

Update/Clarification on Renewal Credits for a Standard Professional II License

During the 2011 session, the General Assembly reduced the number of renewal credits required for a teacher to renew a Standard Professional II license from 15 to 7.5. At the August State Board session, members requested a Task Force be created to consider options for renewal credits. The State Board approved the Task Force recommendations at its November meeting. Renewal requirements are as follows:

Teachers

Teachers of grades kindergarten through twelve (includes Birth-K, Pre-K, special service personnel*, special subject areas*, facilitators, dean of students and licensed central office staff) must complete 7.5 renewal credits during each five-year renewal cycle that meet the following requirements:

- 1 renewal credit in the academic subject area (content) **
- 1 renewal credit in literacy *** and
- 5.5 general credits (not to include years of experience) at the discretion of the LEA, if Employed

* Special service personnel includes: audiologists, counselors, media specialists, school psychologists, social workers and speech-language pathologists (SLPs), with the exception of new SLPs who now follow their Board of Examiners requirements. Special subject areas include: music, PE, health, art, dance, theatre, ESL, CTE, EC, speech, reading, foreign languages, and ROTC.

**** The content requirement is satisfied by 1 credit in the teacher's specific content area and/or instructional strategies. (Note: For CMS courses, each content area has a course prefix and "INS" is the prefix for instructional strategies.)**

*** Courses with the "REA" or "LAR" course prefix or the new course prefix of "LIT" in MyPD will satisfy the literacy requirement. For more information on the definition of literacy, please [click here](#)

Note: Teachers who completed the required waiver-day Common Core Training, have satisfied the literacy requirement.

Teachers completing the National Board (NB) certification process may earn all 7.5 credits for completion of the process and certification. Those who are in the ten year National Board renewal cycle may earn two credits (one for content and one for literacy).

- Note: NB credits are earned for either the completion of the process or NB certification. Those who successfully renew their NB certification or complete the NB certification renewal

process will satisfy both the content and literacy requirement, when posted as 2.0 credits in the 2011-12 school year or after. Those posted with 5.0 credits (prior to the 2011-12 school year) will satisfy the content requirement only.

School Administrators

School administrators (principals, assistant principals) must earn at least 7.5 renewal credits during each five-year cycle that meet the following requirements:

- 3 renewal credits focused on the school executive's role as instructional, human resources and managerial leader and
- 4.5 general credits (not to include years of experience) at the discretion of the LEA, if employed
- Note: CMS courses with the "LIC" or "ADL LIC" prefix will satisfy this requirement.

The new renewal requirements apply to individuals renewing their licenses on or after August 1, 2011.

Validated License

Individuals, whose expired license was validated by the State for three years to earn credits for a new five-year renewal cycle, are required to meet the 15 credits until the new cycle is established, with a minimum of 5 credits earned each year.

Please contact your licensure case manager, if you have additional questions.