

(4) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION VERIFYING THE LICENSEE HAS COMPLIED WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT UNDER § 3-309.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(d) The Board shall renew the license of each licensee who meets the requirements of this section.

(e) An architect has a grace period of 30 days after the architect's license expires in which to renew it retroactively, if the architect:

(1) otherwise is entitled to have the license renewed; [and]

(2) pays the renewal fee to the Board; AND

(3) MEETS THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE UNDER § 3-309.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(f) The Secretary may determine that licenses issued under this subtitle shall expire on a staggered basis.

3-309.1.

(A) (1) TO QUALIFY FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A LICENSEE SHALL COMPLETE 12 CONTINUING EDUCATION CONTACT HOURS PER 12-MONTH PERIOD SINCE THE LAST RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, INCLUDING 8 CONTINUING EDUCATION CONTACT HOURS THAT ARE RELATED TO THE PROTECTION OF THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) A LICENSEE WHO IS GRANTED AN INITIAL LICENSE MAY RENEW A LICENSE FOR THE NEXT FULL TERM WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION;

(II) A LICENSEE SERVING ON TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A PERIOD OF TIME EXCEEDING 120 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN A YEAR, IF THE ACTIVITY RESTRICTS PARTICIPATION IN A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM, MAY RENEW A LICENSE FOR THE NEXT FULL TERM WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION; AND

(III) A LICENSEE EXPERIENCING PHYSICAL DISABILITY, ILLNESS, OR OTHER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD MAY RENEW A LICENSE FOR THE NEXT FULL TERM WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION.

(B) (1) A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE OR ACTIVITY MUST:

(I) HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE WHICH WILL MAINTAIN, IMPROVE, OR EXPAND SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OBTAINED PRIOR TO LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION OR DEVELOP NEW AND RELEVANT SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE;