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DC Board of Social Work

Continuing Education Requirements for Social Workers

All social Workers are required to complete 40 hours of approved continuing education. The effective date for the cycle begins the day immediately following the expiration of the previous cycle and ends on the current expiration date. Out of the 40 hours, **at least 6 hours must be in LIVE Ethics**, **2 hours in LGBTQ training, 10% (4 hours) in Public Health Priorities. Only 12 hours out of the total 40 hours required can be pre-recorded or self-study courses.**

Definition: Per.the.regulations, live programs are defined as – continuing education activities that provide for direct, real-time interaction between presenter(s) and participants and may include, inter alia, lectures, symposia, live teleconferences, live webinars, workshops.

Important Note: Licensees with less than two (2) years on their current license cycle are only required to complete 50% of the standard Continuing Education (CE) requirement. All mandatory content areas—including LGBTQ+ and DC Health public health priorities—must still be completed in full.

- **20 CEs** (from **Effective Date of the Cycle to License Expiration Date**) including 3 hours in LIVE ethics, 2 in LGBTQ and 2 in Public Health Priorities. Only the LGBTQ and Public Health can be pre-recorded courses. The remaining **16 hours including the 3 in Ethics** will be required to be i**n person or live interactive webinar**.

**First-time renewal applicants are exempt from CEs.