

How to Become a QME

- **Q. How do I become a QME? How do I register for the test?**
- **A.** To become a QME, you must meet the requirements that are listed in Labor Code section [139.2](#). If you meet these requirements, you should submit a completed application form to the Division of Workers' Compensation Medical Unit. You also must submit a test registration form. Prior to becoming a QME you have to pass the QME competency exam. **Tests are scheduled twice a year in April and Oct.** Upon passing the test and paying the QME annual fee, you will be a certified QME. (Labor Code § [139.2\(b\)\(n\)](#), 8 CCR § [10](#)). Prior to appointment as a QME, a physician is **required to take a 12-hour course about writing medical legal reports.** (8 CCR § 11.5)
- **Q. What is the deadline for submitting my application and registration form?**
- **A.** A properly completed application for appointment and an exam registration form must be received, or postmarked, **45 calendar days prior to the date of the exam.** (8 CCR § [11\(f\)\(4\)](#))

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- **Q. Is there a fee to take the QME exam?**
- **A. Yes. There is a \$125 fee to take or retake the exam. (8 CCR § 11 (f) (2))**



- **Q. What is the annual fee to be a QME?**
- **A. The annual fee is \$250 if you performed 25 or more comprehensive medical-legal evaluations in the year prior to assessment of the fee.**
- **If you performed 11-24 examinations, the annual fee is \$125.**
- **If you performed 0-10, the fee is \$110.**
- **This fee is for one office location.**
- **If you wish to have additional locations, the fee is \$100 for each additional location. (Labor Code § 139.2 (n), 8 CCR § 17)**

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- https://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/medicalunit/QME_page.html

Becoming a qualified medical examiner:





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Study Guides:

- [Competency examination study guide](#) 
- [Competency examination booklet](#) 
- [Competency examination for acupuncturists](#) 
- [Physician guide](#)  - As a result of 2003 and 2004 legislative changes and 2009 regulatory changes, some portions of this Physician's Guide may be inconsistent with current law. Therefore, it must not be considered authoritative, and should only be consulted as an historical document.

QME competency examination results:

- [Oct. 17, 2015 Exam](#) 
- [April 25, 2015 Exam](#) 

[Online QME Form 106 Panel Request](#)

For injuries on or after 1/1/05, online only as of Oct. 1, 2015.

[QME EXAM](#)

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