

**Week of August 10, 2009**

**Topic: Continuing Education Elective Credit Requirement**



Dear SABby,

I am a certified assessor and have completed both of the mandatory on-line renewal programs that are currently offered by the State Assessors Board through the Michigan Assessors Association Website. I know I need to complete three mandatory programs within the next three years, and I also know I need to complete the current five year USPAP renewal requirement by 2011. A USPAP course is being offered in my vicinity and I was thinking of attending the course. I want to be certain I'm pursuing my continuing educational credits in the most beneficial way possible while properly completing the requirements for each of the three years.

Can you please offer some advice on what might be the best way for me to proceed? Should I take the USPAP course at this time?

Yours Truly,  
Seeking Continuing Ed

Dear Seeking Continuing Ed,

By successfully completing two of the on-line mandatory programs, you have met both the mandatory and elective credits for the 2010 period (which is the renewal period assessors are working toward completing by September 30, 2009). Considering you have already met your requirements for the 2010 renewal period, it is recommended that you wait to take the USPAP course so that it may be used next year as your elective credit. If you take the USPAP course and the third mandatory program during the 2010 year, you will meet the 12 hour requirement for the 2011 renewal period. Then for the 2012 renewal period, you would only have to take 12 hours of elective credit to complete your continuing education requirement for that period.

Remember, courses successfully completed at the 2009 Michigan Assessors Association Continuing Education Conference held at Gaylord from October 7-9, 2009 can be used to complete requirements for either the current 2010 renewal period or the 2011 renewal period.

Best wishes on successful learning.

Sincerely,  
SABby