

State Licensing Board Adopts New Continuing Education Rule Amendment

Since the rules on continuing education were not finalized until November 2010 there was concern that a full year was not allowed for builders to get their required credits by June 30, 2011. Originally, the continuing education rules required that beginning with the 2012 renewal cycle, an applicant for renewal of a residential license should have completed three (3) hours of continuing education each year for a Residential Basic license and six (6) hours of continuing education each year for a Residential Light Commercial license.

Under the new amendment by the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors, a builder who needed 3 or 6 credits (based on the type of license held) by this June 30, 2011 will be allowed to wait until June 30, 2012 to complete 3 or 6 credits total for renewal. If you hold a Residential Basic license you will need 3 hours of continuing education by June 30, 2012. If you hold a Residential Light Commercial license or General Contractor license, you will need 6 hours of continuing education by June 30, 2012.

The new requirements are now posted at the [Secretary of State website](#).

Please be aware that in the 2014 renewal cycle (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014) the process will go back to the original rule of needing specified credits for each year.

For your convenience, the actual rule is also posted below. The Greater Atlanta HBA is always available to assist our members with questions or concerns regarding licensing. If you have any questions, you may contact [Amanda Mathis](#) at 678-775-1469.

RULE:

553- 12-.02 Continuing Education-Residential.

(a) For the 2012 renewal: An applicant for renewal of his or her residential license must have completed 3 hours of acceptable continuing education for a Residential Basic license and 6 hours of continuing education for a Residential Light Commercial license. For the 2014 renewal and thereafter, an applicant for renewal of his or her residential license must have completed 3 hours of acceptable continuing education each year for a Residential Basic license and 6 hours of continuing education each year for a Residential Light Commercial license, with a year being July 1st through June 30th.