

**POLAND – the Polish Bar Council
(since 2012)**

1. Legal basis			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resolution No. 57/2011 - Adopted by the Polish Bar Council on 19/11/2011 - Date of entry into force: 1/01/2012 - Amended by: resolution no. 70/2012 dated 17/03/2012 		
2. Training			
2.1. Basic information			
	Extent		- It is required to obtain 12 training points every year.
	Exemptions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lawyers that have been granted an academic degree of habilitated doctor - Exemptions granted by the President of the District Bar Council in particularly justified cases
2.2. Activities and methods			
Activities	Courses	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings organised by the Bar - Trainings, seminars, conferences, lectures organised by institutions other than the Bar
	Language courses	✓	- Courses of foreign legal languages are accepted as fulfilling the obligation of mandatory training.
	Teaching	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation and delivery of a speech being a part of the training organised by the Bar or a part of training, seminar, conference or lecture organized by institutions other than the Bar. <p>A speech should pertain to subjects defined objectively in the resolution, that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - particular fields of law and legal practice; - theory of state and law; - comparative legal issues; - lawyer deontology issues; - general legal skills, such as issues regarding methods of interpretation of law, public performance and rhetorical issues, foreign legal language courses; - specialised issues related to legal practice, or which may be useful in lawyer's work, e.g. crime detection, appraisal; - issues related to adapting to requirements of clients and the legal services market, including i.a. issues related to organisation of lawyer's work, organisation of a law firm, legal IT and use of new technologies, taxation and marketing of legal services, contacts with clients. <p>A speech is understood to mean a lecture, participation in panel discussion and giving practical classes.</p>
	Writing/publishing	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of a study of academic or legal-journalistic character. The study should be published in the form of a book, in an academic journal or in other form. <p>The study should concern subjects defined in the resolution (as described above). The study should be addressed to persons educated in law or the students of law.</p>
	Foreign training activities	✓	- All training activities performed abroad in forms defined in the commented resolution (trainings, speeches, publications) are accepted as fulfilling the obligation of mandatory training.
	Other	✓	- Participation in internal trainings organised by law firms may be accepted as fulfilling the obligation of the mandatory training. For this purpose the President of the District Bar Council must be informed about the training

			place, time and program 14 days in advance. Moreover, participation of the representative of the District Bar Council in the internal training must be allowed.
Methods	Availability of e-methods	✓	- Participation in Internet lectures and other forms of e-learning is accepted.
2.3. Course providers			
	Bar/Law Society	✓	- District Bar Councils - Polish Bar Council
	Accredited provider	✓	- Institutions recommended by the District Bar Councils and the Polish Bar Council
	Other provider (free market providers)	✓	- All institutions that guarantee a sufficient standard of training, i.e.: universities and higher education institutions, public and non-public, other institutions professionally engaged in legal science or research works in legal area, institutions specialized in organizing trainings, seminars and conferences, other self-government organizations of lawyers, lawyers organizations such as IBA, UIA, AIJA, INTA, ICCA, ILA, CCBE, chambers of commerce etc.
3. Assessment of training activities			
	Courses		Trainings organized by the Bar or trainings, seminaries, conferences and lectures organized by institutions other than the Bar, in an extent not lower than 1 hour – 1 point for every full hour. Points are awarded automatically.
	Other training activity		- Preparation and publication of a study of academic or legal-journalistic character in the amount up to 20 pages – 6 points. - Preparation and publication of a study of academic or legal-journalistic character in the amount of over 20 pages – 12 points. - Preparation and delivery of a speech no shorter than 1 hour, addressed to persons educated in law or students of law – 2 points for every full hour. - Preparation and delivery of a speech no shorter than 1 hour, addressed to the persons not educated in law – 1 point for every full hour.
4. Supervision			
4.1. Compliance procedure			
	Regular control		- A lawyer submits a report on fulfilling the duty of mandatory training to the relevant District Bar Council by the end of February each year. Unless the duty has been fulfilled by taking part in activities organized by the District Bar Councils (or by giving a speech the course of such activities), the report should contain documents proving that the performed training actions comply with the requirements.
	Random control		- Internal trainings organized by law firms may be attended by a representative of the District Bar Council.
4.2. Sanctions			
	Non-disciplinary		- N/A
	Disciplinary		- In case of advocate's failure to comply with the obligation to take part in the mandatory training, the District Bar Council may undertake disciplinary measures, including commencement of a disciplinary proceeding.
