

MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION

# BROKERS STEP BY STEP GUIDE 24-25



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This document provides Brokers who are seeking authorization with Maryland Health Benefit Exchange a step by step guide for accessing The MHBE Portal for CAW Registration & Application to complete the required training for the 2024-2025 plan year. Follow these instructions in order to fulfill your training obligations and ensure that you are able to assist your clients with their enrollments.

#### Major Training Milestones for the 2024-2025 Open Enrollment Period

Accessing the required training for Brokers seeking authorization can be described in three major steps:

- 1. Create a The MHBE Portal for CAW Registration & Application and Complete Broker Application specific to your broker role.
- 2. Once your application has been approved; you will have access to your training applicable to your broker role.
- 3. Complete the required online training for OE 2024-2025 (See Chart below). Required training must be completed within 45 days once your application is approved.

#### OE 2024-2025 Training Requirement Chart

Open Enrollment Training Requirement Chart (X=Required)								
Course	New Broker: Individual & Small Biz	New Broker: Individual Only	New Broker: Small Biz Only	Returning Broker: Individual & Small Biz	Returning Broker: Individual Only	Returning Broker: Small Biz Only		
2024 Pre-Authorization Training Curriculum	Х	Х	Х	n/a	n/a	n/a		
2024 Annual Training Curriculum	n/a	n/a	n/a	×	Х	×		
Consumer Portal System Learning Resources	Х	Х	Х	optional	optional	optional		





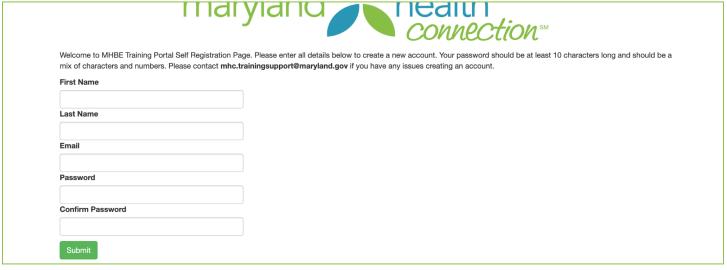
#### **Account Creation**

**1.** Go to https://mhbe.force.com/training/CustomCommunityLogin Click on the Register link.

**Note:** If you already have a MHBE Portal for CAW Registration & Application Account, skip to page 7

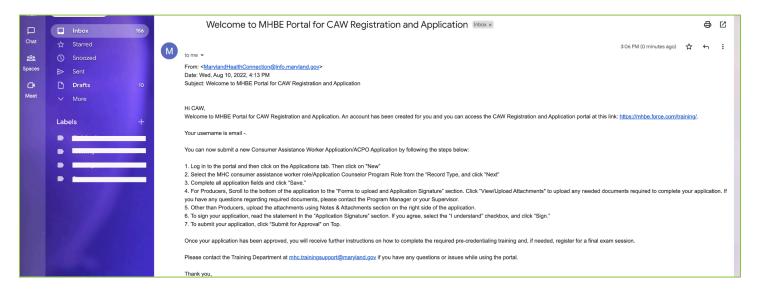


2. Complete the registration form by entering your First Name, Last Name, Email, and create a password. Passwords should be at least 10 characters long and a mix of characters and numbers. Click the Submit button.

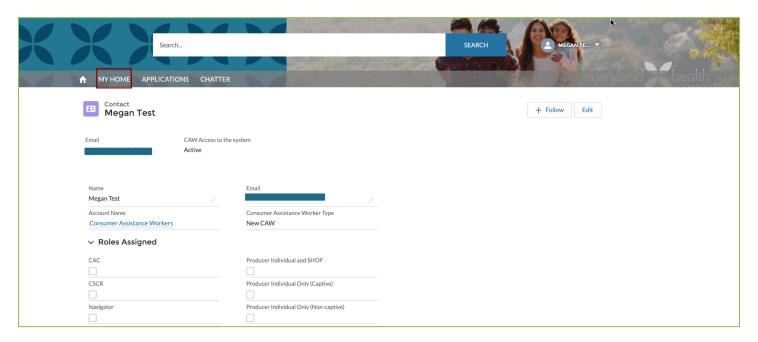


3. You will receive a confirmation email with the subject "Welcome to the MHBE Portal for CAW Registration & Application." The email contains the MHBE Training Portal link: <a href="https://mhbe.force.com/training/CustomCommunityLogin">https://mhbe.force.com/training/CustomCommunityLogin</a> so that you can complete and submit an application.

Click on the link provided in the confirmation email and enter the login credentials you created during registration.

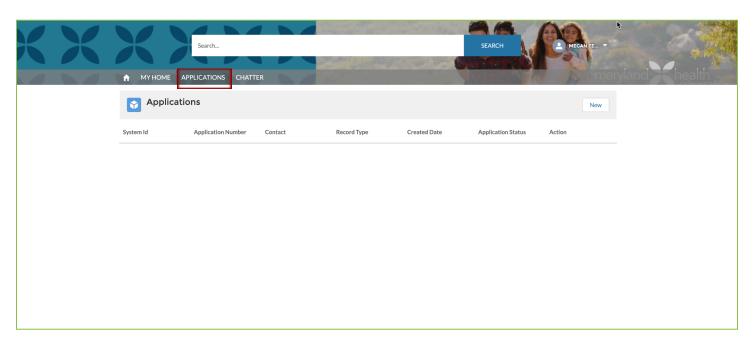


**4.** Click on the **Home Tab**. This shows an overview of the information you entered when creating an account as well as any CAW roles that were approved and assigned to your account.

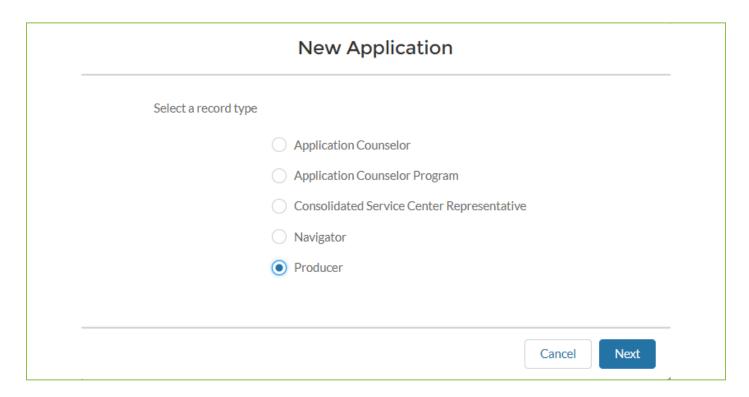


# **Application**

Click on the Applications tab.
 Click on the Create New Application button.



2. Select "Producer" from the options and click Next.



#### 3. Enter requested information into the application fields:

- Company/Agency Name this is visible to consumers
- Company Agency Website this is visible to consumers
- Languages spoken other than English this is visible to consumers
- Assistance Offered Email
- Assistance Offered in Person
- Assistance Offered Phone
- National Producer Number ensure this number matches your license
- Maryland Insurance License Number ensure this number matches your license
- Authorization for Individual Exchange?
- Seeking Authorization for Small Business?
- Visible to consumers Individual?
- Visible to consumers Small Biz?
- Are you a Captive Producer? this is only if you work directly with one carrier
- What Connector Entity Region do you work? (What region do you primarily work with?)
  - this is used by Connector Entities to refer consumers to brokers

#### **Enter your Address Information:**

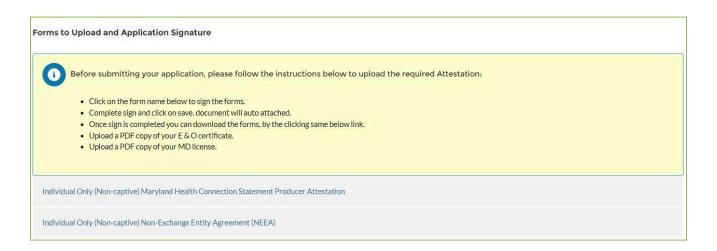
- Please be sure to choose the correct state if you do not reside in MD.
- If your Mailing address is not the same as your business address, type your address in the Mailing Address fields.
- If your Mailing address is the same as your business address, check the box.

