



MTA Red Book Ready Course Catalog 2026

(updated as new courses become available)

MTA's **Red Book Ready** (RBR) program offers courses that take you deeper into key topics covered in our signature publication *Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Townships*—a.k.a., the “little red book.” Below are the current and upcoming offerings for which you can earn full Chapter credit (1 credit each) or Elective credit (1 credit each). *Note that 2 in-person Electives are required.*

Whether in-person, live online, or on-demand in our **Online Learning Center** (OLC), RBR courses are catered for *you*. **1 course = 1 credit = 1 completed chapter!** Enrollment is **free**, and *all* past RBR courses you've taken—whether in-person or online—qualify retroactively. Scan the QR code at right for more info or [click here](#) to register for upcoming webinars and events.



Need to submit a credit request for RBR courses completed in the **OLC** or at MTA's Annual Conference? You can do it all digitally via https://linktr.ee/MTA_RedBookReady.

Lunchtime Webinars (60 minutes each; live online; recorded for the **OLC**):

- Jan. 21: ***P&Z: NIMBY is Not an Option, Now What?*** Ch.15: Land Use
- April 8: ***What Your Township Needs to Know about Franchises*** Ch. 14: Franchises
- May 13: ***Dig Up Your Township's Cemetery Ordinance*** Ch. 16: Other Statutory Authority
- June 10: ***Meeting Misconceptions*** Ch. 6: Meetings
- Aug. 12: ***Sticky Situations: Ethics in Everyday Decisions*** Ch. 5: Holding Township Board Office
- Oct. 14: ***Taxation Trouble Spots*** Ch. 11: Tax Collecting
- Nov. 18: ***Drawing the Lines: Inside the Land Division Act*** Ch. 15 Land Use

Workshops (varying times; in person or live online; select courses also recorded for the **OLC**):

- Jan. 13: ***Winter Academy – At Your Service: Meeting Township Needs*** (6 hours)
Ch. 7: Revenue Sources
- Feb., multiple: ***Board of Review Training*** (4 hours; in person or live online; **not** available in the **OLC**)
Ch. 10: Assessing & the Board of Review
- Feb., multiple: ***Advanced Board of Review Training*** (4 hours; in person or live online; **OLC**) Ch. 10:
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- May, multiple: ***P&Z Primer*** (3 hours) Chapter 15: Land Use
- June, multiple: ***Election Ready: The Township Toolkit*** (4 hours; in person or live online)
Ch 12: Elections

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Annual Conference & Expo, April 20-22 - [Click here](#) to submit credit requests for courses you attended.

- April 20 (Pre-Conference): **Mapping the Money: Strengthening & Streamlining Financial Oversight** (6 hours) **Ch. 8: Accounting, Budget & Lawful Expenditures**
- April 20 (Pre-Conference): **Defining Your Township's Land Use Future** (7 hours) **Ch. 15: Land Use**
- April 20 (Pre-Conference): **Understanding Assessing Basics** (7.5 hours)
Ch. 10 Assessing & the Board of Review
- April 21: **Structural Integrity: Best Practices in Assessment** (1.25 hours)
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- April 21: **The Power of Partnership: Driving Local Growth** (1.25 hours; also recorded for the **OLC**)
Ch. 3 Interacting with Other Governments
- April 22: **Budget Like a Pro: Practical Tips and Tools** (1.25 hours)
Ch. 8: Accounting, Budgeting & Lawful Expenditures
- April 22: **FOIA in the Digital Age** (1.25 hours; also recorded for the **OLC**) **Ch. 9: Public Records**
- April 22: **Sharing the Pipes: A Neighborly Look at Regional Infrastructure** (1.25 hours)
Ch. 3: Interacting with Other Governments
- April 22: **Behind Closed Doors: What Your Board Needs to Know About the Evolving OMA**
(1.25 hours) **Ch. 6: Meetings**
- April 22: **Elections Update** (1.25 hours) **Ch. 12: Elections**

Stay tuned for details about these upcoming workshops:

- August, multiple: **Hot Topics in P&Z** (3 hours) **Ch. 15: Land Use**
- This Fall, multiple: **Regional Meetings / UP North Summit** **1 Elective credit each**
- Dates TBA, multiple: **Treasurer's Guide to Tax Collecting** (6 hours; also currently available in the **OLC**) **Ch. 11: Tax Collecting**
- Dates TBA, multiple: **New Officials Training (Midterm)** (6 hours; also currently available in the **OLC**)
Chapters 1, 2, 4, & 5
- December Winter Academy: **Fundamentals of Assessing & Taxation** (6 hours; also currently available in the **OLC**) **Ch. 10: Assessing & the Board of Review**