

**Week of October 19, 2009**

**Topic: Annual Continuing Education and Certification Renewal Process Changes**



Dear SABby,

I just don't get it. What's the deal with the changes to the renewal dates? Is there an annual overlap of one month?

Sincerely,  
Justin Geddit

Dear Mr. Geddit:

Never did we imagine this change would cause so much confusion! Here's what's happened, in a nut shell:

The SAB considered requests to include October courses for 2011 renewal credit (that's courses taken in late 2009 to late 2010 for eligibility to renew in 2011). Rather than begin a waterfall effect of other organizations wanting their courses to count for either year just like the MAA schools, the Board voted to change the renewal deadline from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. That change was made effective immediately.

Due to the immediate change, this year ended up being a 13 month year, with courses that are completed in October being eligible for either the 2010 renewal (2008-2009 sessions) or 2011, *just this year.*

**November 1, 2009 begins a new renewal year, which will end October 31, 2010. Prior to this situation, all renewal years have been 12 months. Following this transition, all renewal years will again be 12 months.**

All courses taken from November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010 will apply towards Mandatory and Elective Credit required for renewal in 2011. This means that anyone who wants to receive Mandatory or elective credit should complete the requirement during November 1, 2009 and October 31, 2010. However, because this change occurred so late in the year and some assessors had signed up for October 2009 courses with the intent to use the credit for 2011 renewal, the SAB will honor courses completed during October 2009, but must receive any such request in writing accompanied by a certificate from the course completed.

Courses taken in October 2010 will only be acceptable for 2011 renewal requirements. It would behoove an assessor interested in obtaining 2011 credit to wait until November 1, 2009 to begin taking coursework or online quizzes, however, as stated above, the SAB will honor such requests when made in writing. Those requests can be made via fax or email to 517-241-3583 or state-assessors-board@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,  
SABby