



# Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board

## Professional Development Hour (PDH) Activity Log

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### Professional Development Hour (PDH) Activity Log NOTES & INSTRUCTIONS

**IMPORTANT: There are 3 worksheets in this document (see below). 1. Notes & Instructions 2. Activity Log 3. Chapter 31 of Board Rules**

### ATTENTION: Please use the following CPD rules if you renewed in Spring 2017 and are renewing in Spring 2019

1. The Board will conduct random audits to ensure compliance with CPD requirements [§3117(B)]. If you are selected for an audit, you will be required to provide the PDH Activity Log and all supporting documentation.
2. All licensees:
  - a) Must earn 1 PDH in ethics per calendar year: January 1 - December 31
  - b) May carry forward a maximum of 7 hours per calendar year.
  - c) May **not** claim more than 8 PDHs in a calendar day
3. Professional Engineers:
  - a) Must earn a minimum of 15 PDHs in engineering related activities per calendar year: January 1 - December 31
  - b) Who design buildings and/or building systems must earn 4 PDHs, out of the 15 total, in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act
4. Professional Land Surveyors:
  - a) Must earn a minimum of 8 PDHs in land surveying activities per calendar year: January 1 - December 31
  - b) Must earn a minimum of 1 PDH in Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys in Louisiana per calendar year: January 1 - December 31
5. Dual licensees: (Licensees who hold a PE and a PLS)
  - a) **Must** earn a minimum of 15 PDHs per calendar year in engineering and land surveying related activities with at least 1/3 of the PDHs for each being obtained for each profession per calendar year: January 1 - December 31.
  - b) Who design buildings and/or building systems must earn 4 PDHs, of the 15 total, in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act per calendar year: January 1 - December 31
  - c) Must earn a minimum of 1 PDH in Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys in Louisiana per calendar year: January 1 - December 31
  - d) Once they have met the above requirements, a maximum of 7 PDHs in excess of 15 hours, can be carried forward each calendar year: January 1 - December 31.

### ACTIVITIES

Activities - Type and Description	PDH Units
Successful completion of college, correspondence or continuing education courses	1 Semester hour = 45 PDH Quarter hour = 30 PDH
Successful completion of acceptable courses which are awarded Continuing Education Units (CEU)	10 PDH for each CEU
Attending acceptable seminars, tutorials, short courses.	1 PDH for each contact hour
Attending acceptable in-house programs sponsored by corporations or other organizations	1 PDH for each contact hour
Attending acceptable workshops and technical presentations at related technical or professional meetings and conventions	1 PDH for each contact hour
Teaching or instructing any of the above courses, seminars, etc. or making presentations at technical meetings	2 x PDH earned in activities A - E
Membership in professional or technical associations or societies	1 PDH for each (maximum 3)
Authoring and publishing peer reviewed/non-peer reviewed articles/papers	10 PDH / 5 PDH for each paper
Obtaining patents	10 PDH for each patent
Formal, documented problem preparation for NCEES or state professional exams	10 PDH max per renewal period
Serving as thesis directors for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in engineering	1 PDH per hour of credit - 10 Max
Serving on technical committees that assist federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or surveying	10 PDH max per renewal period



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unit or declared unit) showing the mineral participant(s) and limits of the tracts (or portions of tracts) which are included in the proposed mineral unit. These plats or maps shall be prepared in compliance with those requirements for property boundary survey plats or maps that are specifically contained in §2907.G.1, 2, 6, 7 and 14. These plats or maps shall contain bearings and distances around the perimeter of the unit boundary, but are not required to depict or list such calls for the individual tracts which comprise the unit. Final plats or maps issued to the client shall contain a statement by the professional land surveyor certifying its authenticity (that it represents his/her survey) and stating that the mineral unitization survey complies with the applicable standards of practice as stipulated in this Chapter. In addition, the plats or maps, when applicable, shall be in compliance with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation’s requirements governing unit plats and survey plats (LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 41).

4. The accuracy standards that are required for mineral unitization surveys shall be based on property classification D, as presented in §2913.

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**§2913. Positional Accuracy Specification and Positional Tolerances [Formerly §2909]**

A. If radial survey methods, global positioning systems (GPS) or other acceptable technologies or procedures are used to locate or establish points on the boundary survey, the professional land surveyor shall apply acceptable surveying procedures in order to assure that the allowable positional accuracy and/or positional tolerance of such points are not exceeded. Any conversion from meters to feet shall use U.S. Survey Feet.

