**Notice of Changes to Board Regulations for Continuing Education (CE)**

Amendments to the Board’s Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing Home Administrators (Ch. 20) and Assisted Living Facility Administrators (Ch. 30) are set to become **effective on** **December 21, 2022**.

**What does this mean for licensed administrators?**

The regulatory updates contain two new CE provisions that will impact both NHA and ALFA licensees and active preceptors; once effective, these regulatory requirements **will apply** to the CE requirements for the 2023 renewal cycle.

1. At least two (2) hours of continuing education for each renewal year shall relate to the care of residents with mental or cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
2. A licensee who serves as the registered preceptor in an approved NHA AIT or ALF AIT program may receive one hour of continuing education credit for each week of training up to a maximum of 10 hours of self-study course credit for each renewal year.

To view the full regulation language related to CE requirements, please visit [18VAC95-20-175](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title18/agency95/chapter20/section175/) (NHA) and [18VAC95-30-70](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title18/agency95/chapter30/section70/) (ALFA).

To see the interlined changes to the text of the Board’s previous regulations, please [click here](https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewXML.cfm?textid=17216).

**When do the regulatory changes become effective?**

The amendments to the regulations are set to become effective on December 21, 2022.

**Will the amendments related to continuing education (CE) apply for the 2023 renewal cycle?**

Yes, because the amendments to the regulations become effective on December 21, 2022, these amended requirements will apply for the 2023 renewal cycle that ends on March 31, 2023.

Preceptors will be able to start earning credit for their service as a registered preceptor for an approved NHA AIT or ALF AIT beginning December 21, 2022.

**Are there any changes to the number of required CE hours for renewal for 2023?**

No, the total number of required CE hours for yearly license renewal has not changed.

Of the 20 required hours, two (2) hours “shall relate to the care of residents with mental or cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease and dementia.”

To view the Board’s Regulations related to CE, visit [18VAC95-20-175](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title18/agency95/chapter20/section175/) (NHA) and [18VAC95-30-70](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title18/agency95/chapter30/section70/) (ALFA).

**How does the Board define “live” hours for purposes of CE credit?**

To view the Board’s guidance related to “live” CE hours, visit Guidance Document 95-13, [Guidance on Completion of Continuing Education](https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nha/guidelines/95-13.docx).