

This is an amendment to 16.66.5 NMAC Section 8 and 10 effective 4/23/2024

16.66.5.8 CONTINUING EDUCATION: As provided by the Home Inspector Licensing Act, all home inspectors shall be required to satisfy continuing education requirements in the interest of ensuring the highest quality professional services.

A. As a condition of license renewal, a home inspector licensee shall complete at least 60 hours of board-approved continuing education instruction that is related to the practice of home inspection during each three-year license period as outlined in 16.66.4.8 NMAC. This includes licensees holding initial licenses.

B. At least six hours of continuing education instruction during each three-year license period must be in ethics.

C. A licensee may take continuing education instruction online.

D. Initial licenses of a duration of less than three years: Those licensees possessing initial licenses of a duration of one or two years shall complete a pro-rated amount of continuing education as follows:

(1) For licensees possessing an initial one year license, 20 hours of board-approved continuing education instruction that is related to the practice of home inspection, including at least two hours of ethics;

(2) For licensees possessing an initial two year license, 40 hours of board-approved continuing education instruction that is related to the practice of home inspection, including at least four hours of ethics.

E. Attendance at one New Mexico home inspector board meeting, rule hearing, or disciplinary hearing for at least three hours, or until the board meeting goes into closed session, or the hearing/meeting ends, whichever comes first. Attendance may be by live meeting/hearing or by live or recorded distance broadcast; but must be documented by signing into and out of the meeting/hearing. In the event of home inspector hardship, approved by the board, the home inspector board may authorize an equivalent to attendance at a board meeting by an online download, attendance at any approved equivalent, or by other approved participation.

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16.66.5.10 CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS: The board shall audit ten percent of renewal applications each year, selected anonymously and at random, to verify completion of continuing education. ~~[If the licensee is audited, proof of participation in or presentation of continuing education activity must be submitted along with a renewal form.]~~

A. If a notice of audit is received ~~[with the license renewal notice]~~, the licensee must submit evidence of continuing education hours earned during the current renewal cycle to the board as required in the Home Inspector Licensing Act and the board's rules.

B. ~~[If the licensee is not audited, the licensee must,]~~ All licensees as a condition of renewal, attest to the completion of the required hours of continuing education. The licensee shall, throughout the period of each license, retain all documentation of continuing education attendance for the previous cycle of licensure.

C. The board may audit any licensee's continuing education attendance upon notification to the licensee.

D. Failure to comply with a notice of audit or submit evidence of continuing education hours earned during the current renewal cycle may result in disciplinary action by the board.

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