

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 08G .0409

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Thursday, June 11, 2015

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the rule will be approved. You may call this office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing these rules, the staff determined that the following technical changes need to be made. Approval of any rule is contingent upon making technical changes as set forth in G.S. 150B-21.10.

Please verify the adoption date on your Form and resubmit with the date the Board adopted the Rule.

In (f), please delete or define "successfully."

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Date submitted to agency: Thursday, May 28, 2015

1 21 NCAC 08G .0409 is proposed to be amended as published in 29:16, pages 1951-1952, with changes, as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 08G .0409 COMPUTATION OF CPE CREDITS**

4 (a) Group Courses: Non-College. CPE credit for a group course that is not part of a college curriculum shall be
5 given based on contact hours. A contact hour shall be 50 minutes of ~~instruction. One-half credit instruction and one-~~
6 half contact hour shall be equal to 25 minutes of instruction. ~~after the first credit hour has been earned in a formal~~
7 ~~learning activity.~~ For example, a group course lasting 100 minutes shall be two contact hours equaling two CPE
8 credits. A group course lasting 75 minutes shall be one and one-half contact hours equaling one and one-half CPE
9 credits. A group course lasting 25 minutes shall be one-half contact hour and equal to one-half CPE credit. When
10 individual segments of a group course are less than 50 minutes, the sum of the individual segments shall be added to
11 determine the number of contact hours. For example, five 30-minute presentations shall be 150 minutes, which shall
12 be three contact hours and three CPE credits. No credit shall be allowed for a segment unless the participant
13 completes the entire segment. Internet based programs shall employ a monitoring mechanism to verify that
14 participants are participating during the duration of the course. No credit shall be allowed for a group course having
15 fewer than 25 minutes of course instruction.

16 (b) Completing a College Course. CPE credit for completing a college course in the college curriculum shall be
17 granted based on the number of credit hours the college gives the CPA for completing the course. One semester hour
18 of college credit shall be 15 CPE credits; one quarter hour of college credit shall be 10 CPE credits; and one
19 continuing education unit shall be 10 CPE credits. No CPE credit shall be given to a CPA who audits a college
20 course.

21 (c) Self Study. CPE credit for a self-study course shall be given based on the average number of contact hours
22 needed to complete the course. The average completion time shall be allowed for CPE credit. A sponsor ~~must~~ shall
23 determine on the basis of pre-tests or NASBA word count formula the average number of contact hours of course
24 material it takes to complete a course. A contact hour shall be 50 minutes and one-half contact hour shall be 25
25 minutes of course material. No self-study course may contain fewer than 25 minutes of course material.

26 (d) Instructing a CPE Course. CPE credit for teaching or presenting a CPE course for CPAs shall be given based on
27 the number of contact hours spent in preparing and presenting the course. No more than 50 percent of the CPE
28 credits required for a year shall be credits for preparing for and presenting CPE courses. CPE credit for preparing or
29 presenting a course shall be allowed only once a year for a course presented more than once in the same year by the
30 same CPA.

31 (e) Authoring a Publication. CPE credit for published articles and books shall be given based on the number of
32 contact hours the CPA spent writing the article or book. No more than 25 percent of a CPA's required CPE credits
33 for a year shall be credits for published articles or books. An article written for a CPA's client or business newsletter
34 shall not receive CPE credit.

35 (f) Instructing a Graduate Level College Course. CPE credit for instructing a graduate level college course shall be
36 given based on the number of credit hours the college gives a student for successfully completing the course, using

1 the calculation set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule. Credit shall not be given for instructing a course in which
2 there is credit given towards an undergraduate degree.

3 (g) No more than 50 percent of the CPE credits required for a year shall be credits claimed under Paragraph (d) and
4 (f) of this Rule.

5 *History Note: Authority G.S. 93-12(8b);*

6 *Eff. May 1, 1989;*

7 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2015; January 1, 2014; February 1, 2012; January 1, 2007; January 1,*
8 *2004; February 1, 1996; April 1, 1994; March 1, 1990.*