

Chapter RL 85

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RL 85.01 Continuing education. (1) Every certified and licensed appraiser shall complete at least 20 hours of continuing education in each biennial renewal period, at least 4 of which shall include instruction in the professional standards and code of ethics applicable to appraisers.

Note: For the January 1, 1998 renewal period, credential holders will be required to submit proof of completion of 20 hours of continuing education. Commencing with the January 1, 2000 renewal period, an applicant must submit proof of completion of the 4 hours of instruction in the professional standards and code of ethics applicable to appraisers and each biennial renewal period thereafter. In February, 1994, the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation adopted a requirement that increases the continuing education hours for certified and licensed appraisers from 20 to 28, effective January 1, 1998. This change will not affect the January 1, 1998 reporting requirements in Wisconsin.

(2) Continuing education hours may be applied only to satisfy the continuing education requirements for the biennial renewal period in which the hours were acquired and may not be carried over to the next biennial renewal period.

(4) The number of hours of attendance at and completion of continuing education programs or courses of study required under s. 458.13 (1), Stats., shall be reduced by one hour for each hour of attendance and completion of, within the 2 years immediately preceding the date on which the renewal application is submitted, continuing education programs or courses of study that the applicant has attended and completed in order to continue to qualify for employment as an assessor and that the department determines is substantially equivalent to attendance at and completion of continuing education programs or courses of study for certified general appraisers, certified residential appraisers, or licensed appraisers, as appropriate.

(5) Credit may be allowed for appraiser course instruction provided by a course instructor in connection with an approved continuing education program.

(6) To audit for compliance the department may require any certified or licensed appraiser to submit evidence of completion of 20 hours of continuing education for the biennium preceding the renewal. Every certified and licensed appraiser shall retain records of continuing education credits for at least 5 years.

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RL 85.02 Approval of continuing education programs. (1) To obtain approval of a continuing education program, the program provider shall submit an application on forms provided by the department at least 45 days prior to the first date the program is offered. The program provider shall include a general description of the subject, name, and outline, name and qualifications of the instructor, date, time segments, and location. The department shall notify the provider whether the program has been approved or denied within 20 business days from the date the application is received.

Note: Applications for course approval are available from the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Bureau of Business and Design Professions, 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

(2) The program shall relate to one or more of the subject areas described in s. RL 84.02 (3), 84.03 (3) or 84.04 (3) or other subject areas relevant to competent practice. If the subject area is not described in s. RL 84.02 (3), 84.03 (3) or 84.04 (3), the applicant shall include with the application a statement explaining how the

subject area is relevant to competent practice and is consistent with the course content and criteria established by the appraiser qualifications board of the appraisal foundation.

(3) The program shall be available to all certified and licensed appraisers regardless of membership in any organization.

(4) The program shall be at least 2 hours in length.

(5) The provider of the continuing education program shall agree to monitor attendance at the beginning and end of the program and to furnish each participant written evidence of having completed the program.

(6) Program providers may repeat a previously approved program without reapplication, provided that the subject matter and instructor has not changed.

(7) Program providers shall agree to distribute course evaluation survey forms to credential holders who complete programs offered by the providers, and shall retain the originals of the forms for at least 12 months after the date of completion.

(8) A correspondence course, video or remote television presentation which satisfies all of the following requirements may be approved:

(a) The course is presented by an accredited college or university which offers correspondence programs in other disciplines.

(b) An individual successfully completes a written examination administered at a location by a proctor approved by the course provider.

(c) An individual is awarded a minimum of one semester credit upon successful completion of the course.

(d) The course relates to one or more subject areas described in s. RL 84.02 (3), 84.03 (3) or 84.04 (3) or other subject areas relevant to competent practice. If the subject area is not described in s. RL 84.02 (3), 84.03 (3) or 84.04 (3), the applicant shall include with the application a statement explaining how the subject area is relevant to competent practice and is consistent with the content and criteria established by the appraiser qualifications board of the appraisal foundation.

Note: For purposes of evaluating educational coursework, one semester credit is the equivalent of 15 hours of instruction.

(9) Course instructors shall be approved by the department. An instructor whose appraiser certificate has been limited, suspended or revoked may not instruct in approved courses while the disciplinary action is in effect. An approved instructor shall possess at least one of the following qualifications:

(a) Be an instructor of appraisal courses who teaches or has taught appraisal courses at an accredited college or university.

(b) Be a licensed or certified appraiser who practices in the aspects of appraising being taught, and who has engaged in such practice for at least 5 years.

(c) Be an instructor of assessor education courses who is approved by the department of revenue to teach continuing assessor education programs.

(10) The program provider shall retain records of attendance of continuing education programs for a period of 5 years.

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