

BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
Regulation Changes Effective March 20, 2008

***Amendments are to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Sections 1887.2 and 1887.3
Self-Study Courses***

Changes to the original language are shown by underline for new text and strikethrough for deleted text.

Continuing Education Requirements

Section 1887.2 - Explanation: This proposal does the following:

- Allows a licensee to earn up to nine (9) hours of continuing education through self-study courses during his/her initial license period.

Section 1887.3 - Explanation: This proposal does the following:

- Allows a licensee to earn up to eighteen (18) hours of continuing education through self-study courses during renewal periods.

Amended 16 CCR Sections 1887.2 and 1887.3 as follows:

§1887.2 – Exceptions from Continuing Education Requirements

(a) An initial licensee shall complete at least eighteen (18) hours of continuing education, of which no more than ~~six (6)~~ nine (9) hours may be earned through self-study courses, prior to his or her first license renewal.

(b) A licensee is exempt from the continuing education requirement if their license is inactive pursuant to Sections 4984.8 and 4997 of the Code.

(c) A licensee may submit a written request for exception from the continuing education requirement for any of the reasons listed below. The board will notify the licensee, within thirty (30) working days after receipt of the request for exception, whether the exception was granted. If the request for exception is denied, the licensee is responsible for completing the full amount of continuing education required for license renewal. The board shall grant the exception if the licensee can provide evidence, satisfactory to the board, that:

(1) For at least one year during the licensee's previous license renewal period the licensee was absent from California due to military service;

(2) For at least one year during the licensee's previous license renewal period the licensee resided in another country; or

(3) During the licensee's previous renewal period, the licensee or an immediate family member, where the licensee has primary responsibility for the care of that family member, was suffering from or suffered a disability. A disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual. The disability must be verified by a licensed physician or psychologist with special expertise in the area of the disability. Verification of the disability must include:

(A) the nature and extent of the disability;

(B) an explanation of how the disability would hinder the licensee from completing the continuing education requirement; and

(C) the name, title, address, telephone number, professional license or certification number, and original signature of the licensed physician or psychologist verifying the disability.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4980.54, 4980.60, ~~4990.14~~ 4990.20 (a), and 4996.22, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4980.54 and 4996.22, Business and Professions Code.

History :

1. New section filed 5-19-97; operative 5-19-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 21).

2. Change without regulatory effect amending subsection (b) filed 4-19-99 pursuant to section 100, Title 1, California Code of Regulations (Register 99, No. 17).

§1887.3 – Continuing Education Course Requirements

(a) A licensee shall accrue at least thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education courses as defined in Section 1887.4. A licensee may accrue no more than ~~twelve (12)~~ eighteen (18) hours of continuing education earned through self-study courses during a single renewal period.

(b) Pursuant to Section 29 of the Code, a licensee who started graduate study prior to January 1, 1986, shall take a continuing education course in the detection and treatment of alcohol and other chemical substance dependency during their first renewal period after the adoption of these regulations. The course shall be at least seven (7) hours in length and its content shall comply with the requirements of Section 29 of the Code. This is a one-time requirement for those licensees specified above.

Equivalent alcohol and other chemical substance dependency courses taken prior to the adoption of these regulations, or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience, may be submitted to the board upon request in lieu of this requirement; however, this coursework or experience shall not be credited as hours towards the continuing education requirements.

(c) Pursuant to Section 32 of the Code, a licensee shall take a continuing education course in the characteristics and methods of assessment and treatment of people living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) during their first renewal period after the adoption of these regulations. The course shall be at least seven (7) hours in length and its content shall comply with the requirements of Section 32 of the Code. This is a one-time requirement for all licensees.

Equivalent HIV and AIDS courses taken prior to the adoption of these regulations, or proof of equivalent teaching or practice experience, may be submitted to the board upon request in lieu of this requirement; however, this coursework or experience shall not be credited as hours towards the continuing education requirements.

(d) Any person renewing his or her license on and after January 1, 2004 shall have completed not less than six (6) hours of continuing education in the subject of law and ethics for each renewal period. The six (6) hours shall be considered part of the thirty-six (36) hour continuing education requirement.

(e) If a licensee teaches a course, the licensee may claim credit for the course only one time during a single renewal period, receiving the same amount of hours of continuing education credit as a licensee who attended the course.

(f) A licensee may not claim the same course more than once during a single renewal period for hours of continuing education credit.

(g) A licensee who takes a course as a condition of probation resulting from disciplinary action by the board may not apply the course as credit towards the continuing education requirement.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4980.60 and ~~4990.14~~ 4990.20 (a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 29, 32, 4980.54 and 4996.22, Business and Professions Code.

History:

1. New section filed 5-19-97; operative 5-19-97 96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 21).

2. New subsection (d) and subsection relettering filed 12-4-01; operative 1-1-2002 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2001, No. 49).