Condition	A Urban Business District	B Urban	C Suburban	D Rural	Remarks and Formula
Unadjusted Closure (maximum allowable)	1:15,000	1:10,000	1:7,500	1:5,000	Traverse Loop or between Control Monuments (closed traverse)
Angular Closure (maximum allowable)	10"√N	15"√N	25"√N	30"√N	N = Number of Angles in Traverse (closed traverse)
Accuracy of Bearing	± 15 Sec.	± 20 Sec.	± 30 Sec.	± 40 Sec.	In Relation to Source (closed traverse, radial or GPS)
Linear Distances Accurate to: (maximum allowable)	0.05 ft ± ± 0.05 ft per 1,000 ft	0.05 ft ± ± 0.1 ft per 1,000 ft	0.07 ft + ± 0.15 ft per 1,000 ft	0.1 ft + ± 0.2 ft per 1,000 ft	Applies when the Distance is not part of a Closed Traverse (radial or GPS)
Positional Tolerance and Positional Accuracy of any Monument (maximum)	0.1' + AC/15,000	0.1' + AC/10,000	0.1' + AC/7,500	0.2' + AC/5,000	AC = Length of Any Course* (closed traverse, radial or GPS)
Calculation of area - accurate and carried to nearest ____ (decimal place) of an acre (closed traverse, radial or GPS)	0.001 0.001 0.01 0.1	0.001 0.001 0.01 0.1	0.001 0.01 0.1 0.2	0.001 0.01 0.1 0.3	To 1 acre To 10 acres To 100 acres To 1,000 acres
Elevations for Boundaries Controlled by Tides, Contours, Rivers, etc. Accurate to:	0.2 ft.	0.3 ft.	0.4 ft.	0.5 ft.	Based on Accepted Local Datum (closed traverse, radial or GPS)
Location of Improvements, Structures, Paving, etc. (Tie Measurements)	± 0.1 ft.	± 0.2 ft.	± 0.5 ft.	± 1 ft.	(closed traverse, radial or GPS)
Adjusted Mathematical Closure to Survey (Minimum)	1:50,000	1:50,000	1:50,000	1:50,000	(closed traverse, radial or GPS)

\*Short courses in categories "A" and "B" may generate positional errors of less than 0.01 feet. A minimum course distance of 200 feet shall be used in calculating positional error.

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Engineering and Land Surveying Board, LR 27:1046 (July 2001), LR 30:1729 (August 2004), LR 37:2419 (August 2011).

**Chapter 31. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

**§3101. Introduction**

A. This Chapter provides for a continuing professional development (CPD) program to insure that all professional engineers practicing engineering and professional land

surveyors practicing land surveying be informed of those technical and professional subjects necessary to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare. Beginning on January 1, 1999, every licensee shall meet the continuing professional development requirements of this Chapter as a condition for license renewal.

B. The primary purpose of licensing for professional engineers and professional land surveyors is to protect the public from unqualified or unethical practitioners. The requirement for continuing professional development is also intended to protect the public by reinforcing the need for lifelong learning in order to stay more current with changing technology, equipment, procedures, processes, tools, and established standards. This Chapter provides flexibility in selecting among a broad range of activities that are intended to strengthen or maintain competency in technical, managerial (business) or ethical endeavors. Licensees are encouraged to select meaningful CPD activities which will be of benefit in the pursuit of their chosen fields.

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### §3103. Definitions

A. Terms used in this Chapter are defined as follows.

*Acceptable Activity*—subject matter which is technical in nature or addresses business management practices, professional ethics, quality assurance, codes or other similar topics which facilitate the licensee's professional development as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, and/or serves to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare. Any *Course/Activity* offered or approved by a *Board-Approved Sponsor/Provider* will qualify as an *Acceptable Activity* (see definition of *Board Approved Sponsor/Provider*). It will be the responsibility of the licensee to determine if a *Course/Activity* offered by an unapproved sponsor/provider is an *Acceptable Activity*.

*Board*—the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.

*Board-Approved Sponsor/Provider*—the Louisiana Engineering Society; the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors; professional and technical engineering or land surveying societies; federal, state or local governmental agencies; and colleges or universities. All sponsors/providers must conduct courses which will enhance and improve a licensee's professional development as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, and/or serve to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare.

