

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR BONDSMEN Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many hours of continuing education must I complete each year?

You must complete three hours of continuing education each year by June 30 as required by NCGS § 58-71-71(b). The license year for bail bondsmen and runner is from July 1 through June 30. A person who receives his first license on or after January 1 of any year does not have to take continuing education until the period between his first and second license renewals. Please note that if you were ever been previously licensed as a bail bondsman or runner, then you are not considered to have your "first license" and must take three hours of continuing education. Contact Agent Services Division for clarification before the end of the CE year if you think this applies to you.

2. Where can I take continuing education?

Continuing education classes are offered throughout the year by approved continuing education providers. Information on approved bail bond continuing education providers is available on the Department's website at www.ncdoi.com.

3. Who is exempt from continuing education?

A licensed bail bondsman or runner who is age 65 or older AND who has been licensed for 15 years or more as a licensed bail bondsman or runner is exempt from continuing education requirements. To request a CE exemption, complete the Bail Bond CE Exemption/Extension Request Form and submit it to Agent Services Division before the June 30 deadline. This form is available on the Department's website at www.ncdoi.com.

4. What if I cannot take continuing education during the license year due to a hardship?

Licensees may request a CE extension for hardships such as medical disability or military deployment. To do so, complete the Bail Bond CE Exemption/Extension Request Form and submit it to Agent Services Division before the June 30 deadline. This form is available on the Department's website at www.ncdoi.com. Hardship exemptions/extensions are granted on a case-by-case basis. The Department will review any request, but the licensee should keep in mind that hardship must be some event or occurrence "outside the control" of the licensee, such as a medical situation/emergency, military obligations, death in family, etc. Personal or professional schedule conflicts do not typically fall under hardship because they usually are within the control of the licensee, and/or the licensee had ample time in which to meet the requirement before the conflict arose.

6. What if my license cancels for failure to meet continuing education by June 30?

If a bail bondsman or runner does not complete continuing education before June 30 of the license year, then the license(s) lapses effective June 30. You must reapply as if you never held a license, as described below:

- Submit a properly-completed application with fee, attachments and affidavits as required, and electronically submit fingerprints.
- Pass the state examination.