



GUIDELINE: Continuing Education Violation and Penalties

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The Board of Pharmacy regards failure to comply with the continuing education (CE) rule and regulation requirements for licensure as a serious issue. With the number of many home-study, web-based, and live programs available, achieving the fifteen (15) hours required each year cannot be viewed as a burden. Accordingly, the penalties assessed by the Board when a CE audit indicates a failure to comply with the CE requirements are far worse than the effort required to complete the minimum 15-hour requirement.

I. Self-Reported to Board Prior to Renewal:

1. **Additional CE:** Two (2) hours of CE will be required for each one (1) hour of missing CE.

II. Discovered upon audit:

1ST Offense:

1. **Fine:** \$100 fine for each hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE with a minimum \$500 fine.
2. **Additional CE:** Four (4) hours of CE will be required for each one (1) hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE.
3. **Live CE:** At least 25% of the CE required in (2) above, with a minimum of four (4) hours, must be acquired by attendance at a live CE presentation.
4. **Audit:** At the next license renewal, original CE completion certificates must be submitted to the Board for audit.

2ND Offense:

1. **Fine:** \$200 fine for each hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE with a \$1500 minimum.
2. **Additional CE:** Four (4) hours of CE will be required for each one (1) hour or partial hour of missing or falsified CE.
3. **Live CE:** At least 50% of the CE required in (2) above, with a minimum of four (4) hours, must be acquired by attendance at a live CE presentation.
4. **Audit:** At the next three (3) license renewals, original CE completion certificates must be submitted to the Board for audit.
5. **Probation:** License will be placed on probation for two (2) years.