

1 21 NCAC 25 .0501 is amended as published in NC register 38:11 **with changes** as follows:

2 **SECTION .0500 – CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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4 **21 NCAC 25 .0501 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

5 (a) A licensee shall earn at least two continuing education units ("CEUs") each licensure year. At least 1.0 of those  
6 CEUs shall be earned in professional ~~studies~~ studies, ~~and at least 1.0 of those CEUs shall be earned in a setting~~  
7 ~~in which three or more persons come together at the same location at the same time as a group to listen to a lecture,~~  
8 ~~to view a demonstration, to participate in group discussions, or to learn through any combination of these or similar~~  
9 ~~activities.~~

10 (b) A licensee may carry over up to two surplus CEUs earned in one licensure year to the next licensure year to  
11 meet the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule. The licensee shall demonstrate that he or she earned the CEU  
12 credits sought to be carried over in the licensee's license renewal application packet submitted for the carry over year  
13 in order to receive credit therefore. Surplus CEUs shall only be carried forward from the licensure year in which  
14 they were earned to the next subsequent licensure year and not beyond.

15 (c) A licensee may not earn CEUs while interpreting, whether or not the licensee is compensated for his or her  
16 services.

17 (d) The Board shall waive the continuing education requirements in this Rule for any individual who is currently  
18 licensed by and in good standing with the Board if the individual is serving in the armed forces of the United States  
19 and if G.S. 105-249.2 grants the individual an extension of time to file a tax return. The waiver shall be in effect for  
20 any period that is disregarded under Section 7508 of the Internal Revenue Code in determining the taxpayer's  
21 liability for a federal tax.

22 ~~(e) For the 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 licensure years only, the Board waives the in person course~~  
23 ~~requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule and licensees may take all of their CEUs for those licensure years~~  
24 ~~electronically. However, this waiver shall not apply to any surplus CEUs earned during the 2023-24 licensure year~~  
25 ~~and sought by the licensee to be carried over to the 2024-25 licensure year.~~

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90D-6; 90D-8; 90D-11; 93B-15;*  
28 *Eff. March 21, 2005;*  
29 *Amended Eff. May 1, 2011; August 1, 2007;*  
30 *Readopted Eff. June 1, 2018;*  
31 *Temporary Amendment Eff. June 26, 2020;*  
32 *Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. April 11, 2021;*  
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3 **21 NCAC 25 .0502 PRORATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

4 The CEU requirements specified in Rule .0501 of this Chapter shall be prorated as follows during a licensee's initial  
5 licensure year:

- 6 (1) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of October, November or December,  
7 the licensee shall be required to earned at least 2.0 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 1.0  
8 of those CEUs shall be earned in professional ~~studies studies.~~ **studies** ~~and at least 1.0 of those CEUs~~  
9 ~~shall be earned in a traditional classroom setting;~~
- 10 (2) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of January, February, or March, the  
11 licensee shall be required to earned at least 1.5 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 1.0 of  
12 those CEUs shall be earned in professional ~~studies studies.~~ **studies** ~~and at least 1.0 of those CEUs shall~~  
13 ~~be earned in a traditional classroom setting;~~
- 14 (3) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of April, May, or June, the licensee  
15 shall be required to earned at least 1.0 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 0.5 of those CEUs  
16 shall be earned in professional ~~studies studies.~~ ~~and at least 0.5 of those CEUs shall be earned in a~~  
17 ~~traditional classroom setting;~~
- 18 (4) If the licensee receives his or her initial license in the months of July, August, or September, the  
19 licensee shall be required to earned at least 0.5 CEUs by the following October 1. At least 0.5 of  
20 those CEUs shall be earned in professional ~~studies studies.~~ ~~and at least 0.5 of those CEUs shall be~~  
21 ~~earned in a traditional classroom setting.~~

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23 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90D-6; 90D-8; 90D-11;*  
24 *Eff. August 1, 2007;*  
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3 **21 NCAC 25 .0503 FAILURE TO MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

4 (a) A licensee who has not complied with the continuing education requirements in this Section shall be ineligible  
5 for license renewal. Any person whose license renewal application is denied on these grounds may reapply for  
6 licensure as soon as the person is able to demonstrate that:

7 (1) the person has earned at least two CEUs within the 12 months next preceding the date of  
8 reapplication; and

9 (2) at least 1.0 of those CEUs was earned in professional studies. ~~and~~

10 ~~(3) at least 1.0 of those CEUs was earned in a traditional classroom setting.~~

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, a licensee who has not complied with the  
12 continuing education requirements in this Section shall be eligible for license renewal if:

13 (1) the licensee makes a timely application for renewal **as defined in 21 NCAC 25 .0204(a)**, including  
14 the payment of the required license fee; and

15 (2) the licensee earns the required CEUs by no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October in the new licensure  
16 year.

17 (c) CEUs earned in the current licensure year and used to cure a deficiency in the prior licensure year ~~may~~ **shall**  
18 not be used to meet the CEU requirements of the current year.

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90D-6; 90D-8; 90D-11;*

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3 **21 NCAC 25 .0505 CEU CREDIT FOR WORKSHPS, CONFERENCES, AND INDEPENDENT**  
4 **STUDY RECOGNIZED BY RID**

5 (a) A licensee may earn CEUs by attending workshops and conferences recognized by The Registry of Interpreters  
6 for the Deaf, Inc. ("RID"). In order to receive CEU credit for attendance at a workshop or conference recognized by  
7 RID, the licensee ~~must~~ **shall** submit to the Board a copy of the licensee's RID CEU transcript. RID shall be the sole  
8 judge of the number of CEUs earned by attendance at the workshop or conference.

9 (b) A licensee who is either a certified member of RID or an associate member of RID participating in the Associate  
10 Continuing Education Tracking ("ACET") Program may earn CEUs by independently studying instructional  
11 materials in any format -- including, but not limited to, videotapes, audiotapes, web sites, DVDs, CDs, and books  
12 and other printed materials -- so long as the materials have been recognized by RID. In order to receive CEU credit  
13 for such independent study, the licensee ~~must~~ **shall** submit to the Board a copy of the licensee's RID CEU transcript.  
14 RID shall be the sole judge of the number of CEUs earned by the completion of any independent study recognized  
15 by RID.

16 (c) If a licensee does not have an RID CEU transcript because the licensee is neither a certified member of RID nor  
17 an associate member of RID participating in the ACET Program, the licensee ~~may~~ **shall** receive CEU credit for  
18 attendance at the workshop or conference by submitting to the Board a certificate of completion signed by the  
19 workshop or conference sponsor, provider, or presenter.

20 ~~(1) a certificate of completion signed by the workshop or conference sponsor, provider, or presenter;~~  
21 ~~and~~

22 ~~(2) a copy of the advertisement or flyer that shows that attendance at the workshop or conference~~  
23 ~~qualifies for RID CEUs.~~

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25 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90D-6; 90D-8; 90D-11;*

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