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CHAPTER 04**

**10.01.04 - RULES OF CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

These rules are promulgated as authorized by Section 54-1208(1), Idaho Code. (7-1-99)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be cited in full as Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, IDAPA 10.01.04, "Rules of Continuing Professional Development." (5-8-09)

**02. Scope.** In order to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity, skills and practice in the professions of engineering and land surveying, and to safeguard the life, health, property and welfare of the public, the following Rules of Continuing Professional Development, hereinafter referred to as Rules, have been promulgated in accordance with Section 54-1208, Idaho Code, and shall be binding in the state of Idaho upon every person holding a license to practice as a Professional Engineer or a Professional Land Surveyor, or both. Each Licensee under the laws of the state of Idaho is charged with being familiar with these rules and knowledgeable in their application to the practice of engineering or land surveying or both. Every Licensee shall meet the continuing professional development requirements of these rules as one of the conditions for license renewal. If an individual is licensed to practice both engineering and land surveying the individual must comply with the requirements of these rules in regard to each profession. Some activities as defined herein may qualify as continuing professional development for both professions and may be included in the log for each profession. These rules shall not be a basis for action involving civil liability, however, failure to obey these Rules may subject a Licensee to Board action pursuant to Chapter 12, Title 54, Idaho Code. (5-8-09)

**002. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Persons desiring to contest the actions taken in accordance with these rules shall seek administrative relief under the Attorney General's Rules, IDAPA 04.11.01, "Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General." (7-1-99)

**003. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, this agency has written statements which pertain to the interpretation of the rules of this chapter, or to the documentation of compliance with the rules of this chapter. These documents are available for public inspection and copying at cost in the main office of this agency. (7-1-99)

**004. DEFINITIONS.**

For the purposes of these rules, the following terms are used as defined below: (7-1-99)

**01. College Semester or Quarter Credit Hour.** Credit for college courses. (7-1-99)

**02. Continuing Education Unit (CEU).** Unit of credit customarily used for continuing education courses. One (1) continuing education unit equals ten (10) hours of class in an approved continuing education course. (7-1-99)

**03. Professional Development Hour (PDH).** A contact hour (minimum of fifty (50) minutes) of instruction or presentation. The common denominator for other units of credit. (7-1-99)

**04. Activity.** Any qualifying action with a clear purpose and objective which will maintain, improve, or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's field of practice or practices. (5-8-09)

**05. Licensee.** A person who is licensed to practice as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor or both. (5-8-09)

**06. Board.** The Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. (5-8-09)

**07. Documented Self-Study.** Documented study of professional/technical journals, published papers, articles, books, software or other areas of training which increase knowledge of the technology above and beyond routine job assignments. (5-8-09)

**08. Active Participation.** Serving as an officer or committee chair at either the national, state or local (section or chapter) level. (5-8-09)

**005. REQUIREMENTS.**

Every Licensee is required to obtain thirty (30) PDH units during the renewal period biennium (beginning on the first day of the month following the month in which the Licensee was born). Alternatively, the licensee may choose to obtain thirty (30) PDH units cumulative during the two (2) calendar years which are closest to the renewal period biennium. If a Licensee exceeds the biennial requirement in any renewal period or earns PDH's during a period in which he is exempt, a maximum of thirty (30) PDH units may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period. If the licensee chooses to use the calendar year basis, PDH's in excess of thirty (30) cumulative in two (2) years, or PDH's earned during a period in which he is exempt, can be carried forward to the next two (2) year calendar period, not to exceed thirty (30) PDH's carried forward to the next two (2) year calendar period. PDH units may be earned in the following activities, however, PDH units must come from two (2) or more activities. (5-8-09)

**01. Successful Completion of College Credits.** (7-1-99)

**02. Successful Completion of Continuing Education Units.** (7-1-99)

**03. Successful Completion of Other Courses.** Correspondence, televised, videotaped, and other short courses/tutorials for which college credits or CEU's are awarded. (7-1-99)

**04. Attending Qualifying Seminars.** Attending qualifying seminars, in-house courses, workshops, or technical or professional presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences. (7-1-99)

**05. Teaching or Instructing.** Teaching or instructing in Subsections 005.01 through 005.04 above, above and beyond routine job assignments. (7-1-99)

**06. Authoring Published Papers, Articles, or Books.** (7-1-99)

**07. Membership in Technical or Professional Organizations.** (7-1-99)

**08. Active Participation in Technical or Professional Organizations.** (7-1-99)

**09. Patents.** (7-1-99)

**10. Presentations to Technical, Professional or Civic Organizations.** (7-1-99)

**11. Documented Self Study.** (5-8-09)

**006. UNITS.**

The conversion of other units of credit to PDH (Professional Development Hour) units is as follows:

1 College semester credit hour equals	45 PDH
1 College quarter credit hour equals	30 PDH
1 Continuing Education Unit equals	10 PDH
1 Hour of attendance in course work, seminars, or technical or professional presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences equals	1 PDH
Teaching the above, above and beyond normal job assignments, apply multiple of 2 for teaching the first time only	

Each published technical or professional paper, article or book not to exceed a total of 10 PDH's per year, above and beyond normal job assignments	5 PDH per paper, article or book
Membership in technical or professional organizations (Maximum of two organizations) equals	1 PDH per year per organization
Active participation in technical or professional organizations (Maximum of two organizations) equals	1 PDH per year per organization
Each patent not to exceed per year	5 PDH
Presentations to technical, professional or civic organizations, first presentation only, equals	2 PDH per hour of presentation
Documented self-study not to exceed	3 PDH per year at the rate of ½ PDH per hour of self-study

(5-8-09)

**007. DETERMINATION OF CREDIT.**

With the exception of those seminars and courses of continuing professional development offered by an organization registered with the Registered Continuing Education Providers Program of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, which are preapproved, the Board will not pre-approve activities as qualifying for continuing professional development, but has final authority to judge the PDH value for all activities submitted to fulfill continuing professional development requirements. (5-8-09)

**008. RECORD KEEPING.**

Maintenance of records to support credits claimed is the responsibility of the Licensee. Records required include, but are not limited to: (7-1-99)

**01. Log.** A log showing the type of activity claimed, sponsoring organization, location, duration, instructor's or speaker's name, and PDH credits earned. Time sheets or expense sheets signed by the Licensee documenting the Continuing Professional Development activity claimed (sponsoring organization, location, duration, instructor's or speaker's name), time and/or expense related thereto, and claimed PDH credits earned shall be an acceptable log; and (5-8-09)

**02. Attendance Verification.** Attendance verification records in the form of completion certificates or other documents supporting evidence of attendance; or (7-1-99)

**03. Records.** Records may be maintained by a repository for same. (5-8-09)

**04. Documented Self-Study.** In order to qualify in this category, the licensee must prepare and retain an abstract of the material studied, the date the activity occurred and the number of PDH's claimed, and a bibliographic reference of the material studied. A photocopy of pertinent parts of the material studied, annotated with the date the activity occurred and the number of PDH's claimed, shall be deemed to meet this requirement. (5-8-09)

**05. Record Retention.** All continuing professional development records must be maintained for a period of six (6) years and copies must be provided to the Board upon request for audit purposes. (5-8-09)

**009. EXEMPTIONS.**

A Licensee may be exempt from the continuing professional development requirements for one (1) of the following reasons: (7-1-99)

**01. First Renewal Period.** New Licensees by way of examination or comity shall be exempt from compliance with these rules during the time between issuance of the license and the due date of their first renewal following the issuance of the license. (5-8-09)

**02. Active Duty in the Armed Forces.** A Licensee serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and temporarily assigned duty at a location other than their normal home station for a period of time exceeding one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days in a renewal period or the two (2) calendar year period closest to the renewal biennium shall be exempt from obtaining the professional development hours required during that renewal period or the two (2) calendar year period closest to the renewal biennium. (5-8-09)

**03. Extenuating Circumstances.** A Licensee experiencing physical disability, serious illness, or other extenuating circumstances accepted by the board. (7-1-99)

**04. Retired and Receiving No Remuneration.** A Licensee who has chosen and qualified for the "Retired" status and who further certifies that they are no longer receiving any remuneration from providing professional engineering or professional land surveying services shall be exempt from the professional development hours required. In the event such a person elects to return to active practice of professional engineering or professional land surveying, professional development hours must be earned before returning to active practice for each biennium or the two (2) calendar year period closest to the renewal biennium exempted not to exceed the requirement for two (2) bienniums or four (4) calendar years. (5-8-09)

**05. Expired License.** A Licensee who has chosen to allow his license to expire shall be exempt from the professional development hours required. In the event such a person elects to reactivate the license, professional development hours must be earned and documented before reinstating the license for each biennium or two (2) calendar years exempted not to exceed the requirement for two (2) bienniums or four (4) calendar years. (5-8-09)

**06. Renewal Period Following Adoption of These Rules as They are Amended to Include Professional Engineers.** All professional engineers shall be exempt from compliance with these rules during the time between the effective date of this subsection and the due date of their first renewal following the effective date of this subsection. (5-8-09)

**010. COMITY/OUT-OF-JURISDICTION RESIDENTS.**  
The CPD requirements for non-resident licensees shall be the same as that for resident licensees. (7-1-99)

**011. -- 998. (RESERVED).**

**999. SEVERABILITY.**  
The rules governing this chapter are severable. If any rule, or part thereof, or the application of such rule to any person or circumstance is declared invalid, that invalidity does not affect the validity of any remaining portion of this chapter. (7-1-99)

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