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.

Requirements: (One of the following)

- 150 hours of education-related professional learning.
- An education-related masters or higher degree earned at any time from a regionally accredited college or university (may be used one time to renew the SCL).
- 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.