#### **Enter your Contact Information:**

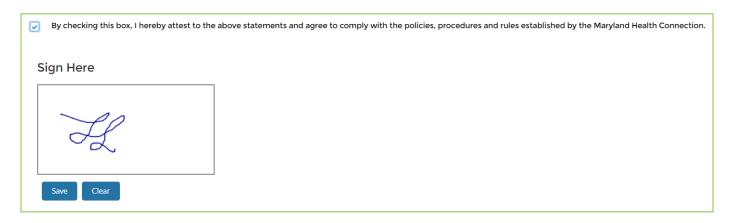
- Work Phone this will appear on the website
- If you will be using a different phone number for MFA, type the cell phone number in the
- MFA Cell Phone field
- If you are using your work cell phone for MFA, check the box
- Business Email this will appear on the website
- If you will be using a different email address for MFA, type the email address in the MFA Email Address field
- If you are using your business email address for MFA, check the box

**4.** Please review the entire application. If you are not ready to submit the application, you will be able to log out and come back to edit any information before submitting for approval.

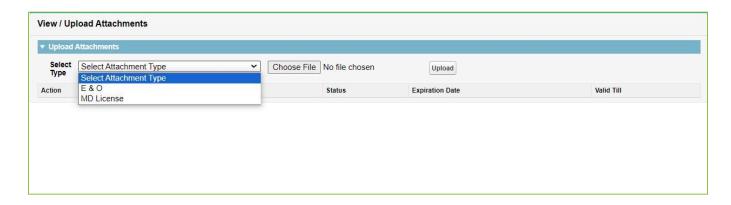
Brokers will need to open the Attestation and the Non-Exchange Entity Agreement (NEEA) documents to electronically sign the forms:



5. Within the Attestation and NEEA documents, check the box, sign the document, and select "Save"



**6.** Brokers will need to upload a copy of their Errors & Omissions (E&O) and their Maryland broker license.



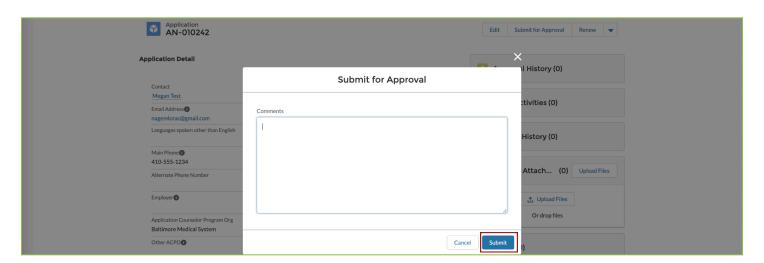
- To upload the required documents:
  - Choose the file type from the drop down
- Please note, the file must be a PDF
- Select "Choose File" to open a new window to select your document
- Select "Upload" to upload your document
- Please note, you can only upload one document at a time
- **7.** Once your application is ready for submission with all requested supporting documentation, you must complete an Application Signature. Please read, click the check box next to "I understand", and click the **Sign** button.



8. Once you have done this, you will see a notification that your application is ready to submit.



9. Submit the application for approval by clicking **Submit for Approval**. This button is located at the top right of your application. A small window will appear. Add any comments, and then click **Submit**.

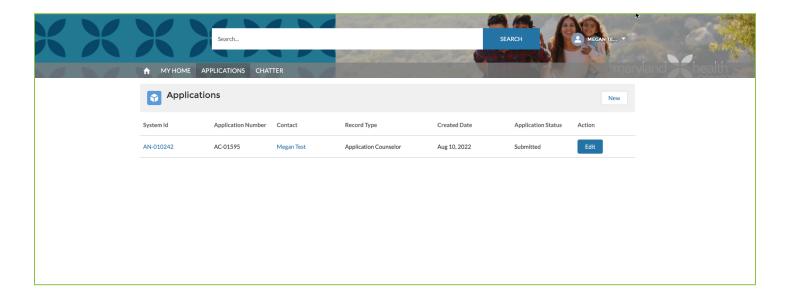


### After Application Submission

1. After you have submitted your application, it will appear in your applications tab as "submitted." Your application will be reviewed within 3-5 business days and you will receive a confirmation email regarding the approval of your application.

Once the application is approved, you should look for a communication from MHC Training Support Team inviting you to create an account and login. You will receive this email within 24 hours after receiving application approval. Brokers should also expect an email from their Program Manager.

Note: You will not be granted access to training with the LMS without an approved application.





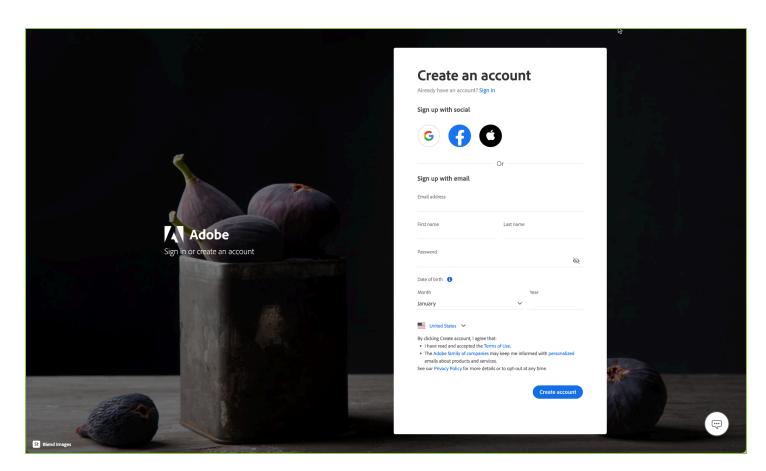
# Adobe Learning Manager

#### **Account Creation**

1. Adobe accounts that have been created with your work email (IE, maryland.gov or other official email domains) are acceptable to use for your training profile.

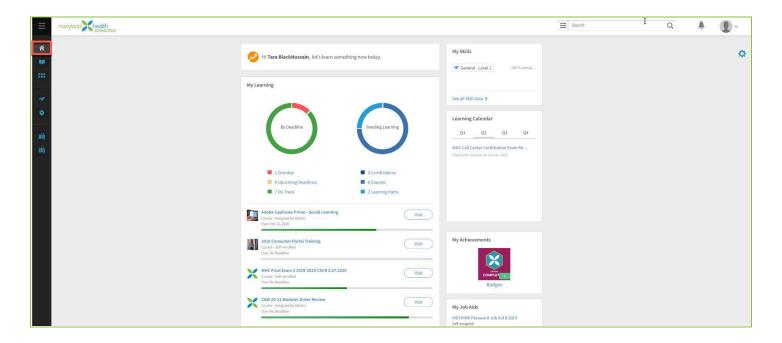
In addition, please make note as you create your account that your password must:

- Include at least one number or symbol
- Include both upper and lower case Latin characters
- Be at least 8 characters long

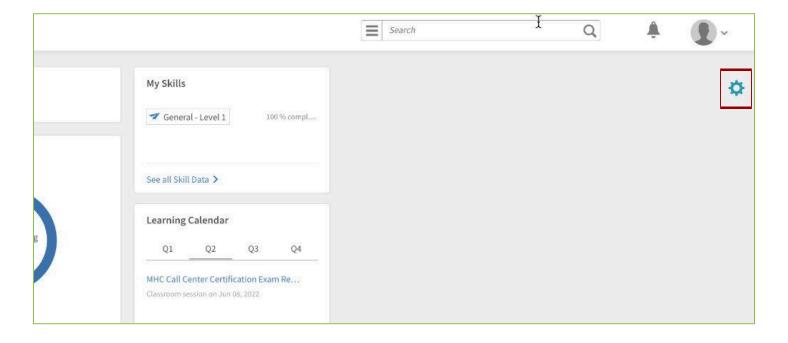


## Navigating the Learner Dashboard

1. Upon opening Adobe Learning Manager, you will see your dashboard.

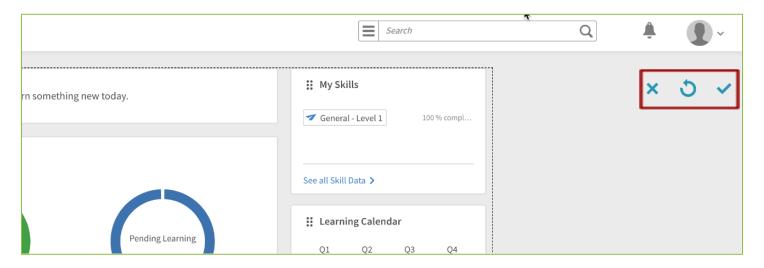


2. The Dashboard helps you organize your training. It can be customized by clicking the gear button in the upper right corner.



