



American Council of Engineering Companies of New York

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Continuing Education: The Law and Compliance of the PDH Regulations in NYS



The Law

- Effective January 1, 2004
- 36 hours for each triennial renewal
- Minimum 18 hours in courses of learning
- Courses/Activities must be approved
- Course 'approvers' must be recognized
- Self policing with renewal – random audit



Required Hours

- Retroactive hours from prior 3 years-
NOT ACCEPTABLE
- No carry over of hours
- 50 minutes = 1 PDH of credit
 - Each subsequent PDH is 60 mins
- Minimum time – 1 hour of credit
- 1 hour of ethics – minimum per triennial
 - No limit on ethics courses



EXEMPTIONS

- Licensed PEs who are represented by a collective bargaining agreement are exempt (public employees) – the grandfathered group from 2005
- They lose the exemption if the practice outside of their normal job
- Exemption does not apply to new hires



Who's Approved to Certify

- NYS Education (is overseer)
- IACET & AIA (national – not NYS)
- PIE
- NY colleges approved by Regents
- ABET accredited
- Any group approved by SED
- ACEC New York
- ACEC *



Courses of Learning

- Universities - accredited
- Approved Sponsors
- Testing/Learning Assessment component – can vary
- Post-course approval not permitted
- ACEC & AIA exceptions/ self police



Other Activities

- Teaching/Preparing (2 x credit)
 - Non contact credit
- Authoring Article (9 credits per)
 - Peer review/ technical
- Technical Presentation
 - Requires approvals in advance for any course being taught



Other Activities

- Patent
- Self Study/ On-line (w/test)
 - With varying requirements
- Codes Committee (50% credit up to 9 hours) with certain requirements
 - This applies currently to ACEC New York NYC codes committees but could be expanded



The Usual Approval Suspects

- ACEC*
- ACEC New York
- NYSSPE/PIE
- ASCE
- Zweig White*
- PSMJ*

*buyer beware!



PIE

- Practicing Institute of Engineering
 - Run through NYSSPE
- Made up of organizations
- Approved by SED
- Many ACEC members in PE & PIE



What Counts

- Technical Courses
- Law/ethics which contribute to practice
- Courses related to health, safety and/or welfare of the public
- Professional Development (ethics, design process quality)



What Doesn't Count

- Business Programs (ACEC)
 - Read AIA, Zweig, PSMJ carefully for NYS)
- Risk Management*
- Human Resources
- Marketing



What Doesn't Count

- Communications; including technical writing
- Public Relations
- Serving on a board
- Taking an otherwise approvable course-
that has not been pre-approved
 - Or a repeat course



Gray Areas - Ethical Issues

- Certain 'gray' areas are identified
 - i.e. Project management
- The self-certification process allows interpretation – and engineers are honor bound to meet the regulations
- Self-certification will occur at renewal
- If wrong; penalties, must comply



Gray Areas

- Project Management – may be full, partial or no credit
- Public Service Committees (i.e. Local Codes Committee that develops codes)
- Who determines- and how much
 - Approved Course Reviewers
 - Self Assessment



Gray Areas – More Details

- Identical Courses – can't use in same triennial period and each time taught needs a new approval
- Teaching the same course – see above
- Team Teaching guidelines – if courses are taught jointly each instructor gets full credit. If distinct teaching areas, other rules may apply



Gray Areas – More Details

- ACEC New York Policy on Other Providers – Buyer beware and investigate
- AIA inconsistencies – national vs state; NYS licensure vs AIA certification
- ACEC Coordination – on going with National to make user friendly



ACEC New York Policy On Other Providers

- There is confusion regarding AIA and other approvers of programs in New York
- We have discussed with SED
- Not all programs approved by the AIA meet the standards established by New York
- It is up to each engineer to assess the program to make sure it meets NY standards.
- The audit of these programs will occur at the time of license renewal.



What is ACEC New York Doing?

- Course Approval For Firms (in-house), Regions, and other providers
- Various programs in addition to Business Programs
- Regional Support Efforts
 - Eastern First Thursday
- Course Tracking
- Webinars/ live and downloadable



What is ACEC New York Doing?

- Working with ACEC to identify programs at conferences that comply
- Working with neighboring states
- Identifying process to promote professional but easy access
 - On-line as live



Common Sense Basics

- Keep track of all courses; provider or sponsor, date, name, instructor
- Make sure all courses fit timeframe
- Make sure courses have CEU approval/
double check course and certification
- Confirm multi-state approvals if
appropriate



What Does It Cost

- Through ACEC New York, the course approval cost is \$60 per class.
 - \$40 to re-teach/re-certify
- Non-member rates are \$375 per course
- Webinars- vary per connection and pp
- Live Programs vary on location and co-sponsor



Other States

- NY has one of most rigorous and most NY approvals apply elsewhere
- CA and FL also have certain other restrictions or approval policies
- In most cases if ACECNY approved = FL approved
- Always check with licensing sponsor in each state you are licensed



Other Information

- ACEC New York now approved for AIA Credit
 - Only some courses apply
 - ACEC New York will clearly identify
 - Requires additional certification process and time



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