

Architect Licensee:

Effective October 10, 2013, new administrative rules took effect requiring Architects to complete continuing education as a condition for license renewal.

The first time continuing education will be required is for licensees with licenses expiring on Oct. 31, 2015. The licensees scheduled to renew in 2015 will be required to complete continuing education during the Nov. 1, 2013 to Oct. 31, 2015 renewal cycle and each renewal cycle thereafter. Licensees with licenses that expire on Oct. 31, 2014 will not be required to complete continuing education as a condition of renewal in 2014, but will need to complete continuing education for the Nov. 1, 2014 to Oct. 31, 2016 renewal cycle and each renewal cycle thereafter.

Licensees holding a license for more than 12 months, but less than 24 months from the date of initial licensure, must obtain 12 hours of continuing education for their renewal period. A licensee who holds a license for 24 months or more from the date of initial licensure must obtain 24 hours of continuing education for the renewal period.

Rule 339.15101(e) defines "continuing education" as "an instructional course or activity designed to bring licensees up to date on a particular area of knowledge or skills relevant to a licensee's area of professional practice." R 339.15101(f) defines "course" as "any qualifying activity with a clear purpose and objective that will maintain, improve, or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's area of professional practice. Regular duties for compensation shall not be considered qualified activities, except for employer compensated continuing education activities." R 339.15101(h) defines "HSW subjects" as "technical and professional subjects, relevant to the practice of architecture, which contain elements that will enhance the public's health, safety, and welfare."

Continuing education hours must be obtained in HSW subjects and may be acquired in another jurisdiction. However, the continuing education hours must be earned as described in Rule 339.15502. Please review the continuing education rules for qualifying continuing education requirements.

Licensees will not be required to send in proof of continuing education activities to the Department when renewing a license. However, a licensee must certify at the time of renewal that the continuing education requirements have been completed. The licensee must also maintain records of continuing education hours earned for 4 consecutive years for audit purposes.

Licensees may view the continuing education requirements by clicking on the link for the [Architects Continuing Education Rules](#). If you are unable to open this link, please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/architects, and then select "Architects Continuing Education Rules" under Licensee Information. Please continue to watch the architect website for frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding continuing education. The FAQs will also be found under Licensee Information.