Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board
Policy Statement
Earning Continuing Education Credits for License Renewals

Under licensing regulations of the New Jersey Site Remediation Professional Licensing Board (Board), continuing education providers have the option to apply for Board approval of continuing education programs offered in an in-person attendance format, in an alternative verifiable learning format (AVLF), or in both formats. N.J.A.C. 7:26I-4.4. To be eligible for license renewal, a licensed site remediation professional (LSRP) must complete 36 continuing education credits (CECs) during each three-year license term, N.J.A.C. 7:26I-4.3(a), and not more than 18 CECs may be earned from Board-approved AVLF programs, N.J.A.C. 7:26I-4.3(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order 106 (Murphy) (March 9, 2020) COVID-19 State of Emergency, and due to resulting restrictions on in-person gatherings during the pandemic, the Board temporarily waived the requirement of N.J.A.C. 7:26I-4.1(c) that no more than 18 of the required 36 CECs be earned via Board-approved AVLF programs for license renewal applications due on or before December 31, 2022.

Nevertheless, the Board recognizes that LSRPs submitting license renewal applications may still find it difficult to meet the requirement of the Board’s regulations that they fulfill 18 CECs via an in-person attendance learning format due to the limited number of continuing education programs being offered in-person at this time. The Board also recognizes that in the past two years, technological advances in providing continuing education programs in remote learning formats, including simulcasts with the opportunity for real-time interaction with instructors and other attendees, and with reliable recording of attendance, have made it possible for educational programs offered in simulcast formats to be as effective as in-person format programs.

For these reasons, the Board has proposed rule amendments that more narrowly define AVLF as "continuing education that is presented in a format that does not provide the ability to interact with the instructor or other participants during the presentation." If the rule amendments are adopted, LSRPs remotely attending a simulcast educational program allowing for interaction between presenters and attendees in real-time will be considered earning CECs via an in-person attendance format, rather than via an AVLF.

In the meantime, based on the Board’s comfort level with, and the evolution of remote learning formats and content, the Board will narrowly interpret Board-approved “AVLF” programs under its existing regulations as limited only to those learning formats that do not provide the ability to interact with the instructor or other participants during the presentation. As before, a maximum of 18 CECs may be earned for the three-year license renewal period by attending AVLF programs as such programs are now interpreted by the Board. Alternative learning formats that provide the opportunity for real-time interaction with instructors and other attendees and meet all other Board continuing education requirements will be considered equivalent to in-person format programs which have no specific CEC limitation.

Every LSRP should also carefully track the continuing education programs they attend, including the program name, program number assigned by the Board, date attended, type and number of continuing education credits earned, certificate of attendance, and format in which the LSRP attended the program, as all this information will be required for license renewal applications.
LSRPs with questions should contact the Board at SRPLBoardContact@dep.nj.gov.

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