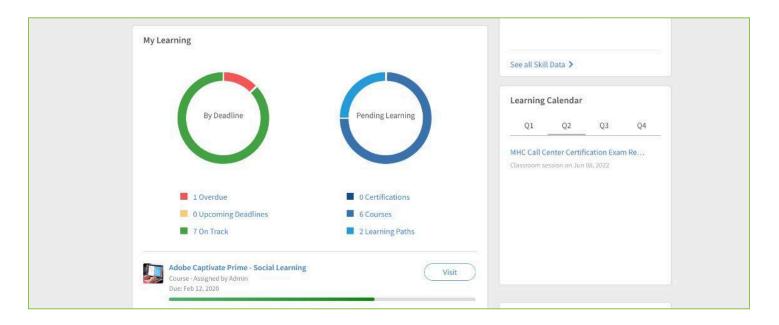
3. When you click on the gear button, a dotted line will appear around your profile. Once it does, you can drag and drop the "widgets" (pieces of your profile) around within that space to organize them the way you prefer.

You may return to the top right of your screen to save your changes, reset your dashboard toits prior layout, or cancel the changes you have made.

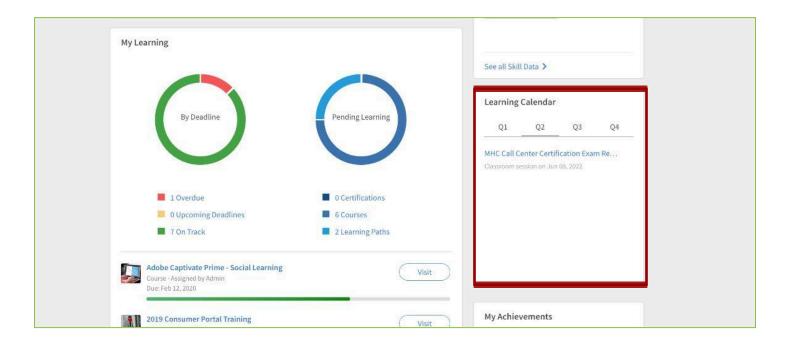


4. The "By Deadline" donut on your screen lets you know about training that's overdue (in red) or nearing a deadline (in yellow). The "Pending Learning" donut on your screen uses shades of blue to let you know about courses and learning programs that have been assigned to you.

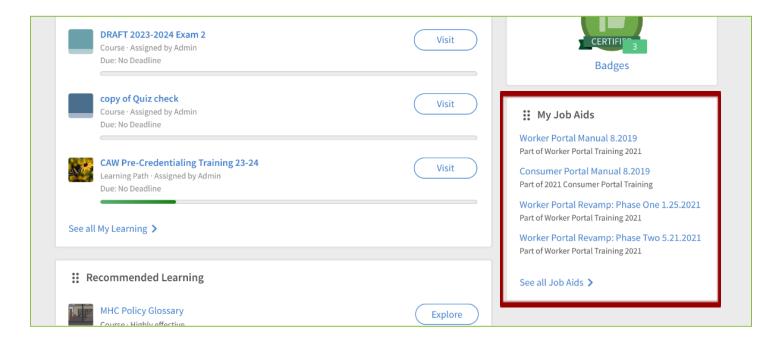
You can launch any of those trainings from the list directly below the donuts. Note that this area contains only training that you are ALREADY enrolled in. If you want to find any other training or job aids available to you, you will use the catalog tab to enroll in training courses and view job aids. You will also find a recommended learning box below the list of assigned training.



