

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
Division 2235—State Committee of Psychologists
Chapter 7—Continuing Education**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2235-7.010 Continuing Education. The committee is amending sections (1), (2), and (4), deleting section (3), and renumbering as necessary.

PURPOSE: The amendment is the result of a statutory change necessitating three (3) of the forty (40) continuing education credits required be in ethics and clarifies the reporting period.

- (1) Every psychologist licensed in Missouri shall, *[on or before February 1, 2002, and every two (2) years thereafter,]* complete *[or otherwise obtain for the immediately preceding]* for each two (2)-year reporting cycle at least forty (40) hours, *[or such other number of credits as herein provided,]* of accredited “continuing education credits” (herein CE credits) relevant to the practice of psychology. **The continuing education reporting cycle is the twenty-four- (24-) month period beginning on December 1 of odd numbered years and ending on November 30 of odd numbered years. Continuing education credits earned after November 30 for the immediately preceding reporting cycle shall not be applied to the next two (2)-year reporting cycle.**
- (2) At least fifteen (15) of the forty (40) ~~*[continuing education (CE)]*~~ credits must be completed within Category A (i.e., formal programs which meet the requirements of 20 CSR 2235-7.030(1)(A)); and the remaining twenty-five (25) CE credits must be completed in either Category A or in Category B (i.e., informal programs or hours which meet the requirements of 20 CSR 2235-7.030(1)(B)).
(A) Three (3) of the forty (40) CE credits are to be in ethics (“ethics credits”). The three (3) ethics credits can be in either Category A or in Category B.
- [(3) Continuing education credits earned after November 30 for the immediately preceding reporting cycle shall be applied to the next two (2)-year reporting cycle. The first reporting cycle shall be for the period December 1, 1999 through and including November 30, 2001; and each reporting period thereafter shall run from the next December 1 to November 30 two (2) years later (i.e., December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2003, etc.).]*
- [(4)](3)* A psychologist who *[is or]* becomes licensed during the middle of a reporting *[period]* cycle shall be entitled to *[and shall]* receive a “pro-rata” reduction in the number of required credits at the rate of five (5) hours for every three (3) full months between the date of licensing and what would be the normal date of commencement for

the reporting cycle.

~~[(5)](4)~~ If in any two (2)-year cycle, the number of continuing education credits earned from Category A in 20 CSR 2235-7.030 exceeds forty (40) credits, the excess credits over forty (40) may be carried over to the next two (2)-year cycle, up to a maximum of fifteen (15) hours.

*AUTHORITY: section 337.050.12, RSMo [2000] **Supp. 2020.** * This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 235-7.010. Original rule filed Dec. 31, 1998, effective Aug. 30, 1999. Moved to 20 CSR 2235-7.010, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed July 9, 2008, effective Jan. 30, 2009. Amended: filed March 2, 2021.*

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

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment would not cost private entities more than \$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 Missouri State Committee of Psychologists, PO Box 1335, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at 573-526-0661 or via email at scop@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*