

481—844.2(272C) Continuing education requirements.

844.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period extends for a two-year period beginning on July 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on June 30 of each even-numbered year two years later.

844.2(2) Requirements of new licensees. Continuing education is not required in the first renewal period with the exception of two hours in the content areas of 481—Chapters 841 through 846 and Iowa Code chapter 151. Continuing education hours acquired any time from the initial licensing until the second license renewal, with the exception of two hours in the content areas of 481—Chapters 841 through 846 and Iowa Code chapter 151, may be used after the first renewal period. The new licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal.

844.2(3) Hours of continuing education credit will be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity as stipulated in rule.

844.2(4) Up to 50 percent of continuing education hours can be carried over into the next biennium if there was an amount of continuing education completed during the prior period that exceeded the minimum requirement. A licensee whose license is reactivated during the current renewal compliance period may use continuing education earned during the compliance period for the first renewal following reactivation. The continuing education required in subparagraphs 844.3(2)“a”(2), “a”(4), and “a”(5) must be completed each biennium and cannot be carried over.

844.2(5) It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.

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