**5.** To the right of the donuts, you will find a calendar of your learning assignments. It is divided by quarters.



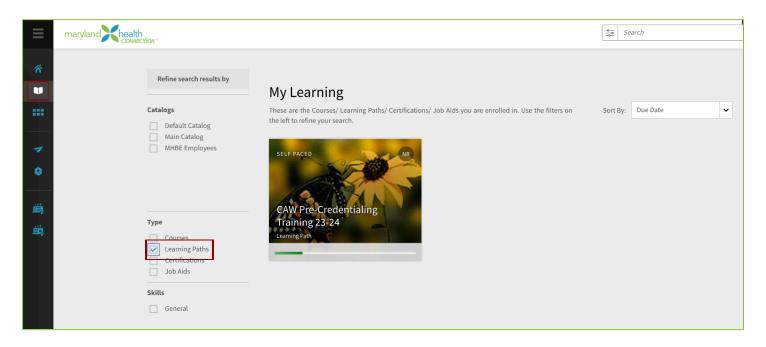
**6.** Beneath your calendar and across from your recommended training list, you will see the Job Aids widget. This is where you will find any job aids assigned to you.



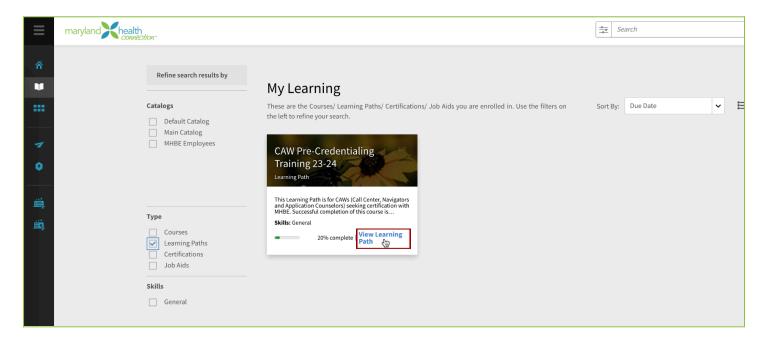
### Enrolling in the Learning Path

1. If you are a new CAW seeking a certification with MHBE, you will have to enroll in the CAW Pre-Credentialing Training Learning Path.

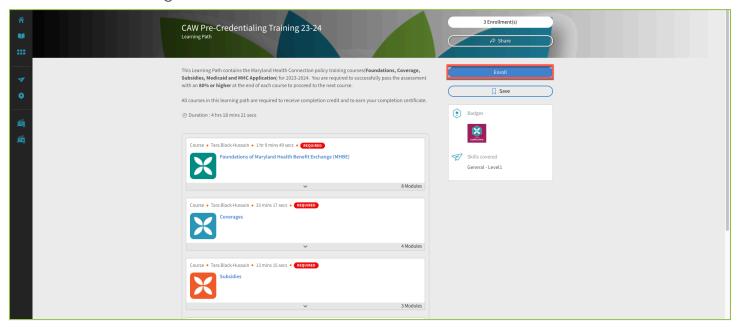
On the left pane, click on your Catalog tab. Under "Type", click the check-box listed as Learning Path.



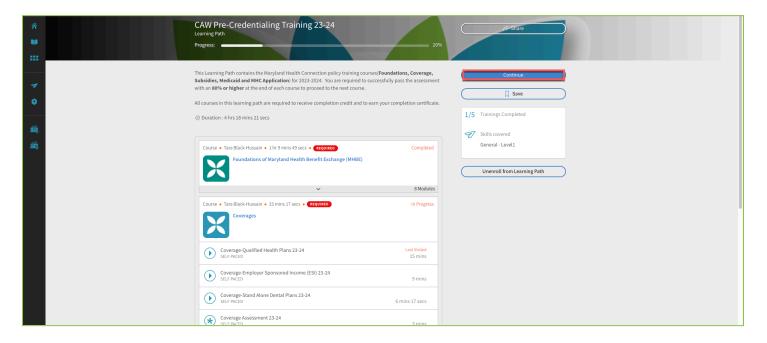
2. Hover the mouse to the lower right corner of your learning program and click **View Learning** Path.



