

1301:17-1-10**Continuing Education for Licensees.**

(A) A state licensed home inspector shall submit to the division of real estate & professional licensing on a form prescribed by the superintendent, such information as the superintendent or home inspector board may require concerning continuing education instruction completed by the individual.

(B) Home inspector continuing education requirements must be completed in a classroom or online setting. For this rule, "classroom hour" applies to instruction in a classroom setting or in an online setting.

(C) Acceptable home inspector continuing education must fall within the following topics:

(1) Inspection safety;

(2) Report writing;

(3) Canons of ethics;

(4) Standard of practice;

(5) Systems and components as defined in the Ohio home inspector board's standards of practice;

(6) Environmental issues;

(7) A meeting of the Ohio home inspector board;

(8) Use of technology as applied to the practice of home inspection;

(9) Personal safety for the home inspector and the consumer; and

(10) Continuing education course offerings approved by the Ohio Home Inspector Board.

(D) The following offerings will not be considered by the Ohio home inspector board to meet continuing education requirements:

(1) Examination preparation courses;

(2) Sales promotion or meetings held in conjunction with the general business of the attendee or the attendee's business associates;

(3) Meetings which are a normal part of in-house staff training; or

(4) That portion of any offering devoted to meals or other refreshment.

- (E) Continuing education instruction obtained in excess of forty-two classroom hours during the three-year reporting period may not be used to meet the requirements for any future reporting period.
- (F) No licensed home inspector shall receive credit for more than eight classroom hours of continuing education instruction in any one calendar day unless the continuing education instruction is online education as defined in paragraph (B) of rule 1301:17-1-11 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) A licensed home inspector may not receive credit for duplicate hours of continuing education completed during the term of the license being renewed.
- (H) Except as provided in this paragraph, courses completed prior to being approved by the superintendent do not qualify for continuing education credit. Licensed home inspectors may receive credit for a course that has not been previously approved by the board or the superintendent only when the licensed home inspector:

 - (1) Submits the course for credit within the same continuing education reporting period in which the course was taken;
 - (2) Submits proof the course is approved by a state home inspector regulatory agency or submits proof the course satisfies the requirements found in paragraph (B) of rule 1301:17-1-11 of the Administrative Code, if the course is offered in an online setting; and
 - (3) Submits an education compliance form, the course syllabus, course attendance certificate along with the nonrefundable application fee as specified in rule 1301:17-1-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (I) Up to fifty per cent of a licensee's continuing education requirement within a continuing education cycle may be granted for participation, other than as a student in home inspection education processes and programs. Activities for which credit may be granted are teaching, program development, authorship of textbooks or similar activities that are determined to be equivalent to obtaining continuing education. Credit for instructing any given course or seminar can only be awarded once during a continuing education cycle.
- (J) Any licensed home inspector returning from active military duty may receive an extension to complete continuing education requirements pursuant to section 5903.12 of the Revised Code, and any former home inspector licensee or the former licensee's spouse may renew an expired home inspector license pursuant to section 5903.10 of the Revised Code.

(K) Any licensed home inspector impacted by a state or federally declared disaster that occurs within ninety days prior to the end of the continuing education cycle may remain in active status for a period of up to ninety days after the end of the continuing education cycle, pending the completion of all applications and continuing education requirements.

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