

Total of 8 CEUs are Required to Renew a North Carolina Teacher License (1 CEU = 10 Contact Hours)

- 6 semester hours or 8 units of renewal credit. Coursework must be directly related to an individual's area of licensure and/or professional responsibilities as a public school professional (e.g. classes in computers; reading; exceptional children; sign language; drug, alcohol or child abuse; CPR, first aid; classroom management; stress management; assertiveness training; effective teacher training; second languages; and AIDS education).
 - One CEU reflects ten contact hours.
 - One semester hour is equivalent to 1.5 units of credit.
- For a license to remain current, all credit must be earned by the expiration date of the existing license. To renew an expired license, 6 semester hours or 8 units of renewal credit must be earned within the most recent five-year period.
- 3 CEUs of literacy credit are required of all K-8 classroom teachers.
- 1 CEU of technology is required for all licensed employees.
- 3 CEUs in the academic license area is required for all licensed employees.

Activities suitable for renewal credit

- college or university courses (transcripts are required as documentation.)
- local in-service courses or workshops (the administrative unit certifies credits.)
- classes and workshops approved by an LEA (documentation of completion is provided by the agency sponsoring the activity.)
- technology workshops must focus on using technology as an instructional or diagnostic tool.

Keeping records of renewal credit

- Individuals employed in a public school unit should contact the licensure specialist about all renewal questions and recording of credits earned. Submit documentation of CEUs to licensure specialist as you complete them.

****Special Credit Required for School Administrators****

- Principals & assistant principals must earn 3 credits focused on the standards for school executives in instructional, human resources and managerial leadership. The remaining 5 may be general credits, to include 1 credit of technology.

IMPORTANT: *NCDPI no longer gives renewal credit for years of experience.*

Teachers who complete the National Board certification process earn all 8 CEUs required for renewal. Teachers who complete National Board recertification earn 1 credit for literacy and 1 credit for academic area. Teachers may use the NB credit during the renewal cycle in which they complete the NB process or save it for use in the next renewal cycle.

Licensure CEU requirements are subject to change from time to time by NC State Board of Education. Go to <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/licensure/update/> to see the latest updates.