3. To enroll in the program, under the caw pre-credentialing training, click the blue "enroll" button to start the training modules.



**4.** If you need to resume your training another time or day. Go back to the caw pre-credentialing training learning path and click the blue "continue" to pick up where you left off.

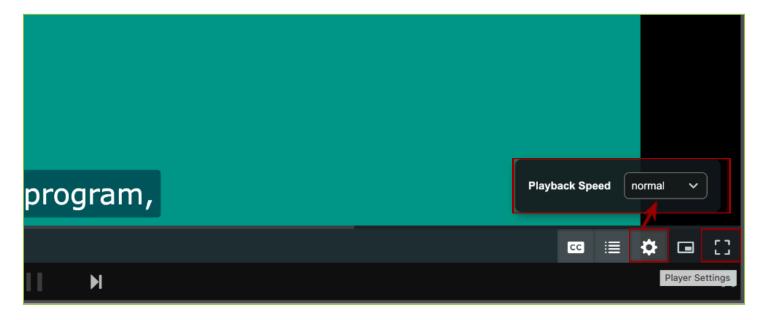


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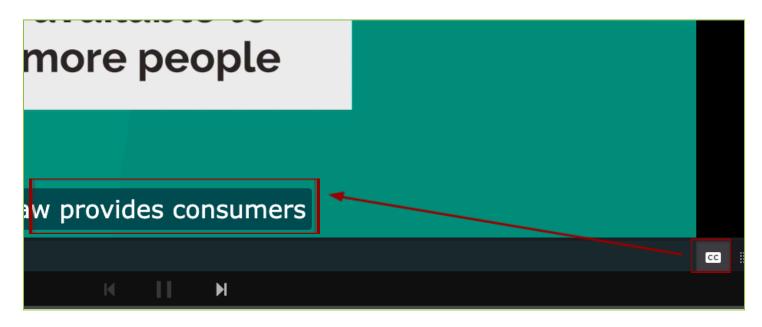
1. Once you start a course, it will appear in the player. This player adapts to fit different types of content and will automatically guide you through all elements of your courses.



2. At the bottom right corner of the player, you will have the option to open the Player Settings gear to control the Player Speed, or the Full Screen button to expand the screen view.



**3.** Captions will be inactive by default. To turn on closed captions, use the Closed Captions icon in the bottom right of the player.



**4.** During your course, there will be quizzes throughout. Below is an example of the Foundations Quiz. Select "Start" to begin the quiz.

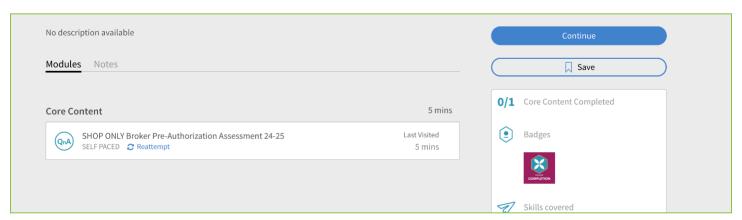


**5.** After taking the quiz, your score will be displayed. Use the forward or X icon to close or move on with the course.



**6.** If you fail the quiz, you must close the screen and select "Reattempt" to try again. You must pass the quiz to continue.

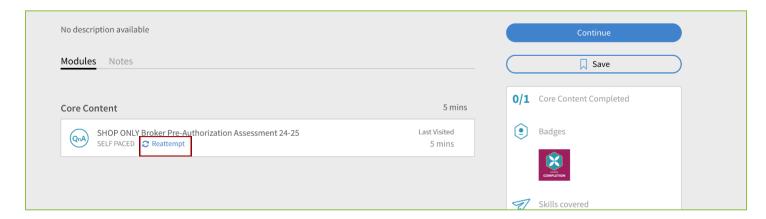




#### Broker Pre-Authorization Assessment

To finish training, brokers must successfully complete the Broker Pre-Authorization Assessment within their learning path.

- "Individual Only" and "Individual + Small Business": Must correctly answer four out of five questions
- "Small Business Only": Must correctly answer two out of two questions
- This assessment can be taken an unlimited number of times
- After an unsuccessful attempt, the quiz window must be closed and the broker must select "Reattempt" to try again.