*Continuing Education Unit (CEU)*—a unit of credit customarily used for continuing education courses. One continuing education unit equals 10 hours of in-class time in approved continuing education courses.

*Continuing Professional Development (CPD)*—the educational process whereby a professional engineer or professional land surveyor licensee engages in a continuing program to maintain, improve or expand skills and knowledge.

*Course/Activity*—any program with a clear purpose and objective which will maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's field of practice.

*Dual Licensee*—a person who is licensed in both land surveying and one or more disciplines of engineering.

*License Status*—

a. *Active Status*—a licensee of the board as defined in §2103.

b. *Expired Status*—a licensee of the board as defined in §2103.

c. *Inactive Status*—a licensee of the board as defined in §2103.

d. *Retired Status*—a licensee of the board as defined in §2103.

*Professional Development Hour (PDH)*—a nominal contact hour of instruction, presentation, or activity.

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### §3105. Requirements

A. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, every professional engineer licensee, including those licensed in two or more disciplines, is required to obtain 30 PDHs in engineering related activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, every professional engineer licensee, including those licensed in two or more disciplines, is required to obtain 15 PDHs per calendar year in engineering related activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, professional engineer licensees may not obtain more than 8 PDHs within a single calendar day.

1. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one PDH per calendar year shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional engineer.

2. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of eight PDHs shall be earned in *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineer licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of four PDHs per calendar year shall be earned in *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems.

B. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, every professional land surveyor licensee is required to obtain 15 PDHs in land surveying related activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional land surveyor licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, every professional land surveyor licensee is required to obtain 8 PDHs per calendar year in land surveying related activities.

1. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional land surveyor licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one PDH per calendar year shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional land surveyor.

2. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of two PDHs shall be earned in the standards of practice for boundary surveys in Louisiana. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional land surveyor licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of one PDH per calendar year shall be earned in the standards of practice for boundary surveys in Louisiana.

C. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, each dual licensee shall obtain 30 PDHs; however, at least one-third of the PDHs shall be obtained separately for each profession. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, each dual licensee shall obtain 15 PDHs per calendar year; however, at least one-third of the PDHs for each calendar year shall be obtained separately for each profession.

1. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one PDH per calendar year shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional

conduct and responsibility required of a professional engineer and/or professional land surveyor.

2. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of two PDHs shall be earned in the standards of practice for boundary surveys in Louisiana. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of one PDH per calendar year shall be earned in the standards of practice for boundary surveys in Louisiana.

3. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, a minimum of eight PDHs shall be earned in *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with dual licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, a minimum of four PDHs per calendar year shall be earned in *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems.

#### D. Excess PDHs

1. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, if a licensee exceeds the biennial licensure renewal period requirements, a maximum of 15 PDHs may be carried forward into the subsequent biennial licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, if a licensee exceeds the annual requirements, a maximum of 7 PDHs may be carried forward into the subsequent calendar year.

2. Excess PDHs may include, without limitation, those obtained in professional ethics, Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys in Louisiana, *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

E. Licensees will be required to verify compliance with these CPD requirements at the end of their first full biennial licensure renewal period which begins after the effective date of these rules and at the end of each subsequent biennial licensure renewal period.

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#### §3107. Reciprocity/Out-of-Jurisdiction Resident

A. The CPD requirements for Louisiana will be deemed as satisfied when a non-resident engineer or land surveyor provides evidence of having met the requirements of the licensee's resident jurisdiction; provided, however, that as

part of satisfying these requirements, non-resident licensees must meet the professional ethics requirements of §3105.A.1 or §3105.B.1, as applicable, non-resident licensees practicing engineering in Louisiana who design buildings and/or building systems in Louisiana must meet the requirements of §3105.C.3, as applicable, and non-resident licensees practicing land surveying in Louisiana must meet the requirements of §3105.B.2.

B. If the non-resident engineer or land surveyor resides in a jurisdiction that has no CPD requirements applicable to that licensee, the licensee must meet all requirements of Louisiana as set forth in this Chapter.

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### §3109. Exemptions

A. A licensee may be exempt from the CPD requirements for any one or more of the following reasons.

1. New licensees shall be exempt at their first renewal. Compliance with the CPD requirements must be certified upon the licensee's second renewal and thereafter.

2. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, licensees serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding 180 consecutive days in a biennial licensure renewal period shall be exempt from obtaining the PDHs required during that biennial licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, licensees serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding 180 consecutive days in a calendar year shall be exempt from obtaining the PDHs required during that calendar year.

3. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, licensees experiencing physical disability, serious illness, or serious injury of a nature and duration which has prevented the licensee from completing his/her CPD requirements for the past renewal period may be exempted from CPD requirements for said renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, licensees experiencing physical disability, serious illness, or serious injury of a nature and duration which has prevented the licensee from completing his/her CPD requirements for the past calendar year may be exempted from CPD requirements for said calendar year. Supporting documentation such as a letter from a physician who has treated the disability, illness or injury is required. This letter shall be on the letterhead of the physician and set forth the nature of the disability, illness or injury and the period of time under treatment by the physician, and contain a statement by the physician as to any limitations placed

upon the licensee which would limit his ability to complete any type of CPD. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, this exemption may be granted for one biennial licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, this exemption may be granted for one calendar year. Additional exemptions for medical reasons may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

4. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, licensees working outside of the United States for more than 180 days in a biennial licensure renewal period where the completion of CPD is impractical due to location, working hours, mail restrictions, etc., may be granted an exemption from CPD requirements for the period of time the licensee is in the foreign location. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, licensees working outside of the United States for more than 180 days in a calendar year where the completion of CPD is impractical due to location, working hours, mail restrictions, etc., may be granted an exemption from CPD requirements for the period of time the licensee is in the foreign location. Supporting documentation of the foreign assignment must be provided by the employer on the employer's letterhead or by other documentation satisfactory to the board. The letter shall at a minimum set forth both the location and the period of time the person has been in the foreign location.

5. Licensees who certify their status as inactive on the board-approved renewal form and who further certify that they are no longer offering or practicing professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana shall be exempt. In the event such a person elects to return to active status, the licensee must meet the requirements set forth in §3121.

6. Licensees who certify their status as retired on the board-approved renewal form and who further certify that they are no longer offering or practicing professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana shall be exempt. In the event such a person elects to return to active status, the licensee must meet the requirements set forth in §3121.

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### §3111. Determination of Credit

A. PDHs may be earned as indicated in §3113 for the following acceptable activities:

1. successful completion of college courses, correspondence courses, continuing education courses,

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seminars, tutorials, short courses and/or by teaching/instructing these items;

2. attending or presenting qualifying seminars; in-house courses sponsored by corporations, governmental agencies or other organizations; workshops; or professional/technical presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences;

3. obtaining teaching credit for teaching/instructing or presenting. To obtain credit for teaching/instructing or presenting, licensees must be able to document that research and preparation were necessary, such as in the case of first-time teaching;

4. membership in engineering and land surveying professional associations or technical societies;

5. authoring and publishing articles in engineering or land surveying journals; or authoring and publishing books related to engineering or land surveying;

6. obtaining patents;

7. formal, documented problem preparation for NCEES or state professional exams;

8. serving as thesis directors for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in engineering; and

9. serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying.

B. PDHs may not be earned through informal, non-structured activities such as reading technical journals.

C. The board has final authority with respect to the acceptability of courses, PDH credit, PDH value for courses, and other methods of earning credit. PDH credit for acceptable college or correspondence courses may be based upon course credit established by the college or school.

D. Selection of activities is the responsibility of the licensee; however, guidance is available from the board (see §3103, *acceptable activity*, and §3111).

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### §3113. Units

A. The conversion of other units of credit to PDHs is as follows:

1. one college or unit semester hour = 45 PDHs;
2. one college or unit quarter hour = 30 PDHs;
3. one continuing education unit = 10 PDHs.

B. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, PDH credit will be awarded as follows:

1. fifty contact minutes of instruction or verified attendance at an activity, or problem preparation for a NCEES or state professional exam = one PDH. A maximum of 10 PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for problem preparation;

2. membership in engineering and land surveying professional associations or technical societies = one PDH per biennial licensure renewal period for each professional or technical association or society. A maximum of three PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for all such memberships;

3. in accordance with §3111.A.1-3, credit for teaching or making presentations may be earned at twice the PDHs allowed for attending a course, but shall not exceed 30 PDHs in any biennial licensure renewal period;

4. authoring and publishing peer reviewed (refereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals; or authoring and publishing peer reviewed (refereed) books related to engineering or land surveying = 10 PDHs;

5. authoring and publishing non-peer reviewed (nonrefereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals = 5 PDHs;

6. each patent = 10 PDHs;

7. serving as thesis directors for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in engineering = 1 PDH per hour of thesis credit. A maximum of 10 PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for each such thesis director;

8. serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying = 1 PDH per 50 contact minutes of attendance at committee meetings. A maximum of 10 PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for service on all of such committees.

C. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, PDH credit will be awarded as follows:

1. fifty contact minutes of instruction or verified attendance at an activity, or problem preparation for a NCEES or state professional exam = one PDH. A maximum of five PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for problem preparation;

2. membership in engineering and land surveying professional associations or technical societies = one PDH per calendar year for each professional or technical association or society. A maximum of two PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for all such memberships;

3. in accordance with §3111.A.1-3, credit for teaching or making presentations may be earned at twice the PDHs

allowed for attending a course, but shall not exceed 15 PDHs in any calendar year;

4. authoring and publishing peer reviewed (refereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals; or authoring and publishing peer reviewed (refereed) books related to engineering or land surveying = 10 PDHs;

5. authoring and publishing non-peer reviewed (nonrefereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals = 5 PDHs;

6. each patent = 10 PDHs;

7. serving as thesis directors for students pursuing a masters or doctoral degree in engineering = 1 PDH per hour of thesis credit. A maximum of 5 PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for each such thesis director;

8. serving on technical committees that are assisting federal, state or local governmental agencies in developing standards related to engineering or land surveying = 1 PDH per 50 contact minutes of attendance at committee meetings. A maximum of 5 PDHs will be allowed per calendar year for service on all of such committees.

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### **§3115. Record Keeping**

A. All licensure renewal applications will require the completion of a board-approved renewal form. By completing and returning this form, the licensee is certifying that he/she has met all requirements for licensure renewal, including CPD requirements. This form will also contain an affirmation which must be completed if the licensee desires to change his/her license status.

B. In addition, the licensee will be required to maintain the board-approved Professional Development Activity Log outlining PDHs claimed. The licensee must complete all sections of the form and be prepared to submit the completed form and any corresponding documentation to the board upon request. Blank forms can be obtained from the board's website.

C. Maintaining records to be used to support PDHs claimed is the responsibility of the licensee. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, these records must be maintained for at least three consecutive biennial licensure renewal periods (six years) and copies may be requested by the board at any time. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, these records must be maintained for at least six consecutive calendar years and copies may be requested by the board at any time.

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### **§3117. Audit and Review of Records**

A. The board may request, at any time, that a licensee provide proof of compliance with all CPD requirements.

B. Additionally, the board will conduct random audits in connection with biennial renewals of up to 30 percent of all board licensees. A license will not be renewed and will be deemed to have expired, unless the licensee provides proof of compliance with all CPD requirements and there are no discrepancies or deficiencies discovered.

C. Additionally, the board will require that all licensees against whom formal disciplinary charges are pending in Louisiana provide proof of compliance with all CPD requirements.

D. Should the licensee fail to provide proof of compliance, or if discrepancies or deficiencies are discovered as the result of any of the reviews provided for in §3117.A-C, the licensee will be deemed not in compliance.

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### **§3119. Failure to Comply**

A. When a licensee is deemed not in compliance with the CPD requirements of the board, the licensee will be so notified and will be given 120 days to satisfy the board requirements. The licensee must provide documented evidence of compliance accompanied by payment of an administrative fee of \$200. Failure to comply will subject the licensee to disciplinary action as provided in the licensure law.

B. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, CPD hours acquired and used to satisfy a not-in-compliance situation may not be used to meet the CPD hours required for the current licensure renewal period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, CPD hours acquired and used to satisfy a not-in-compliance situation may not be used to meet the CPD hours required for the current calendar year.

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**§3121. CPD Reinstatement**

A. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, to become reinstated, an expired, inactive, or retired licensee must show proof of having obtained all delinquent PDHs; however, the maximum number required will be the number of PDHs required for one biennial licensure renewal period as provided in §3105. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, to become reinstated, an expired, inactive, or retired licensee must show proof of having obtained all delinquent PDHs; however, the maximum number required will be the number of PDHs required for two calendar years as provided in §3105.

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**Chapter 33. Disciplinary and Enforcement Proceedings**

**§3301. Disciplinary and Enforcement Proceedings**

A. Any disciplinary or enforcement proceedings initiated by or with the board will be governed by the substantive and procedural provisions of the licensure law and by the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.).

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