

20:38:35:01. Continuing professional development required for license renewal.

Unless exempted, all individual licensees are required to obtain a minimum of 30 Professional Development Hours (PDH) during the biennium preceding license renewal. PDH credit must be obtained in a qualifying professional development activity, including courses or activities with clear purposes and objective which maintain, improve, or expand the licensee's skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's field of practice.

Of the required 30 PDH, a minimum of 20 PDH must be in technical subjects that lead to further professional development in the licensee's field of practice. Technical subjects include design; environmental analysis; programming and planning; structural systems; lateral forces; mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and acoustical systems; construction methods; construction observation; site and soils analyses and design; accessibility; building codes; selection of building materials; and land survey.

Of the required 30 PDH, a maximum of 10 PDH may be in professional management subjects such as total quality management, professional business practice, or ethics.

If the 30 PDH minimum is exceeded in any biennium, up to 15 hours in excess of the 30 minimum hours may be carried forward and credited toward the requirement for the next biennium.

By submitting an application for license renewal, the licensee certifies, under penalty of perjury, that all information submitted by the licensee in the application, including continuing professional development information, is true and correct.

If notified by the board of an audit, a licensee must supply sufficient additional information to permit verification that the continuing professional development requirement has been met.

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