

ECF Attorneys:

Effective December 1, 2013, an amendment to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(b)(7) will permit an approved personal financial management course provider to notify the court directly that a debtor has completed a postpetition instructional course concerning personal financial management. Approved providers may apply for a log-in to the ECF system for the limited purpose of filing the certificate of completion of the financial management course.

Unless the course provider has notified the court through an ECF filing that the debtor has completed the financial management course (see sample docket entry below), *debtor's counsel will remain responsible for ensuring that Official Form 23 is timely filed and the debtor's case is not closed without a discharge.* Counsel who need additional time to file Official Form 23 or who need additional time for a client to complete the financial management course should file a motion for an extension of time to avoid having a case closed without a discharge. A motion to reopen a closed case requires payment of a filing fee of \$260.00 (chapter 7) or \$235.00 (chapter 13). Debtor's counsel who fail to timely file Official Form 23 or move for an extension of time may be held personally responsible for the filing fee to reopen a case that is closed without a discharge.

10/30/2013	<a href="#">41</a> (1 pg)	Personal Financial Management Course Certificate for Debtor Filed by (Garza, Sylvia pty) (Entered: 10/30/2013)
11/15/2013	<a href="#">42</a> (1 pg)	Personal Financial Management Course Certificate for Joint Debtor Filed by (Garza, Sylvia pty) (Entered: 11/15/2013)

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Northern District of Ohio