

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS  
PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS

1. South Carolina Code Section 40-18-30 establishes the authority and responsibility of the Chief of SLED to require training necessary to provide for competent delivery of private investigation services to the public.

2. Pursuant to that authority and responsibility, the following requirements govern the Private Investigations Continuing Education Program:

A. After January 1, 2006, no private investigation license or registration will be renewed unless the applicant satisfactorily certifies to SLED the successful completion of a minimum of twelve (12) hours of SLED-approved continuing education training in the twenty-four (24) month period immediately preceding the renewal date. SLED may adopt guidelines waiving this requirement if a licensee or registrant produces substantive documentation of circumstances preventing compliance.

B. Required certification must be submitted with the renewal application submitted by the licensee or registrant.

C. It is the responsibility of business licensees to ensure that registered employees are in compliance with requirements of this program.

D. Licensees and registrants who plan to seek credit for a program not represented on the accompanying list of SLED-approved providers and programs should first submit the name, address and telephone number of the provider and the name of the program to SLED for determination whether the program will be accepted by SLED for credit.

E. *Qualifying continuing education* means attendance at and successful completion of a program accepted by SLED for such purposes and that consists of subject matter constructively applicable to the operation of a private investigation business.

F. SLED approval will be awarded for successful completion of qualifying programs that:

1. are designed as training programs to impart information directly related to development or enhancement of investigative skills or otherwise specifically applicable to the operation of a private investigation business;

2. are presented by bar associations or other accredited providers of training to the legal, law enforcement, investigative or other professions, and determined by SLED to be reasonably pertinent to the operation of a private investigation business, and pre-approved in writing by SLED;

3. are presented by SLED;

4. are self-study, correspondence, college, or other lecture or seminar programs approved by SLED.

G. Persons holding South Carolina licenses and registrations may seek advance written SLED approval of programs presented at locations outside South Carolina by submitting a copy of the program, list of topics to be presented or other information explaining the program content and the providers' qualifications to offer the training.

H. Successful completion of approved training must be documented by submission to SLED of a diploma, certificate or other acceptable documentation.

I. At least four (4) hours of the training required must be presented by SLED or otherwise specifically approved in advance in writing by SLED. Qualifying seminars will be announced and conducted periodically by SLED. Upon application by letter, SLED will assist licensees and registrants whose businesses are located outside South Carolina with earning the necessary credits.

J. Continuing education credit is earned on the basis of one (1) credit hour for each contact hour of training successfully completed.

3. Approved training providers will be identified on the SLED Internet Website: [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov).

4. Submission of false information to SLED is a misdemeanor actionable as a violation of South Carolina Code Section 40-18-130(A)(2), punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year and a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or both, and may result in an administrative penalty of not more than one thousand dollars and suspension or revocation of the private investigation business license (SC Code Section 40-18-150).