



Texas Funeral Service Commission Continuing Education Requirements

To ensure that all licensees maintain and improve their professional skills, the Commission Rule 203.8 "Continuing Education" requires each active funeral director, embalmer, or dual licensee to participate in 16 hours of continuing education as a condition for licensure renewal.

Credit Hours Required according to Commission Rule 203.8:

- Each active individual licensee must obtain 16 hours of continuing education every 2-year renewal period from a Commission approved Continuing Education Provider.
- Commission rule exempts licensees who have just exited the provisional program or reciprocated their license to Texas, with an expiration date of less than 12 months, to obtain any CE to renew the license.
- Commission rule does require licensees, who have just exited the provisional program or reciprocated their license to Texas, with an expiration date of more than 12 months, to obtain the 6 mandatory hours to renew the license.
- The following are mandatory continuing education subjects during each renewal period:
 1. Ethics – 2 credit hours
 2. Texas Mortuary Law Updates – 2 credit hours
 3. Vital Statistics Requirements and Regulations – 2 credit hours.
- The Licensee may obtain all required hours through independent study.

Credit Hours Granted

- Rule 203.8 allows the Commission to credit a total of 4 hours per renewal period for attendance to a regularly scheduled Commission meeting, providing the licensee signs in and out and is present during the entirety of the meeting.
- Rule 203.8 provides for a supervisor of provisional licensees may to receive a maximum of 8 credit hours per renewal period, regardless of the number of provisional licensees supervised.
- Rule 203.8 provides for a presenter or instructor of an approved continuing education program to receive a maximum of 5 credit hours per renewal period, for an original presentation, regardless of how many times the licensee presented the continuing education instruction.

Failure to Comply

- Failure by any licensee to comply with the continuing education requirements will result in rejection of the renewal application.

If you have any questions regarding continuing education, please contact the Texas Funeral Service Commission at 512-936-2474.