

Nov. 26, 2025

STC updates: MCAT course, updated bulletins & Assessors Manuals

January MCAT course: Applications are now being accepted by the State Tax Commission (STC) for the January 2026 [Michigan Certified Assessing Technician \(MCAT\) program](#), to be held Jan. 15-16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in **Gaines Charter Township** (Kent Co.). The exam will be on Jan. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the same location. Completed [applications](#) must be received by the STC by Dec. 26 to be considered. Email GastW@michigan.gov with questions.



STC bulletin and manual updates: The STC recently approved the following bulletins and manuals:

- [Bulletin 10 of 2025—2026 Property Tax Appeal Procedures:](#) Corrects error found in dates of appeal rights for qualified agricultural property exemption.
- [Bulletin 13 of 2025—Interest Rates on Michigan Tax Tribunal Judgments](#)
- [Bulletin 14 of 2025—Inflation Rate Multiplier for 2026:](#) For the 2026 capped value formula, inflation rate multiplier to be used is 1.027.
- [Bulletin 15 of 2025—Procedural Changes for 2026 Assessment Year](#)
- [Bulletin 16 of 2025—Boards of Review:](#) This bulletin contains information boards of review need to be aware of for the 2026 assessment year.
- [Bulletin 17 of 2025—Poverty Exemption:](#) Includes updates reflecting recent changes to Form 5737, *Poverty Exemption Application*, which now incorporates former Form 5739 (*Affirmation of Ownership and Occupancy to Remain Exempt by Reason of Poverty*) and has been retitled *Poverty Exemption Application and Affirmation*, as well as elimination of extension for poverty applications, which is no longer permitted by statute.
- Revised [2025 Assessor's Manuals Volume I and II:](#) Revisions to manuals approved earlier this year to more closely align with rates generated by Marshall & Swift's API used by computer-assisted mass appraisal software vendors.

Treasury issues revised Numbered Letters

The Michigan Department of Treasury guides local governments on accounting and auditing through [Numbered Letters](#). To keep this information relevant, documents are being updated and removed from 1993 to present with the goal of refreshing 20% of these publications annually. Four updated Numbered Letters were recently issued, and five outdated Numbered Letters were



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removed. The updated Numbered Letters are:

- [2004-1](#) Local Corrections Officers Training Fund—Public Act 124 of 2003
- [2004-6](#) Revised Fee Court Transmittal Form 57 Child Support Bench Warrant Enforcement Fund
- [2005-1](#) Sex Offender Registration Fee Collection
- [2009-1](#) Unclaimed Property Act

The removed Numbered Letters are 2004-7 Property Tax Levy-County Tax, 2005-3 ListServ Subscription, 2005-6 and 2008-1 Mileage-Service of Process, and 2008-4 Filing Requirements for the Audit Report and the Auditing Procedures Report. Questions or comments can be directed to (517) 335-7469, LAFD_Audits@michigan.gov, or mailed to Local Audit and Finance Division, Michigan Department of Treasury, P.O. Box 30728, Lansing, MI 48909-8228.



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Remediation form updates

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, many retooled forms required by the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Remediation and Redevelopment Division will be exclusively available online through the [Remediation Information Data Exchange \(RIDE\)](#). The affected programs are Part 201 (Environmental Remediation) and Part 213 (Leaking Underground Storage Tanks). Submittals sent by mail, email or other methods without the required electronic RIDE form may no longer meet regulatory requirements. Local leaders are encouraged to review RIDE [guidance pages](#) to understand form requirements and prepare for the transition.

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Every day, dedicated public servants are shaping the future of Michigan townships through innovation, dedication and visionary leadership—paving the way for progress and positive change for their residents and their communities. Is there an elected official in your township who is leading the **“Pathway to the Future”**? **Nominate them for the “Spirit of MTA” award!** We'll honor the award recipient (or recipients!) at [our Annual Educational Conference & Expo](#) in April 2026. Our Annual Conference theme of **“Pathway to the Future”** signifies townships' essential role in leading communities and our state to success, and nominations should highlight how the nominee's public service reflects these efforts. To nominate a deserving leader in your township, complete [the brief online nomination](#)



[form](#), sharing how this individual inspires you. No board action is needed.



MTA's December webinar features a year-end legislative wrap-up

As the Legislature enters its final days of the 2025 session, MTA's government relations team is ready to break down the latest legislative action. You won't want to miss our next live *Now You Know* webinar, held **Dec. 17 at noon**. Join us for *2025 Legislative Wrap-up*, an inside look at the issues—both resolved and those still in progress—including revenue sharing, public safety revenue sharing grants, election changes, tax issues, road funding and more! We'll also review key topics expected to be addressed next year. [Register online now](#). Can't attend live? We'll record it so you can watch whenever and wherever it's convenient for you.

Federal updates for week of Nov. 24

Check out the National Association of Towns and Townships [Weekly Legislative Update](#) for the latest on federal actions impacting townships.

MTA offices closed for Thanksgiving

MTA offices will be closed beginning Wednesday, Nov. 26 at noon through Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 1. MTA wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



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