

Continuing Education Requirements

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There are a number of states that have added continuing education requirements for the professional engineer. These changes are effective beginning with the 2004 renewals and extend through the 2006 renewal period.

It should also be noted that some states consider an out of jurisdiction licensee as having met the requirements of that state if the requirements are met in the jurisdiction in which they reside, while other states have very specific PDH requirements for licensed engineers. These requirements include continuing education in areas such as professional ethics, state laws and rules, and health, safety and welfare issues.

The following chart is intended to be used as a guide only. It is the responsibility of each engineer to ensure that all PDH requirements are met during each renewal period. Specific requirements can be found on the states licensing board website which can be accessed from the NCEES website — www.ncees.org.

State	Renewal	PDH Rqmts*	Special Requirements
Alabama	Annual	15	
Arkansas	Annual	15	
Florida	Annual	8	4 PDH in Florida's Laws and Rules, 4 PDH in area of practice
Georgia	Biennial	30	
Illinois	Biennial	30	Effective date of PDH requirements: S.E. - November 30, 2004; P.E. - November 30, 2005
Iowa	Biennial	30	
Kansas	Biennial	30	
Louisiana	Biennial	30	1 PDH in Professional Ethics, 8 PDH in Life Safety Code, Building Codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems
Maine	Biennial	30	Effective Date of PDH Requirements 12/31/05
Minnesota	Biennial	24	
Mississippi	Annual	15	2 PDH in Professional Ethics during 3 renewal periods
Missouri	Biennial	30	
Montana	Biennial	30	
Nebraska	Biennial	30	Effective Date of PDH requirements: Last Name A-K 2004 Renewal; Last Name L-Z 2005 Renewal
Nevada	Biennial	30	
New Hampshire	Biennial	30	
New Mexico	Biennial	30	
New York	Triennial	36	Number of PDH requirements will be prorated according to renewal date of license. You will be required to complete continuing education in an approved subject area from an approved provider.
North Carolina	Annual	15	
Oklahoma	Biennial	30	
Oregon	Biennial	30	
South Carolina	Biennial	30	
South Dakota	Biennial	30	At least 20 PDH must be in technical subjects which safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare. A maximum of 10 PDH may be in professional management subjects such as managerial or ethical and computer classes other than CADD
Tennessee	Biennial	24	At least 13 PDH must address Health, Safety and Welfare issues and Technical Competency
Texas	Annual	15	Beginning in 2005 1 PDH in Professional Ethics; Maximum of 5 in Self Directed Study
Utah	Biennial	24	Professional Engineer and Professional Structural Engineer have the same requirements: 21 PDH for December 2004 renewal, 24 PDH for December 2006 renewal
West Virginia	Annual	15	
Wyoming	Biennial	30	

*Per Renewal Period

States not shown have no continuing education requirements at this time

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