

ESTONIA
(Introduced in 2006)

1. Legal basis			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Bases and Procedure</u> of the Continuing Training of the Estonian Bar Association - Adopted by the Board of the Estonian Bar Association on 29/11/2005 (amendments:17/10/2006;13/11/2007;14/12/2011) - Entry into force: 01/01/2006 		
2. Training			
2.1. Basic information			
	Extent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Min. 10 credits annually - 80 credits/5 years - Transmission of surplus possible (max. 24 credits) 	
	Exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivated reasons (e.g. membership in the Bar Association is suspended if a person is temporarily unable to provide legal services for 6 consecutive months due to health reasons or other reasons; joins public service or commences work under an employment contract or a contract of service in an office or position which requires completion of studies of higher education in law; is elected to the <i>Riigikogu</i> (national Parliament) or as a Member of the European Parliament or as the President of the Republic; is appointed as a member of the Government of the Republic) - Exemptions granted by the Board - If the lawyer has defended the LLD or ML degree, he/she is not obliged to fulfill continuing training duty in the calculation period 	
2.2. Activities and methods			
Activities	Courses	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 lecture hour = 1 credit - Max. credits: no limitations
	Language courses	NO	
	Teaching	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 lecture hour = 2 credits - Max. credits: no limitations
	Writing/publishing	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 article = 8 credits - Max. credits: no limitations
	Foreign training activities	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Max. credits: no limitations
	Other	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivering a presentation at a law conference or seminar: 1 lecture hour = 2 credits; max. credits: no limitations - Master studies (accredited law curriculum): 1 lecture hour = 1 credit; max. credits: no limitations - Defending Master thesis: 60 credits - Doctoral studies (accredited law curriculum): 1 lecture hour = 1 credit; max. credits: no limitations - Defending Doctor thesis: 80 credits - Supervising or reviewing of doctoral, master or bachelor thesis: 8 credits - Activity in the bodies and committees of the Bar Association, except General Assembly: 1 year of activity = 8 credits - Drafting laws, legal opinions on draft laws, participating in drafting

			<p>legal acts of the Bar Association (in the interests and upon assignment of the Bar Association): 1 draft, legal opinion; legal act = 8 credits; max. credits: no limitations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representing the Bar Association in law committees or working groups (in the interests and upon assignment of the Bar Association): 1 representation = 1 credit; max. 8 credits annually
Methods	Availability of e-methods	✓	- E-learning and E-teaching
2.3. Course providers			
	Bar/Law Society	✓	
	Accredited provider	NO	
	Other provider (free market providers)	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of providers: N/A - Prior application for a course accreditation: NO
3. Assessment of training activities			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All courses are automatically awarded with credits - Other training activities are assessed during the compliance procedure (please see below 4.1.) 		
4. Supervision			
4.1. Compliance procedure			
	Regular control		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawyer submits a report to the Professional Suitability Assessment Committee within 15 days (before expiration of the assessment period of 5 years) - If the Professional Suitability Assessment Committee has the relevant data, it may exempt the lawyer from submitting a report (if training has been provided by the Estonian Bar Association and/or the Estonian Law Centre) - The Professional Suitability Assessment Committee is entitled to demand the necessary documents of proof
	Random control	NO	
4.2. Sanctions			
	Non-disciplinary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment interview conducted by the Professional Suitability Assessment Committee (verifying lawyers' professional expertise 6 months after the end of the assessment period) - If the lawyer does not participate in the assessment interview or is deemed to be unsuitable to exercise the activities of a lawyer, he/she submits an application to the Professional Suitability Assessment Committee which determines a new assessment date (to take place 6 months after submission of such an application)
	Disciplinary		- Disbarment ¹

¹ Lawyer shall be excluded from the Bar Association if: he/she has failed to perform the obligation to undergo in-service training and 7 years have passed since he/ she passed the last lawyers' exam or his/ her professional suitability was assessed or when the Professional Suitability Assessment Committee has certified that the lawyer does not comply with the requirements for professional suitability.