

Handout 3 - IME Certification and Training by State

California

Prior to becoming a Qualified Medical Examiner (QME) a physician must pass the QME competency exam as well as take a 12-hour course about writing medical legal reports. To maintain their status, a QME must show proof of attending 12 hours of combined education every two years. The state provides a list of QME continuing education courses and the organizations that provide them.

Colorado

The following certification and testing only applies to physicians who perform Division Independent Medical Exams (DIMEs) – exams specifically for determination of permanent impairment and MMI. These physicians must have Level II Accreditation through the state. This requires attending a seminar and passing a subsequent test (on top of already having Level I Accreditation). Providers must re-accredit every three years.

Oklahoma

No specific information was given in response to the IAIABC survey, no additional information could be found.

Oregon

Providers must complete a director-approved training and be placed on director’s list of authorized IME providers (via response to IAIABC survey – no additional information could be found).

Tennessee

Certification and training are only required for IME providers that are part of the Medical Impairment Rating Registry Program (MIRR) – those who make determinations on the degree of medical impairment. No specific information could be found on specific CME courses.

Texas

A two-day training course is required for certification. The course must be taken every two years to maintain certification.

Washington

Providers must pass the Medical Examiners’ Handbook test as well as be Board certified. All examiners must meet the continuing education requirement for their respective state licensure –

	Doctors licensed to practice:				
	Medicine & surgery	Osteopathic Medicine & surgery	Podiatric Medicine & surgery	Chiropractic	Dentistry
Required continuing education hours:	50 hours per year or 200 hours in 4 years	50 hours per year or 150 hours in 3 years	25 hours per year or 50 hours every 2 years	25 hours per year	21 hours per year