

Title 30: Professions and Occupations

Part 3103: Licensure, Practice, Renewal, Continuing Education, Standard of Conduct & Fee

Part 3103 Chapter 5: Continuing Education

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2. Individuals applying for initial licensure within a licensing period must accrue continuing education hours on a prorated scale. Written notification of required hours will be sent to the applicant at the time of licensure.
3. Persons who fail to accrue the required continuing education hours shall be issued a probationary license for one licensure period only. No ensuing license may be probationary as a result of not meeting continuing education requirements. Failure to accrue the required hours during the CE probationary period will result in the revocation of the license. Hours accrued are first credited for the delinquent hours lacking from the previous licensure period, and then applied to the current (probationary) licensing term.
4. Licensees who have accrued the required CE hours within the licensure period but who have not received proof of course completion from CE providers or who have lost or misplaced proof shall be granted 90 days from expiration of licensure in which to provide the Board with proof of completion of courses. Failure to provide proof within 90 days will result in license being placed on CE probationary status for the entire licensure period.
5. Licensees who are enrolled in a residency, fellowship and transitional doctoral of physical therapy programs may be exempted from obtaining the mandatory continuing education hours while completing the program of study. The required documentation is a letter from the director of residency, fellowship program or in the case of the transitional program, a transcript from the institution of enrollment.

NOTE: Reinstatement of a license revoked for failure to meet continuing education requirements is subject to the discretion of the Board. If said license is permitted to be reinstated, the renewal fee, the late fee, and the reinstatement fee as stated in Part 3103 Rule 10.2 of these regulations will be required.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §73-23-43(1)(a), (d), (e), (h), (j) and (k) (Rev. 2008).

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