

Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
Division 2234—Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire
Investigator Examiners
Chapter 6—Continuing Education Requirements—Private Investigators and Agency
Investigator Employees

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2234-6.010 Continuing Education. The board is amending the chapter title and sections (1), (3), and (4).

PURPOSE: The board is amending subsection (3)(A) which adds the other affected profession of licensed agency investigator employee, subsection (3)(B) adds language allowing the automatic approval of any POST approved course as meeting the CE requirement, and subsection (4)(F) exempts the CE requirement for first time licensees during their first renewal period..

(1) Continuing Education Courses.

(A) Attendance at continuing education courses is required *[by law]* to renew private investigator licenses.

(3) Special Approval of Courses.

(A) Any licensed private investigator **or licensed agency investigator employee** may petition the board to approve a particular course that he or she has attended or may attend that is offered by a person who has not complied with this board's continuing education rules.

1. The application shall be accompanied by the individual course review fee.

2. The materials set out in subsection (1)(B) of this rule should accompany the application. If any of the materials set out in subsection (1)(B) of this rule are not available, the applicant may provide supplemental material. The board may decline to approve the course for lack of sufficient information.

3. Proof of attendance, or a proposal for establishing proof of attendance, shall be included with the application.

(B) Any licensed private investigator **or licensed agency investigator employee** may submit evidence of a completed Peace Officer Standards and Training Program (POST) approved course for continuing education credit without submitting an individual course review application and fee.

(4) Continuing Education Reporting Period.

(A) Every private investigator licensed in Missouri shall, on or before February 28, 2014, and every two (2) years thereafter, obtain and report to the board proof of completion of sixteen (16) continuing education hours.

1. Private Investigators are not required to obtain and report evidence of continuing education hours within their first renewal reporting cycle.

2. Agency Investigator Employees are not required to obtain and report evidence of

continuing education hours within their first renewal reporting cycle.

- (F) Licensees who attend an open meeting session of the Missouri Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners will receive one (1) hour of continuing education credit. To qualify, licensees must sign in at the beginning of the open meeting session and sign out at the end of the open meeting session. This continuing education credit does not qualify as directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in conducting private investigation business.**

AUTHORITY: sections 324.1122, 324.1126, and 324.1138, RSMo [Supp. 2013] 2016. Original rule filed June 26, 2009, effective Jan. 30, 2010. Amended: Filed Sept. 13, 2013, effective March 30, 2014. Amended: Filed January 5, 2021.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners, Pam Groose, Executive Director, PO Box 1335, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1335, by fax at (573) 526-0661, or via email at pi@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*