

AGENT SERVICES

**To: All Licensed Bail Bondsmen & Bail Bond Runners
Bail Bond CE Providers**

From: Agent Services Division

Date: February 15, 2017

RE: Clarification on Annual Educational Requirements

This is to remind all bail bond licensees to comply with the three (3) hour continuing education (CE) requirements for the 2016/2017 license year unless they are exempt from CE or have been granted a CE extension for the 2016/2017 year-

Effective July 22, 2016, bail bondsmen and bail bond runners only have to submit a license renewal application every two years and fingerprints every four years. However, the requirement for annual CE per North Carolina General Statute 58-71-71 has not changed; CE is still due annually by June 30.

If a bail bond licensee does not complete the CE requirements by June 30, 2017, the license(s) will lapse and the bondsman or bail bond runner will be required to re-apply as if they never held a license(s). This process involves the following:

- Complete the PLE course
- Submit a complete application with fee, affidavits, and fingerprints
- Pass the state examination

Please check the North Carolina Department of Insurance's website at www.ncdoi.com/ASD/Bail_Bondsmen.aspx#CE_Info for a list of approved CE providers.

Licensees may request a permanent CE exemption or request a CE extension for hardships such as medical disability or military deployment. To do so, the bondsman or bail bond runner must complete the Bail Bond CE Exemption/Extension Request Form and submit it to the Agent Services Division before the June 30 deadline. This form is posted on the Department's website at http://www.ncdoi.com/ASD/Documents/ApplicationsAndForms/Bail%20Bond%20CE%20Extension-Exemption%20Form_BB.pdf. CE extensions are granted on a case-by-case basis and must be approved in advance.

If you have any questions, please contact Agent Services Division at 919-807-6800.