

Tip of the Week: December 14, 2009
Topic: Continuing Education for 2010



Dear SABby,

There is a rumor going around right now that the number of required continuing education hours will change from 12 hours to 6 hours in 2010. Can you confirm that? And if it is true, can you provide information of what will be required of assessors for the 2010 renewal period?

Sincerely,
Perry Noyd

Dear Mr. Noyd:

Now, that is rumor that is completely true! On October 29, 2009 Governor Granholm signed Executive Order 2009-51 (the EO) which transfers the functions of the State Tax Commission and the State Assessors Board to a new entity titled the new State Tax Commission. As directed in the EO, efforts are underway to make internal organization changes that are necessary to effectuate the transfer of these functions.

As part of these efforts, a change to the number of continuing education hours will become effective December 28, 2009. Assessors will be required to complete 6 hours of elective continuing education for the 2010 renewal period instead of 6 hours of mandatory credits and 6 hours of elective credits. An assessor may still use one of the two on-line mandatory courses provided on the Michigan Assessors Association website to complete the 6 hours of elective credit. All credit hours that have been issued to assessing officers during the period of November 1, 2009 and December 27, 2009 will be used to meet the 2010 renewal period requirement.

An assessor may check the status of their continuing education credits by visiting the State Assessors Board website at www.michigan.gov/stateassessorsboard (not a live link) and reviewing the report titled "2010 Status List of Assessor Renewal Credits." Please be aware that beginning December 28, 2009, all documents and items previously published on the State Assessors Board website will be moved to the State Tax Commission's website at www.michigan.gov/statetaxcommission (not a live link).

Sincerely,
SABby