

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Board of Accountancy

Article 4.—Permits to Practice and Continuing Education Requirements

74-4-8. Continuing education programs; requirements.

(a) A program designed to allow a participant to learn a given subject through interaction with an instructor and other participants in a classroom or conference setting, or intrafirm program using the internet, may be approved for continuing education credit under K.A.R. 74-4-7 if the program meets the following conditions:

(1) It is a formal program of learning that maintains or improves the professional competence of a certified public accountant and requires attendance.

(2) Participants are informed in advance of the learning objectives, prerequisites, program level, program content, any requirements for advance preparation, instructional delivery methods, recommended CE credit, and course registration requirements.

(3) The program is at least 50 minutes in length.

(4) The program is conducted by a person qualified in the subject area.

(5) The program sponsor issues to each participant a certificate of attendance that reflects the name of the program sponsor, title and course field of study, date and location of the program, delivery method of the course, name of the participant, NASBA registry number, if applicable, signature of a representative of the program sponsor, and number of CE contact hours.

(6) A record of registration and attendance is retained for six years by the program sponsor.

(b) The following types of programs addressing the subjects of accounting, auditing, consulting services, specialized knowledge and applications, taxation, management of a practice, ethics, or personal development may qualify as acceptable continuing education if the programs meet the requirements of subsection (a):

(1) Programs of the American institute of certified public accountants, state societies and local chapters of certified public accountants, and providers of continuing education courses;

(2) technical sessions at meetings of the American institute of certified public accountants, and of state societies and local chapters of certified public accountants;

(3) university or college credit courses. Each semester hour of credit shall equal 15 hours of continuing education credit. Each quarter hour of credit shall equal 10 hours of continuing education credit;

(4) hours from university or college credit courses shall not exceed 50 percent of the total number of continuing education hours required for permit renewal or reinstatement;

(5) university or college non-credit courses. These courses shall qualify for continuing education credit that equals the number of actual, full 50-minute class hours attended; and

(6) formal, organized, in-firm or interfirm educational programs.

(c) Hours from personal development courses shall not exceed 30 percent of the total number of continuing education hours required for permit renewal or reinstatement. Personal development courses, which shall be defined as courses dealing with self-management and self-improvement both inside and outside of the business environment, shall be limited to courses on communication, leadership, character development, dealing effectively with others, interviewing, counseling, career planning, emotional growth and learning, and social interactions and relationships.

(d) Any author of a published article or book and any writer of a continuing education program may receive continuing education credit for the actual research and writing time if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The board determines that the research and writing maintain or improve the professional competence of the author or writer.

(2) The number of credit hours claimed is consistent with the quality and scope of the article, book, or program.

(3) The article or book has been published or the program was created during the biennial period for which credit is claimed.

(e)(1) Group internet-based programs and individual self-study programs that allow a participant to learn a particular subject without the major involvement of an instructor may be eligible for continuing education credit if all of the following requirements are met:

(A) The program sponsor shall meet one of the following requirements:

(i) Has been approved by NASBA's national registry of continuing professional education sponsors or NASBA's quality assurance service;

(ii) is the American institute of certified public accountants; or

(iii) is a state society of certified public accountants.

(B) The program shall require registration.

(C) The sponsor shall provide a certificate of satisfactory completion.

(2) In addition to meeting the requirements specified in paragraph (e)(1), each individual self-study program shall meet the following requirements:

(A) The program shall include a final examination.

(B) Each participant shall be required to score at least 70 percent on the final examination.

(f) The amount of credit for group internet-based programs and self-study programs shall be determined by the board, as follows:

(1) Programs may be approved for one hour of continuing education credit for each 50 minutes of participation and one-half credit for each 25-minute period of participation after the first hour of credit has been earned.

(2) The amount of credit shall not exceed the number of recommended hours assigned by the program sponsor.

(g) Independent study programs that are designed to allow a participant to learn a given subject under the guidance of a continuing education program sponsor may be eligible for continuing education credit if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The program meets one of the following requirements:

(A) Has been approved by NASBA's national registry of continuing professional education sponsors or NASBA's quality assurance service;

(B) is sponsored through the American institute of certified public accountants; or

(C) is sponsored through a state society of certified public accountants.

(2) The participant has a written learning contract with a program sponsor that contains a recommendation of the number of credit hours to be awarded upon successful completion of the program.

(3) The program sponsor reviews and signs a report indicating that all of the requirements of the independent study program, as outlined in the learning contract, are satisfied.

(4) The program is completed in 15 weeks or less.

(h) A participant in an independent study program may receive up to one hour of credit for each 50 minutes of participation and one-half hour of credit for each 25-minute period of participation after the first hour of credit has been earned.

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