

21 NCAC 57A .0204 CONTINUING EDUCATION

(a) All registered trainees, real estate appraiser licensees, and certificate holders shall, upon the renewal of their registration, license, or certificate in every odd-numbered year, have obtained continuing education, as required by this Rule. Trainees and appraisers who initially registered with the Board after January 1 of an odd-numbered year are not required to obtain continuing education for renewal of their registration in that odd-numbered year.

(b) Each trainee, licensee, and certificate holder who is required to obtain continuing education pursuant to Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall complete 28 hours of continuing education before June 1 of every odd-numbered year. Specific topics required as part of the 28 hours of continuing education are outlined in Paragraph (d) of this Rule. Except as provided in Paragraphs (g) and (h) of this Rule, such education shall have been obtained by taking courses approved by the Board for continuing education credit, at schools approved by the Board to offer such courses, as set forth in 21 NCAC 57B .0603. Such education shall relate to real estate appraisers maintaining and increasing their skill, knowledge, and competency in real property appraising. There is no exemption from the continuing education requirement for trainees or appraisers whose status has been upgraded to the level of licensed residential, certified residential, or certified general appraiser, since the issuance or most recent renewal of their registration, license, or certificate. Trainees, licensees, and certificate holders shall not take the same continuing education course more than once during the two-year continuing education cycle.

(c) Each appraisal continuing education course shall include a minimum of two classroom hours of instruction on real estate appraisal or related topics, as set forth in the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria as implemented by The Appraisal Foundation's Appraiser Qualifications Board, which is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, and can be found at www.appraisalfoundation.org, at no cost.

(d) Each trainee, licensee, and certificate holder who is required to obtain continuing education pursuant to Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall, as part of the 28 hours of continuing education required in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, complete the seven-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) Continuing Education course, as required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation, between October 1 of an odd-numbered year and June 1 of an even numbered year. Beginning June 1, 2025, each trainee, licensee, and certificate holder shall complete a course which meets the content requirements of the Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations outline, as set forth in the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria, every continuing education cycle. The course length must be at least seven-hours the first time a trainee, licensee, or certificate holder completes the continuing education requirements of the Valuation Bias and Fair Housing Laws and Regulations requirement. If an appraiser completes the seven-hour (plus one hour exam) course as part of their qualifying education, they have met this requirement. Each continuing education cycle thereafter, the course length shall be at least four-hours.

(e) A trainee, licensee, or certificate holder who completes approved continuing education courses in excess of the requirement shall not carry over any continuing education credits from those courses into the subsequent years.

(f) Course sponsors shall provide a certificate of course completion to each trainee, licensee, and certificate holder who completes a course, as set forth in 21 NCAC 57B .0603. Course sponsors shall send to the Board a roster of all who completed the course. This roster shall be sent within 15 days of completion of the course. In order to renew a registration, license, or certificate in a timely manner, the Board shall receive proof of completion of the continuing education requirement prior to processing a registration, license, or certificate renewal application. Proof of completion shall be receipt by the Board of a roster from a school or course sponsor showing the courses completed by the applicant. If proof of having completed the continuing education requirement is not provided, the registration, license, or certificate shall expire and the trainee, licensee, or certificate holder shall be subject to the provisions of Rules .0203(e) and .0206 of this Section.

(g) A current or former trainee, licensee, or certificate holder may request that the Board grant continuing education credit for a course that has been completed but is not approved by the Board, or for appraisal education activity equivalent to a Board approved course, by making such request and submitting a non-refundable fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as set out in G.S. 93E-1-8(d) for each course or type of appraisal education activity to be evaluated. Such requests shall be received before June 15 of an odd-numbered year to be credited towards the continuing education requirement for that odd-numbered year. Continuing education credit for a non-approved course shall be granted only if the trainee, licensee, or certificate holder provides proof of course completion and the Board finds that the course satisfies the requirements for approval of appraisal continuing education courses with regard to subject matter, course length, instructor qualifications, and student attendance, as set forth in 21 NCAC 57B .0603. Appraisal education activities for which credit may be awarded include teaching appraisal courses, authorship of appraisal textbooks, and development of instructional materials on appraisal subjects. Up to 14 hours of continuing education credit may be granted in each continuing education cycle for participation in appraisal education

activities. Trainees, and licensed or certified appraisers who have taught an appraisal course approved by the Board for continuing education credit, are deemed to have taken an equivalent course and are not subject to the fee prescribed in G.S. 93E-1-8(d), provided they submit verification of having taught the course(s). A trainee, licensee, or certificate holder who teaches a Board approved continuing education course shall not receive continuing education credit for the same course more than once every two years, regardless of how often he or she teaches the course.

(h) A trainee, licensee, or certificate holder may receive continuing education credit by taking any of the Board approved precertification courses, other than Basic Appraisal Principles and Basic Appraisal Procedures, or their approved equivalents. Trainees, licensees, and certificate holders who wish to use a precertification course for continuing education credit shall comply with the provisions of 21 NCAC 57B .0604.

(i) A licensee or certificate holder who resides in another state, and is currently credentialed in another state, may satisfy the continuing education requirements by submitting an affidavit prior to renewal which lists the course provider, title, hours, and date of completion of all continuing education completed within the current continuing education cycle. The affidavit form may be found on the Board's website at www.ncappraisalboard.org. The Board will audit no less than ten percent of licensees who renew with an affidavit. A licensee or certificate holder selected for a continuing education audit shall make the certificates available to the Board upon request. A licensee or certificate holder who became licensed in North Carolina by licensure or certification with another state and now resides in North Carolina, may renew by affidavit for his or her first renewal as a resident of North Carolina only if the appraiser moved to North Carolina on or after January 1 of an odd-numbered year. If an appraiser was a resident of this state before January 1 of an odd-numbered year, the appraiser shall comply with the requirements of this section regardless of how the license or certificate was obtained.

(j) A trainee, licensee, or certificate holder who returns from active military duty on or after February 1 of an odd-numbered year, may renew his or her registration, license, or certificate in that odd-numbered year even if the required continuing education is not completed before June 1 of that year. When a trainee, licensee, or certificate holder returns from active duty, all required continuing education shall be completed pursuant to the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria as implemented by The Appraisal Foundation's Appraiser Qualifications Board. The Board shall immediately place any licensee or certificate holder enrolled in the Appraisal Subcommittee's National Registry in an inactive status and may revoke the registration, license, or certificate, in accordance with G.S. 93E-1-12, if the required continuing education is not completed pursuant to the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria as implemented by The Appraisal Foundation's Appraiser Qualifications Board. This Paragraph applies to an individual who is serving in the armed forces of the United States and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return.

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