

NORWAY
(Introduced in 2004)

1. Legal basis		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules¹ for mandatory continuing training (valid for 01/01/2014–01/12/2018) - Adopted by the Board of Representatives on 30/05/2013 	
2. Training		
2.1. Basic information		
	Extent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80 course hours over a 5-year-period - A minimum of 5 course hours must concern legal ethics - Focus on updating and in-depth-studies and also subjects concerning legal practice - Transmission of surplus to the next period possible (max. 16 course hours)
	Exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirement is proportionally reduced by 4 course hours per quarter a year for members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - admitted within the 5-year-period - absent due to illness or maternity leave for a continuous period of minimum six months (application required)
2.2. Activities and methods		
	Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ - General rule: 45 minutes = 1 course hour - A course: minimum 2 continuous course hours (2 x 45 minutes) - Course hours are allocated on a case-by-case basis - Max. course hours for legal courses: no limitations - Max. course hours for non-legal courses: 25 (e.g. economy, information technology, language, psychology)
	Language courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ - General rule: 45 minutes = 1 course hour - Course hours are allocated on case-by-case basis (non-legal course) - Max. 25 course hours within the 5-year-period
	Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ - General rule: 45 minutes = 2 course hours - Minimum 45 minutes of continuous teaching (2 course hours) - Course hours are allocated on a case-by-case basis - Max course hours: no limitations - A course/lecture held several times can be accredited twice within the 5-year-period - Automatically accredited teaching: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses arranged by The Center for Continuing Legal Education (Juristenes Utdanningscenter – JUS) - Courses arranged by The Norwegian Bar Association - Teaching where application is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses arranged by other serious course suppliers - In-house arranged courses - University and college courses in Norway and abroad - Courses arranged by foreign and international bar associations/law societies

¹ Available in Norwegian language.

	Writing/publishing	X	
	Foreign training activities	✓	- Same requirements as for national training (courses, teaching and studies). Please see above.
	Other	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legal studies at universities/colleges in Norway and abroad may be accredited. Maximum 40 course hours within the 5-year-period. Application required - Participation in committees in the Norwegian Bar Association (e.g. Law Committees, Human Rights Committee, Young Lawyers Committee etc.): 5 course hours annually - Participation in the School Project "Right or Wrong" arranged by the Norwegian bar Association: 2 course hours per participation - Members of The Disciplinary Committee of the Norwegian Bar Association: 5 course hours annually (ethics)
Methods	Availability of e-methods	✓	<p>Same requirements as for other courses.</p> <p>In addition, there must be certain control mechanisms making sure that the lawyer in fact has completed the course, such as a control questions and a score.</p>
2.3. Course providers			
	Bar/Law Society	✓	- The Norwegian Bar Association
	Accredited provider	✓	- The Center for Continuing Legal Education
	Other provider (free market providers)	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities/colleges in Norway and abroad - Foreign and international bar associations/law societies - Prior application required
3. Assessment of training activities			
	Course of accredited provider		Automatic accreditation (no application required)
	Other training activity		<p>Application is required.</p> <p>Applicant: lawyer or course provider Assessment body: the Secretary-General Regulatory body: the Executive Board</p>
4. Supervision			
4.1. Compliance procedure			
	Regular control		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Center for Continuing Legal Education, other accredited providers and providers of accredited courses send information about course participants to the Norwegian Bar Association - For other training activities the lawyer submits the necessary documents of proof to the Norwegian Bar Association - At the end of a calendar year each member receives a report about the number of course hours that are registered in the past year - All members have access to their status report online
	Random control		NO
4.2. Sanctions			
	Non-disciplinary		Members who do not fulfill the requirements must pay the following fee to

		<p>the Norwegian Bar Association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NOK 5 000 (about € 500) – if lacking 1-2 course hours - NOK 10 000 (about € 1000) – if lacking 3-16 course hours - NOK 15 000 (about € 1500) – if lacking 17-32 course hours - NOK 20 000 (about € 2000) – if lacking 33-48 course hours - NOK 30 000 (about € 3000) – if lacking 49-80 course hours <p>The Executive Board may consider exclusion of those members who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lack more than 64 course hours or - do not pay the fee to the Norwegian Bar Association (please see above)
	Disciplinary	NO