

(2) to provide for programs in the various specialized areas of accountancy in which certified public accountants practice;

(3) to provide a licensee with alternative ways by which to qualify through a variety of programs, which may include:

(i) professional development programs;

(ii) technical sessions of professional societies or chapters;

(iii) college courses;

(iv) formal, organized, in-firm educational programs of certified public accounting firms;

(v) seminars provided by governmental units; and

(vi) other seminars or symposiums related to the practice of accountancy; and

(4) to ensure that the programs approved for compliance with the continuing education requirements are available at reasonable intervals throughout the State.

(c) (1) The Board may appoint a continuing education committee to help the Board in carrying out this section.

(2) Each member of a continuing education committee shall be a licensed certified public accountant.

(3) A continuing education committee shall have the duties that the Board assigns.

(d) The regulations adopted under this section shall provide for a system for reporting and recording the program hours that each licensee earns. However, the Board may not require a licensee to submit scores or grades earned during participation by the licensee in a program.

(E) (1) THE BOARD MAY ENTER INTO WRITTEN AGREEMENTS WITH QUALIFIED PERSONS WISHING TO CONDUCT APPROVED PROGRAMS.

(2) A PERSON SEEKING APPROVAL BY THE BOARD FOR THIS PURPOSE SHALL:

(I) SUBMIT TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES; AND

(II) PAY AN APPLICATION FEE, NOT EXCEEDING \$200, AS SET BY THE BOARD.

(3) AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE ON APRIL 30 OF EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR.