

21 NCAC 28B .0402 is amended with changes as published in 35:17 NCR 1946-1949 as follows:

21 NCAC 28B .0402 CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

(a) A licensee shall complete in-person seven continuing education units (CEUs) during the year preceding renewal. ~~Beginning with renewals filed after August 1, 2016, at~~ At least three of the seven CEUs must be technical credits and at least two of the seven CEUs must be business credits. If the information provided to the Board as required by this Section is unclear, the Board may request additional information from a licensee in order to assure compliance with continuing education requirements.

(b) For the purposes of this Rule:

(1) "technical credits" are defined as credits relating ~~directly~~ to the subject matter of landscape contracting as described in G.S. ~~89D-11(3); and 89D-11(3)~~ and rules .0502 through .0511 in this Subchapter. The rules shall be grouped as follows:

(A) Group A: topics covered in rules .0502, .0503, .0510, and .0511 in this [Subchapter.] Subchapter;

(B) Group B: topics covered in rules .0504 and .0506 in this [Subchapter.] Subchapter;

(C) Group C: topics covered in rules .0507 through .0509 in this [Subchapter.] Subchapter;

(D) Group D: topics covered in rule .0505; and

(2) "business credits" are defined as credits relating to general business practices, including business planning, contracts, liability exposure, human resources, basic accounting, financial statements, and safety.

(c) Beginning with renewals filed after August 1, 2022, a licensee shall obtain one technical credit in at least two groups described in Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule in each licensing year. A licensee shall obtain at least one technical credit in each of the distinct groups described in Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule during a consecutive three-year period.

~~(e)~~(d) CEUs shall be determined as follows:

Type of Qualifying Activity	Minimum time required for 1 CEU
Live course	50 minutes
Online course	50 minutes
Trade Shows, Field Days, and Tours	4 hours
Green Industry Board Member Service	4 hour <u>5 hours maximum (3 technical and 2 business)</u>
Teaching or instructing	1 hour
In-house or Green Industry training	1 hour

NC Landscape Contractors	<u>5 hours maximum</u>
<u>Licensing Board Service</u>	<u>(3 technical and 2 business)</u>

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- 2 ~~(d)(e)~~ No more than two CEU credits shall be given for qualifying teaching or instructing in one year.
- 3 ~~(e)~~ No more than four CEU credits shall be given for pesticide credits issued by the North Carolina Department of
- 4 Agriculture and Consumer Services in one year.
- 5 (f) Credit shall not be given in increments of less than .5 CEUs. Breaks in courses shall not be counted towards CEU
- 6 credit.
- 7 (g) Requests for pre-approval as set forth in Rule .0405 of this Subchapter shall be submitted at least 45 days prior to
- 8 the first day of the course or event.
- 9 (h) All continuing education shall be taken in-person by the individual receiving credit.
- 10 (i) A licensee shall not take the same CEU course within two consecutive licensing years.
- 11 (j) A licensee licensed less than 12 months shall not be subject to continuing education requirements for the initial
- 12 renewal date as set forth in this Rule.

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