agency from your agency Ethics Officer, or you can register for a CETC course hosted by JCOPE. By statute, this course must be live, so it is not available as an online option.
- **3.** After you complete the CETC, you are obligated to attend refresher training every three years thereafter. You can either choose to attend another session of the CETC, or you can elect to attend the live Ethics Seminar hosted by JCOPE.

Please visit <u>http://www.jcope.ny.gov/training/courseofferings.html</u> for further information.

Additional Information

- If you are an attorney, your attendance at the CETC or Seminar may qualify you to receive Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits in the category of Ethics and Professionalism.
 Please inquire about the availability of CLE credits when you request registration.
- If someone has been granted an exemption from filing a Financial Disclosure Statement, then they are also exempt from these mandatory training requirements as well.

The Joint Commission on Public Ethics periodically releases Ethics Reminders. Each Ethics Reminder is a brief and easy to understand synopsis of the laws and rules under the Commission's jurisdiction. Ethics Reminders are issued to assist those subject to the Commission's jurisdiction in understanding and complying with their obligations under the law.

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