

School Counselor License Renewal

The [School Counselor License](#) (SCL) is a five-year license with unlimited renewals. Each renewal adds five years to the license's validity. A renewal can be requested any time after January 1 of the expiration year.

BEFORE February 6, 2020

Those credentialed with the School Counselor License and/or a [Standard or Professional](#) level teaching certificate with the School Counselor (NT) endorsement may submit a renewal application, after January 1 of the year in which the credential expires using the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Credentialed school counselors should be aware that specific professional development will be required beginning February 6, 2020. For more information go to the [After February 5, 2020](#) section of this document.

Requirements: (One of the following)

- 150 hours of education-related professional learning.
- A valid out-of-state certificate/license (may be used one time to renew the SCL).

Education-Related Professional Learning Options:

One of the following [Education-Related Professional Learning](#) options must be earned since the issue date of the most recent SCL or renewal, and they must be entered into [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS) prior to applying for the renewal for the system to recognize your eligibility:

- 6 semester credit hours appropriate to the field of school counseling from a regionally accredited college or university; or
- 6 semester hours in a planned course of study* from a regionally accredited college or university; or
- 150 Michigan State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) appropriate to the field of school counseling; or
- 150 hours of Michigan District Provided Professional Development (DPPD) appropriate to the field of school counseling; or
- Any combination of the above.

Education-Related Professional Learning Hour Conversion:

- College credit: 1 semester credit = 25 professional learning hours
- SCECH Hours: 1 SCECH hour = 1 professional learning hour
- DPPD Hours: 1 DPPD hour = 1 professional learning hour

**Credits in a planned course of study may include credits taken as part of an education-related master's or higher degree or credits in a program that leads to an endorsement.*

AFTER February 5, 2020

[Michigan Compiled Law \(MCL\) 380.1233 \(6-8\)](#) was amended in 2017 requiring school counselors to complete fifty (50) professional development hours specific to college and career preparation to renew **effective February 6, 2020**. These hours are a part of the total required 150 hours of professional development necessary for renewal.

The hours must be accrued as follows:

- 25 hours - college preparation and selection; and
- 25 hours - career consultation; 5 of which MUST include the exploration of military career options.

Only [State Continuing Education Clock Hours](#) (SCECH) can be used to complete the 50 hours of professional development required by law. Beginning February 6, 2020 applications for renewal *may only be submitted* if the SCECHs required by MCL 380.1233 are identified in MOECS prior to application.

School Counselors can view earned SCECHs by clicking the Professional Learning tab within their MOECS account.

Obtaining School Counselor Professional Development Hours

Local, national organizations, school districts and universities may partner with [SCECH Sponsors](#) to offer professional development opportunities that meet the requirements of MCL 380.1233 and the State Board approved [School Counselor Professional Development Standards](#).

Approved SCECH programs that meet the law and standards can be accessed in the Michigan Department of Education [SCECH catalog](#) by searching the *School Counseling* category. Please check the Catalog regularly for program offerings.

Questions pertaining to SCECH programs and the School Counselor Professional Development Standards can be directed to SCECH@michigan.gov or MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov.