

2006 Summary of Request to Clarify Restriction on “Flat” ADL

Jurisdiction	Law or Rule No.#	Response	Notes
<i>Alabama</i>		<i>Did not receive response</i>	
Arkansas	Article 20	Does not pre-approve courses or providers. Any qualifying course or activity with a clear purpose and objective which will maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge or relevant to the licensee’s field of practice is acceptable.	Excel copy of Record Keeping table and definitions of CEU and PDH’s was provided by Board
Florida	Chapter 61G15-22, F.A.C.	Pre-approves providers and doesn’t approve courses. Some providers are labeled exempt by board rule and courses are accepted from all approved providers.	Board is going to begin approving laws and rules courses and some interaction between student and instructor must take place within a reasonable time period for all distance learning courses. Area of Practice courses will not be part of an approval process and all such courses given by approved providers will remain acceptable for CE credit. The list of Board Approved Providers is on the Board’s website, www.fbpe.org .
<i>Georgia</i>		<i>Did not receive response</i>	
Illinois	Title 68 Part 1380 (PE) Part 1480 (SE)	Does not pre-approve individual courses or programs. Self study activities are allowed only if examination has been completed by licensee and graded by sponsor.	Board does provide list of acceptable providers for PE’s which include; NCEES, NSPE, ISPE, CECI, ASCE, colleges (including universities and other educational institutions), technical or professional societies and manufacturers. Acceptable providers for SE’s are highlighted above.
Iowa	193C IAC 7.4(3)	A maximum of 10 PDH of independent study activity will be allowed per biennium. Independent study is defined as any course or activity in which there is no real-time interaction between the training provider and the licensee, such as courses offered on the Internet.	To be readily acceptable, independent study must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A written evaluation process is completed by the independent study provider. b. A certificate of satisfactory completion is issued by the provider. c. An evaluation assessment is issued to the licensee by the provider. d. Documentation supporting such independent studies is maintained by the licensee and provided to the board as required by sub-rule 7.8(2).

Kansas	Article 66	Does not pre-approve courses. Continuing education activities that satisfy the continuing education requirements shall include... correspondence courses.	CPD Rules are located at: http://www.kansas.gov/ksbtp/66-14-3.html & http://www.kansas.gov/ksbtp/66-14-5.html Board's response concerning whether "flat" correspondence course are accepted; ...at Board's discretion, however, more attention is paid to content rather than other factors.
Louisiana	Chapter 31	Courses do not have to be pre-approved by the board, but the board does not allow self study courses. Louisiana allows distance learning for CPD credit, as long as there is an examination at the end of the course to verify the student has actually taken and passed the course requirements.	
Maine	Section 12	Does not pre-approve individual courses or providers Distance learning is allowed as long as there is a final evaluation such as examination or other form of verification of completion.	
Minnesota	Statute 326.107 Subdivision 2	Allows licensees to complete continuing education articles ending in examination or other verification process as part of their continuing education requirement, provided that the content of the article is relevant to their field of licensure. The Board does not pre-approve specific courses, activities, or providers for continuing education. It is up to each licensee to determine if a particular activity meets all the requirements spelled out in statute.	Continuing Education Guidelines are located at http://www.aelslagid.state.mn.us/statutes.html#326.107
Mississippi			Pending results of 12/7/06 Board Meeting
Missouri	Chapter 11	Does not pre-approve courses or activities. Correspondence courses are accepted but require evidence of achievement with a final graded test.	Copy of CPC Fact Sheet provided by Board

Montana	24.183.2105	Correspondence courses on an engineering topic where lessons are prepared, returned for correction and/or grading and testing at the end of the course are acceptable. Correspondence courses (including those offered through magazines) are required to issue a certificate of completion.	Copy of CPC CE Guidelines was provided by the Board
Nebraska	Chapter 9	Does not pre-approve continuing education offerings. Board accepts CE credit certified by another state, NCESS or engineering professional organizations. Board accepts relevant distance learning by a recognized CE provider, structured course study and professional magazine certified CE opportunities. Board relies on the licensees to report what they believe meet the above criteria.	Continuing Education Guidelines are located at http://www.ea.state.ne.us/content/pdf/booklet.pdf
<i>Nevada</i>		<i>Did not receive response</i>	
New Hampshire	Eng 403.05 & .06	Does not accept this type of activity for PDH credit if it is published as a magazine article even if a quiz is included.	CPD Rules are located at: http://www.state.nh.us/jtboard/eng403.htm
New Mexico			Pending results of 11/2/06 Board Meeting
New York	Section 68.11	Self-study courses from an approved provider, in an acceptable subject area, that has a method of testing, and does not meet the live instruction criteria, is acceptable.	
North Carolina	21-56.1700	Per Board Counsel David Tuttle, "Flat" ADL formatted CE (where the licensee reads an article then takes a quiz to test their comprehension of the subject matter) would meet the CPC requirements. The Board considers this type of CE much the same as a correspondence course where the licensee takes a test upon completion and receives CPC credit with a passing score.	
Ohio			CE requirements start in 2007
Oklahoma			Pending results of 11/2/06 Board Meeting
<i>Oregon</i>		<i>Did not receive response</i>	

South Carolina	Article 6	Does not pre-approve courses or sponsoring organizations. PDH units may be earned from correspondence courses.	Copy of CPC CE Criteria was provided by the Board
South Dakota	20:38:23:03	Self study activities (including reading articles) are allowed as long as testing or examination with formal recorded passing scores is obtained.	
Tennessee	0120-5-.06	Does not distinguish between “flat” and “interactive” distance learning (correspondence, televised, internet or videotaped courses). Allows for ADL whether or not there is interaction between the student/participant and instructor/author.	The Board has discussed amending the rules to require interaction but is still currently studying the issue and has requested a copy of the results of this survey.
West Virginia	7-1-10	Does not pre-approve CE courses or pre-qualify companies that offer CE. Current policy is to allow licensee to determine whether a CE activity is valid or not, subject to final authority of Board. A registrant may earn PDH’s by successfully completing a correspondence course.	
Wyoming	Chapter 9	Board does not pre-approve course curriculum or course providers. However, the Board does allow 5 contact hours per year of "Self Directed Study." This activity "...may very well fall under that category, but would only be approved for 10 of the required 30 CPC credits, per renewal period" (per Executive Director of Board).	CPC Rules are located at: http://engineersandsurveyors.wy.gov/index_files/Page801.htm

Definitions:

ADL: Asynchronous Distance Learning

Flat: No interaction between participant/student and provider/instructor

CPC: Continuing Professional Competency

CPD: Continuing Professional Development