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Notice of Proposed Changes to Continuing Education Requirements in The Regulations of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 36.510. Continuing education requirements

- To simplify the continuing education (CE) regulations and allows for more flexibility with regards to what activities will be allowed to count for CEs.
- Allows for more activities to count as a professional development hour for registrants.
- Allows more options for allowable CE activities.

12 AAC 36.520. Computation of continuing education credit

- To clarify the computation of continuing education credits.
- Adds in the computation of credits for the new allowable activities.
- Allows for more activities to count as a professional development hour for registrants.
- Allows more options for allowable CE activities and clarifies the computation of those activities.

12 AAC 36.530. Exemptions

- To add an exemption for those registrants that have practiced in an NCARB, CLARB or NCEES recognized jurisdiction for 30 or more years.
- Recognize those that have been practicing for 30 or more years and allow them to only have to complete eight hours of continuing education per biennial licensing period.

12 AAC 36.540. Record keeping and review of records

- To simplify and clarify the documentation that has to be submitted if a registrant is randomly selected for the CE audit.
- Identifies what records or proof of compliance the registrants need to have of their CE hours to submit.

12 AAC 36.550. Definitions

• Clarify and update existing definitions and add definitions for new terms used in continuing education regulations.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There are no known costs to implement these changes.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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