

Week of July 27, 2009

Topic: Continuing Education Requirement



Dear SABby,

I am a level two assessor and am a bit confused about what I need to do to complete my continuing education requirements for the 2009 year. I know there are new requirements for the next three years, but I'm still confused exactly how to accomplish that with the new mandatory programs, the on-line offerings, the elective credit, etc.

Can you please explain the new requirements to me?

Yours Truly,
Simply Confused

Dear Simply Confused,

The State Assessors Board requires 12 hours of continuing education instruction to be completed by certified assessors for each of the next three years. Assessors are required to complete 6 hours of mandatory program instruction and 6 hours of approved elective credit, for a total of 12 hours of instruction over each of the next three years. The mandatory instruction can be achieved by successfully completing one of the 6 hour mandatory programs offered on-line or by attending a classroom instructed program. The elective requirement may be met by successfully completing a Board approved elective course.

Currently, two of three 6 hour mandatory programs are available as on-line courses. The third program is in the process of being completed as an on-line course. During 2009, if you successfully complete two of the 6 hour on-line courses, you will receive credit for completing both the mandatory and elective requirements. This will complete the 12 hour requirement for the 2009 year. During the 2010 year, you would then complete the final 6 hour mandatory program and 6 hours of approved elective instruction. Then the final year, you would be required to complete 12 hours of approved elective instruction.

Additional information can be located on the State Assessors Board Website at www.michigan.gov/stateassessorsboard.

Best wishes on successfully completing your continuing educational requirements.

Sincerely,
SABby