

licensee to determine if a course/activity offered by an unapproved sponsor/provider is an acceptable activity.

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 professional land surveyor, and/or serve to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare.

Continuing Education Unit—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 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—an individual who is licensed as both a professional engineer and professional land surveyor.

Licensure Status—

- a. *active status*—a licensure status as defined in §2103;
- b. *expired status*—a licensure status as defined in §2103;
- c. *inactive status*—a licensure status as defined in §2103;
- d. *retired status*—a licensure status 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, including those listed in two or more disciplines, is required to earn 30 PDHs in engineering-related acceptable activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineers whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, every professional engineer, including those listed in two or more disciplines, is

required to earn 15 PDHs per calendar year in engineering-related acceptable activities. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineers whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, professional engineers may not earn more than 8 PDHs within a single calendar day.

1. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least one of the PDHs shall be earned in professional ethics. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineers whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one of the PDHs per calendar year shall be earned 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, at least eight of the PDHs shall be earned in *Life Safety Code*, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer who designs buildings and/or building systems in Louisiana during such period. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional engineers whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least four of the 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 who designs buildings and/or building systems in Louisiana during such calendar year.

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

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2. During each biennial licensure renewal period beginning before January 1, 2017, at least two of the PDHs shall be earned in the standards of practice for boundary surveys in Louisiana. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with professional land surveyors whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, at least one of the PDHs 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, every dual licensee is required to earn 30 PDHs; however, at least one-third of the PDHs shall be earned 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 is required to earn 15 PDHs per calendar year; however, at least one-third of the PDHs for each calendar year shall be earned separately for each profession.

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

D. Excess PDHs

1. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, if a licensee exceeds his/her biennial licensure renewal period requirement of PDHs, up to 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 his/her annual requirement of PDHs, up to a maximum of 7 PDHs may be carried forward into the subsequent calendar year.

2. Excess PDHs may include, without limitation, those earned in professional ethics, the 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 each of their biennial licensure renewal periods.

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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 in this Chapter for any one or more of the following reasons.

1. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, new licensees shall be exempt from the CPD requirements prior to their first licensure renewal. Effective January 1, 2017 and beginning with licensees whose biennial licensure renewal periods begin after January 1, 2017, new licensees shall be exempt from the CPD requirements during the calendar year in which they are licensed.

2. Effective for biennial licensure renewal periods beginning before January 1, 2017, licensees serving on active duty in the United States military for a period of time exceeding 180 consecutive days in a biennial licensure renewal period shall be exempt from the CPD requirements 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 United States military for a period of time exceeding 180 consecutive days in a