

State Tax Commission Assessor Education Programs – March 2016 Update

On December 16, 2015, the State Tax Commission approved significant changes to the assessor education and certification process. The following is an update on the progress of the new education programs and course offerings.

Michigan Certified Assessing Technician (MCAT) Program:

The MCAT Program may be offered by approved organizations in a three day format with an exam offered on the last day. The *MCAT Organization Program Packet* was published to the STC website on February 11, 2016. Organizations are required to fully complete and submit the Packet to the STC for approval not less than 60 days prior to the course offering. If approved, the organization may offer the MCAT course and exam. The MCAT program material is finalized and ready for immediate offering.

Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MCAO) STC Program (Path 1):

The first six month MCAO Program will begin in July 2016 and will be offered in Lansing and Marquette Township. Applications will be accepted from April 1 to May 1, 2016. The next MCAO Program will be offered in January 2017 in the same locations with applications being accepted from October 1 through November 1, 2016.

Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MCAO) Self-Study Program (Path 2):

The MCAO Self-Study Program application was published to the STC website on January 4, 2016. Individuals complete and submit the application to the STC for review. Course material is provided to the applicant electronically. The MCAO Comprehensive Exam is offered in Lansing and Marquette Township in January, April, July and October. The first exam is scheduled for April 29, 2016.

Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer (MAAO) STC Program (Path 1):

The first twelve month MAAO Program will begin in April 2016 and will be offered in Lansing. The application period for this program has closed. The next MAAO Program will be offered in October 2016 and applications will be accepted from August 1 through September 1, 2016.

Michigan Advanced Assessing Officer (MAAO) Self-Paced Courses (Path 2):

The *MAAO Organization Program Packet* was published to the STC website on February 11, 2016. Organizations are required to fully complete and submit the Packet to the STC for review not less than 60 days before the course offering. If approved, the organization may offer the STC MAAO course and exam. The MAAO course material is finalized and ready for organizations to begin offering the STC approved educational courses on April 1, 2016.

Michigan Master Assessing Officer (MMAO) STC Program (Path 1):

The first twelve month MMAO Program will begin in October 2016 and will be offered in Lansing. Applications for this program will be accepted from August 1 through September 1, 2016.

Michigan Master Assessing Officer (MMAO) Self-Paced Courses (Path 2):

The *MMAO Organization Program Packet* is expected to be published to the STC website in August 2016. Organizations are required to fully complete and submit the Packet to the STC for review not less than 60 days before the course offering. If approved, the organization may offer the STC MMAO course and exam. The MMAO course material will be finalized and ready for organizations to begin offering the STC approved educational courses on October 1, 2016.

Additional information regarding State Tax Commission assessor education programs, applications and courses is available at www.michigan.gov/statetaxcommission under the *Education & Certification* heading. Questions regarding assessor education may be directed to Nancy Armstrong at armstrongn@michigan.gov or (517) 241-4890.