

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, 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.