

**S.C. BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

- A. As a condition of license renewal for any license with a continuing education requirement, the applicant for renewal must certify completion of continuing education. License renewal occurs every two years in the odd-numbered years. A renewal application is a statement made under oath. CME compliance is subject to random audit by the Board.
- B. Renewal deadlines-[in the odd-numbered years]
- Physician [MD or DO]-June 30
- Physician Assistant-December 31
- Respiratory Care Practitioner-May 31
- Acupuncture-September 30
- Anesthesiologist's Assistant-December 31
- Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist-June 30
- Podiatrist-December 31
- C. Please see below a summary of continuing education requirements for license renewal. Please refer to the S.C. Code sections referenced for more detail. [[www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov)]

Physicians-M.D. or D.O.

Medical physicians are required to complete 40 Hours of continuing medical education to renew. Thirty of these hours must be in their specialty; 10 may be non-specialty. Two hours must be in safe prescribing and monitoring of controlled substances. All hours must be AMA/AOA Category 1 taken within the 2-year renewal period. See S.C. Code Section 40-47-40.

Physicians may also claim up to 10 hours for volunteer medical service. See S.C. Code Section 38-79-30[B]

### Physician Assistants [PA]

Physician Assistants must maintain an active NCCPA certification.

PAs with controlled substance prescriptive authority must complete four (4) hours of continuing education related to approved procedures of prescribing and monitoring controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV of the schedules provided for in Sections 44-53-210, 44-53-230, and 44-53-250. See S.C. Code Section 40-47-965[B] [3].

### Respiratory Care Practitioner [RCP]

Respiratory Care Practitioners must complete 30 hours of continuing education in order to renew. See S.C. Code Section 40-47-640.

### Acupuncturist, Auricular Therapist, Auricular Detoxification Therapist

Acupuncturists, Auricular Therapists, and Auricular Detoxification Therapists must complete a renewal application but do not have additional continuing education requirements. Acupuncturists must maintain current NCCAOM certification to be eligible to renew. See S.C. Code 40-47-780.

### ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANT [AA]

Anesthesiology Assistants must maintain current National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist's Assistants [NCCA] certification. See S.C. Code Section 40-47-1290.

### Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist [RCIS]

Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists must complete a renewal application and maintain a current Cardiovascular Credentialing International [CCI] registration but do not have additional continuing education requirements. See S.C. Code 40-47-1550.

### Podiatrists

Podiatrists must complete 24 continuing education hours in order to renew.

Two [2] of these hours must be related to approved procedures of prescribing and monitoring controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV of the schedules provided for in Sections 44-53-210, 44-53-230, and 44-53-250. See S.C. Code Section 40-51-140.

SECTION 40 1 610. Continuing education exemption.

A person whose profession or occupation is regulated by this title is exempt from completing continuing education requirements for his profession or occupation while serving on active military duty.