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20 CSR 2010-4.010 Effective Dates and Basic Requirements

PURPOSE: This rule sets forth the continuing education requirements for renewal of license to practice.

1. The following requirements of continuing professional education apply to the renewal of licenses pursuant to section 326.286, RSMo:
   (A) An applicant seeking renewal of a license shall have completed no less than one hundred twenty (120) hours of continuing professional education, complying with these rules during the three (3)-year period preceding renewal. Commencing on January 1, 2004, a minimum of twenty (20) hours per calendar year of CPE shall be in the area of ethics. An applicant seeking renewal of a license shall demonstrate participation in a program of learning meeting the standards set forth in the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs jointly approved by National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) as provided in 4 CSR 10-4.020, or such other standards acceptable to the board; or
   (B) An applicant whose license has lapsed shall have completed no less than one hundred twenty (120) hours of CPE complying with these rules during a three (3)-year period preceding the date of reapplication; or who agrees to obtain the one hundred twenty (120) hours of CPE within one (1) year of applying for reinstatement. The applicant shall provide to the board, upon request, copies of CPE documentation verifying compliance with this requirement;
   (C) A nonresident licensee seeking renewal of a license in this state shall be determined to have met the CPE requirement of this rule by meeting the CPE requirements for renewal of a license in the state in which the licensee’s principal office is located by attesting on an application provided by the board;
   (D) If a nonresident licensee’s principal office state has no CPE requirements for renewal of a license, the nonresident licensee must comply with all CPE requirements for renewal of a license in this state.


20 CSR 2010-4.020 Qualifying Programs

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the criteria to be satisfied in order for a continuing education program to be considered acceptable by the board.

1. Programs Qualifying for Continuing Professional Education Credit.
   (A) Standards. Effective January 1, 2003 a program qualifies as acceptable continuing professional education for purposes of section 326.286, RSMo and these rules if it is a program of learning that contributes to the growth in the professional knowledge and professional competence of a licensee. The program must meet the minimum standards of quality of development, presentation, measurement, and reporting of credits set forth in the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education Programs jointly approved by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) or such other standards acceptable to the board.
   (B) Subject Areas. The board will accept qualifying programs meeting the standards set forth in the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education Programs jointly approved by National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Responsibility for documenting the acceptability of the program and the validity of the credits rests with the applicant who should retain such documentation for a period of five (5) years following completion of each learning activity.
   (B) The board may verify information submitted by applicants for licensure. In cases where the board determines that the requirement is not met, the board may grant an additional period of time in which the deficiencies can be cured. Fraudulent reporting of CPE is a basis for disciplinary action.


20 CSR 2010-4.041 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Exceptions and Waivers

PURPOSE: This rule sets forth the exceptions from continuing professional education (CPE) requirements in certain circumstances.

1. Exceptions.
(A) A licensee who received a license after August 28, 2001 and who is not practicing public accounting in any setting may be granted an inactive license and be exempted from the continuing professional education (CPE) requirement by the board. The inactive licensee shall place the word “inactive,” “retired,” or “ret.” in association with their certified public accountant title. The inactive licensee may return to active status upon showing evidence that they have completed no less than one hundred twenty (120) hours of CPE during the three (3)-year period preceding the request for reactivation; or agrees in writing to meet the requirement within one (1) year of applying for reactivation.

(B) The board may in particular cases make exceptions to the requirements set out in 4 CSR 10-4.010 for reasons of individual hardship including health, military service, foreign residence, or other good cause.

(C) Applicants requesting a waiver of CPE requirements shall do so in writing and shall provide documentation supporting the request if required by the board.