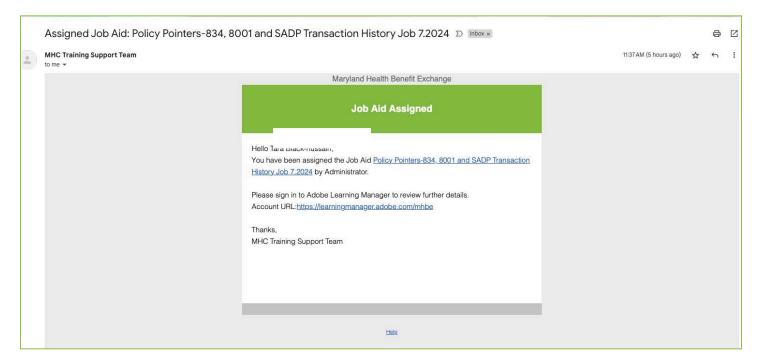


#### Job Aids

The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange will be assigning:

- Policy pointers
- Manuals
- Guides
- System updates
- Job aids

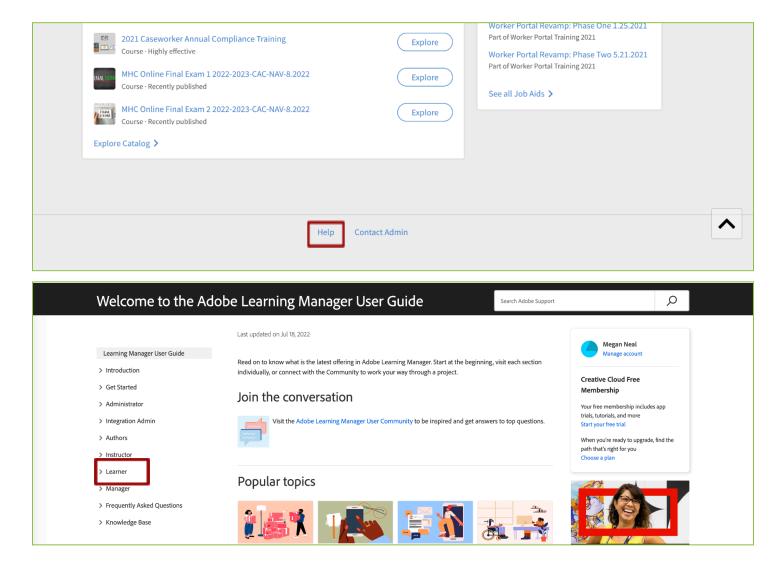
All of these documents will be added to the Job Aids section in ALM and assigned as they become available. They are not required training courses but are important documents as they may pertain to your role with Maryland Health Connection.



#### Help Features

If you need help with any adobe function, clicking Help in the footer (down at the bottom) of the Learner Dashboard will route them to the ALM User Guide. This guide has helpful information on many aspects or the ALM experience, and can help you with many of your questions and concerns.

Choose Learner from the menu on the left side of the screen once you have arrived at the ALM User Guide to find more information.



SHOULD YOU EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTIES, ERRORS, OR OTHER ISSUES IN ANY STEP OF THIS TRAINING PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR MHBE TRAINING TEAM VIA EMAIL AT MHC.TRAININGSUPPORT@MARYLAND.GOV



Congratulations! You have now completed your required training!

<u>If you are a returning broker</u>: You should now be prepared to help your clients during the upcoming enrollment period.

<u>If you are a new broker</u>: If you have completed all of the requirements, you should expect to receive your authorization letter & Broker Portal credentials (unless Small Biz only) from us within a week.

If you have not received your authorization letter & Broker Portal credentials from us *after a week* of completing all of the authorization requirements, please email us at <a href="mailto:mhbe.producers@maryland.gov">mhbe.producers@maryland.gov</a>.

DO NOT TRY TO CREATE YOUR OWN BROKER PORTAL ACCOUNT. This will cause issues with the creation of your Broker Portal.

Once you receive your emails from us, you should be all set to help your clients during the upcoming enrollment period.