

Part 2610 Chapter 2: Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements

Rule 2.1 | Basic Requirement

Every Mississippi physician licensee must earn or receive not less than forty (40) hours of Category 1 continuing medical education in a two-year cycle as a condition precedent to renewing his or her license for the next fiscal year. Additionally, all licensees who maintain a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substances Registration must complete the training required by Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act.¹ Excess hours may not be carried over to another two-year cycle. For the purpose of this regulation, the two-year period begins July 1, 2024, and every two years thereafter.²

- A. Category 1 continuing medical education shall mean those programs of continuing medical education designated as Category 1 which are sponsored or conducted by those organizations approved by the Mississippi State Medical Association, American Medical Association or by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor or conduct Category 1 continuing medical education programs.
- B. Programs of continuing medical education designated as Category 1-A, which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to sponsor or conduct Category 1-A continuing medical education for osteopathic physicians.
- C. Programs of continuing medical education designated as a “prescribed hour” that are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities accredited by the American Academy of Family Physicians to sponsor or conduct “prescribed hours” of continuing medical education.
- D. Programs of continuing medical education designated as “cognates” which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities that are accredited by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to sponsor or conduct approved cognates on obstetrical and gynecological-related subjects.
- E. Programs of continuing medical education designated as Category 1-A which are sponsored or conducted by organizations or entities accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education to sponsor or conduct Category 1-A continuing medical education for podiatrists.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-14 and 73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

¹ 21 U.S.C. 823, Sec. 303

² e.g., July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028; July 1, 2028, through June 30, 2030, etc.

Rule 2.2 | Persons Affected

Every Mississippi physician licensee is required to comply with the minimum requirement for continuing medical education established by these rules. Further, all licensees of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (Board) must comply with the specific CME requirements set forth in the Administrative Code applicable to their license type and area of practice.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-14, 73-71-43, 73-27-12, 73-26-3, 41-58-5, and 73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 2.3 | Exemption for Initial Licenses

Licensees receiving their initial license to practice medicine in Mississippi after June 30, or receiving their initial board certification by a specialty board after June 30, are exempt from the minimum continuing medical education requirement for the period following their receiving a license or board certification.³ The continuing education certification will be due within the next cycle.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-14, 73-71-43, 73-27-12, 73-26-3, 41-58-5, and 73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 2.4 | Record Keeping Requirement

Every licensee shall maintain records of attendance or certificates of completion demonstrating compliance with the minimum continuing medical education requirements. Documentation adequate to demonstrate compliance with the minimum continuing medical education requirements of this and other regulations shall consist of certificates of attendance, completion certificates, proof of registration, or similar documentation issued by the organization or entity sponsoring or conducting the continuing medical education program.

Licensees are required to create an account with a Board-approved CME management and tracking system. A list of all board-approved systems is available on the board's webpage. However, physicians who maintain board certification with a board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) are exempt from this requirement. All required documentation shall be uploaded immediately upon receipt to the CME management and tracking system selected by the licensee.

All information submitted and required shall be subject to examination by representatives of the Board upon request. Compliance review will be conducted by the Board via random computer-generated selection, or otherwise at the discretion of the Board. If a licensee is on a hospital medical staff, it is recommended these certificates and hours also be recorded with the primary hospital medical staff records.

³ For instance, a physician, or other licensee within the context of their individual CME timeframe, receiving an initial license on August 3, 2025, will not have to complete the required CME until the conclusion of the July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, CME cycle. All CMEs must be acquired within the current cycle.

With his or her annual renewal application, every licensee must certify the completion of the minimum continuing medical education requirement established under these rules. Failure to maintain records documenting that a licensee has met the minimum continuing medical education requirement, and/or failure to provide such records upon request to the Board or the CME tracking system, is hereby declared to be unprofessional conduct and may constitute grounds, within the discretion of the Board, for the suspension of the Licensee's ability to practice medicine.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-14, 73-71-43, 73-27-12, 73-26-3, 41-58-5, and 73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 2.5 | Annual Renewal

As a condition for the annual renewal of license, licensees will be required to certify on his or her annual renewal form that he or she has earned the required. The Board will randomly select licensees to ensure complete compliance with this requirement. If deficiencies are identified, the licensee must complete deficiencies within six (6) months of the date of notification. Failure to comply may result in the suspension of the licensee's license.

Any physician practicing during the time of a suspended license shall be considered an illegal practitioner and shall be subject to penalties provided for violation of the Medical Practice Act, and for costs incurred in the enforcement of this regulation.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-14, 73-71-43, 73-27-12, 73-26-3, 41-58-5, and 73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

Rule 2.6 | Waiver

A licensee who is unable to meet the minimum continuing medical education requirement for legitimate cause may apply to the Board for a waiver of the requirement prior to April 1 of the last year of the two-year cycle. Such waiver may be granted or denied within the sole discretion of the Board.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-14, 73-71-43, 73-27-12, 73-26-3, 41-58-5, and 73-43-11 (1972, as amended).

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