

MTA's 2022 *Board of Review Training* announced

Public Act 660 of 2018 requires that every township board of review member (alternates too!) complete training by the end of 2022, regardless your years of experience. MTA can help! Last year we worked with the State Tax Commission (STC) to develop the required training program. The challenge, given COVID-19, was that online training was your only option. We're excited to offer in-person learning options in 2022! If you prefer online learning (or just don't like to travel in February) don't worry, we'll offer live virtual classes, too.

If you took part in MTA's online "Basic Board of Review Training" in 2021 (completing the accompanying quiz and required documentation), you've already received your certification and completed the mandated training for this term. If you did NOT, our 2022 training can help you complete the requirement before the end of your term.

What happens if your board of review members do not complete this training requirement in 2022?

Non-compliance will result in a deficiency in your township's Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR), and a corrective action plan must be submitted to the STC detailing how and when the deficiency will be resolved.

How can your township complete the training mandate and stay in compliance?

Register your board of review members and alternates for MTA's upcoming *Board of Review Training*. These half-day classes are being held both online AND in person at 12 locations across the state. So, you've got options!

If your board chooses to attend in person, MTA is offering two separate, but concurrent sessions at each location to allow participants to choose whether they're ready to attend with "all comers" or whether they'd prefer a more cautious approach with their vaccinated colleagues. Online classes will be offered for those seeking to participate risk free and those who appreciate the convenience of online learning.

Will proof of vaccination be required to attend in person?

No. MTA is relying on the honor system that everyone attending the class designated for vaccinated participants be fully vaccinated or unable to do so for medical reasons. We also recommend that any individuals who are immunocompromised attend this session. We'll make masks and hand sanitizer available in abundance and room setup



will allow some measure of social distancing. Given that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place, MTA will abide by all federal, state and local requirements as well as any facility mandates in place at the time of the event dates.

Will a separate "Advanced" class be offered this year?

Not this year. MTA remains focused on ensuring every township's board of review team meets the statutory training mandate this term. Our 2022 classes will include the state's required training PLUS additional content covering hot topics, anticipated trouble spots and other key issues encountered by boards of review across the state. Assessors seeking renewal credit are invited to join our pre-conference Assessors Renewal Course (being designed now), coming to Lansing on April 25.

When (and how!) will classes be held?

MTA's half-day classes will be held both online AND in person at 12 locations across the state. Dates and locations will be announced soon. Wondering whether we're coming to your backyard? We anticipate in-person classes will be held in Houghton, Escanaba, St. Ignace, Gaylord, Alpena, Cadillac, Mt. Pleasant, West Branch, Frankenmuth, Lansing, Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo

When can we sign up for MTA's *Board of Review Training*?

Registration materials will be mailed to township supervisors and assessors this month!