

645—44.2(272C) Continuing education requirements.

44.2(1) The biennial continuing education compliance period shall extend 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. Starting with the 2018-2020 biennium, each person who is licensed to practice as a licensee in this state shall be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education approved by the board.

44.2(2) Requirements of new licensees. Those persons licensed for the first time shall not be required to complete continuing education as a prerequisite for the first renewal of their licenses with the exception of two hours in the content areas of 645—Chapters 41 through 45 and Iowa Code chapter 151. Continuing education hours acquired anytime from the initial licensing until the second license renewal, with the exception of two hours in the content areas of 645—Chapters 41 through 45 and Iowa Code chapter 151, may be used. The new licensee will be required to complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education per biennium for each subsequent license renewal.

44.2(3) Hours of continuing education credit may be obtained by attending and participating in a continuing education activity. These hours must be in accordance with these rules.

44.2(4) No hours of continuing education shall be carried over into the next biennium except as stated in 44.2(2) and 44.3(2)“a”(3). 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.

44.2(5) It is the responsibility of each licensee to finance the cost of continuing education.
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