



AELS NEW Continuing Education Regulations

Effective Date: October 15, 2023

FAQs

How many hours are required?	24 hours every biennium
Do all hours have to be HSW?	Not anymore, but they do have to be related to the professionals' scope of practice.
Do you still allow for carry-forward PDH's?	No, for AELS to keep in line with the model rules for the national organizations it partners with, none of which allow for carry-forward hours, AELS repealed regulation 12 AAC 36.510(e) allowing for 12 carry-forward hours per biennium.
Will you allow me to count my carry-forward hours I claimed on the 2022-2023 renewal application toward my PDH's for this renewal application?	Yes, any carry-forward claimed on the last renewal application can be counted toward the 24 PDHs for this renewal cycle.
Are there any new exemptions?	Yes – a NEW partial exemption – for those who have been licensed for 30 or more years in a CLARB, NCARB, or NCEES recognized jurisdiction.
I have two licenses, but I only have had one of my licenses more than 30 years. Does the partial exemption apply to all my AELS licenses?	Yes. If you have had one AELS license for more than 30 years, the partial exemption applies to all the AELS licenses you hold.
Does the board pre-approve courses?	No, the board still does not preapprove courses.
Are there any new activities that will count for PDHs"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review of papers, articles, and books • Up to 8 hours of course that focuses on ethics or business-related activity • Up to 4 hours for structured self-study* in the subject for which the registrant holds a registration • Outreach activities done by registrant

<p>What is considered a “qualifying course or activity?”</p>	<p>(A) Means a course or activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. With a clear purpose and objective; and ii. That will maintain, improve, or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the registrant’s field of practice <p>(B) Does not include regular duties</p>
<p>What is an ethics or business-related activity?</p>	<p>Ethics or business-related course or activity means a qualifying course or activity with content areas related to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Awareness of ethical concerns and conflicts; (B) Familiarity with the codes of conduct; (C) Understanding of standards of practice (D) Project management and risk-management; or (E) Other similar topics aimed at maintaining, improving or expanding the skills set and knowledge relevant to the registrant’s field and methods of practice
<p>What is a structured self-study?</p>	<p>Means time spent engaging in self-guided professional development</p>
<p>What is an outreach activity?</p>	<p>Includes active participation in educational outreach activities pertaining to professional licensure or the architecture, engineering, land surveying, or landscape architecture professions that involve K-12 or higher education students</p>
<p>How do I report these new allowable activities?</p>	<p>New activities will be reported on the new Continuing Education Structured report that will be posted to the AELS Continuing Education webpage on October 15, 2023.</p>
<p>Will there be a new Continuing Education Log?</p>	<p>Yes, the new CE log will be posted to the AELS Continuing Education webpage on October 15, 2023.</p>
<p>What if I have a question that is not listed here?</p>	<p>Email aelsboard@alaska.gov with any further questions you may have.</p>