

# 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 System](#) (MOECS). Before February 6, 2020, the current renewal requirements specified below are in effect.

**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 \(7-9\)](#) 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 as it pertains to career opportunities.

Applications for renewal submitted *beginning February 6, 2020* will be required to have completed the new professional development requirement. Applications lacking the required professional development hours as specified in law will be placed on ["hold"](#) or ["denied"](#) pending completion and verification.

### **Obtaining School Counselor Professional Learning Hours**

To meet requirements of the law only [State Continuing Education Clock Hours](#) (SCECH) can be used to complete the 50 hours of professional development. Local, national organizations, school districts and universities may partner with [SCECH](#) Sponsors to become approved SCECH Providers.

School counselors will want to be sure to register for SCECHs in sync with the [School Counselor Professional Development Standards](#) and the law. Approved SCECHs will be included under the heading of *School Counseling* on the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS) under the subsection of Professional Learning Programs within the MDE [SCECH catalog](#). Please check the Catalog regularly for offerings.

Questions pertaining to SCECH programs and the School Counselor Professional Development Standards can be directed to [SCECH@michigan.gov](mailto:SCECH@michigan.gov) or [MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-EducatorHelp@michigan.gov).