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## **PRIVATE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 40-18-30 the Chief of SLED has the authority and responsibility to require training necessary to provide for competent delivery of private investigation services to the public.

Pursuant to that authority and responsibility, the following requirements govern the continuing education process for private investigations:

- Applicants must certify to SLED they have successfully completed a minimum of 12 hours of SLED-approved continuing education training in the 24 month period immediately preceding their renewal date. SLED may waive this requirement if a licensee or registrant provides substantive documentation of circumstances preventing compliance.
- Required certification must be submitted with the renewal application.
- It is the responsibility of business licensees to ensure registered employees are in compliance with continuing education requirements.
- Applicants who seek credit for a program not presently authorized by SLED should submit the name, address, and telephone number of the provider to SLED for approval of credit.
- *Qualifying continuing education* means attendance at and successful completion of a program accepted by SLED consisting of subject matter applicable to the operation of a private investigation business.
- SLED approval will be awarded for successful completion of qualifying programs that:
  - are designed as training programs to impart information directly related to development or enhancement of investigative skills;

- are presented by bar associations or other accredited providers of training to the legal, law enforcement, investigative or other professions, and determined by SLED to be pertinent to the operation of a private investigation business;
  - are presented by SLED; or
  - are self-study, correspondence, online, college, or other lecture/seminar programs approved by SLED.
- Persons holding South Carolina licenses may seek approval from SLED for programs administered in other states by submitting a copy of the program, list of topics to be presented, or other information explaining the program content and the providers' qualifications to offer the training.
  - Successful completion of approved training must be submitted to SLED in the form of a diploma, certificate, or other form of acceptable documentation.
  - Continuing education credit is earned on the basis of one credit hour for each contact hour of training successfully completed.
  - Approved training providers will be identified on the SLED website ([www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov)).
  - Submission of false information to SLED constitutes a violation of the S.C. Code of Laws and S.C. Code of Regulations and could result in suspension or revocation of private investigation business licenses or registrations (S.C. Code Ann. § 40-18-130; § 40-18-150).
  - In its discretion and as necessary, SLED may require private investigation licensees and registrants to attend SLED-presented training on legal, regulatory, and policy updates. Licensees and registrants will be notified in advance of such training by SLED.

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