

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 48 PRIVATE LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTITIONERS**  
**PART 6 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**16.48.6.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** Regulation and Licensing Department.  
[16.48.6.1 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008; A, 10/26/2021]

**16.48.6.2 SCOPE:** This part applies to licensees and registrants pursuant to the Private Investigations Act.  
[16.48.6.2 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008; A, 10/26/2021]

**16.48.6.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Private Investigations Act, Section 61-27B-5 NMSA 1978.  
[16.48.6.3 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008; A, 10/26/2021]

**16.48.6.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.48.6.4 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008]

**16.48.6.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 24, 2008 unless a later date is cited in the history note at the end of a section.  
[16.48.6.5 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008]

**16.48.6.6 OBJECTIVE:** The objective of Part 6 is to inform licensees and registrants of continuing education required for license renewal.  
[16.48.6.6 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008; A, 10/26/2021; A, 2/8/2022]

**16.48.6.7 DEFINITIONS:** For purposes of continuing education requirements, "**renewal period**" shall mean the period between issuance of license or registration to expiration of license or registration.  
[16.48.6.7 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008; A, 10/26/2021]  
[Refer to 16.48.1.7 NMAC]

**16.48.6.8 CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

- A.** Continuing education is required for renewal of an individual license or registration.
- B.** Private investigators and private patrol operators must complete a minimum of two hours of continuing education credit per year. Upon renewal for a three year period pursuant to 16.48.7.8 NMAC, a private investigator and private patrol operator must complete a minimum of six hours of continuing education credit from an approved source, during each renewal period to maintain their license.
- C.** Security guards must complete a minimum of two hours of continuing education credit per year. Upon renewal for a three year period pursuant to 16.48.7.8 NMAC, a security guard must complete a minimum of six hours of continuing education credit from an approved source, during each renewal period to maintain their registration.
- D.** Polygraph licensees must complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education credit per year. Upon renewal for a three year period pursuant to 16.48.7.8 NMAC, a polygraph licensee must complete a minimum of thirty hours of continuing education credit from an approved source, during each renewal period to maintain their license.
- E.** Proof of participation in or presentation of continuing education must be submitted with the license or registration renewal application, or registration or license will not be renewed.
- F.** All continuing education hours must be earned during the renewal period; no carryover will be permitted.
- G.** Firearms requalification courses will not count towards mandatory continuing education credits.
- H.** Approved providers of continuing education include:
  - (1) college level courses;
  - (2) in-house training provided by a private patrol company licensed by the department;
  - (3) the New Mexico law enforcement academy; or
  - (4) any other department-approved educational institution or program.

**I.** One hour of continuing education credit will be granted for each hour attended in a topic which directly relates to the performance of duties under the respective license or registration. College level courses will be granted fifteen hours of continuing education credit for each successfully completed college credit.

**J.** Completion of training courses required for initial licensing will satisfy the continuing education requirements for the first licensing period of an initial license or registration.

[16.48.6.8 NMAC - N, 9/24/2008; A, 10/26/2021; A, 2/8/2022]

**HISTORY OF 16.48.6 NMAC: [RESERVED]**