



Ohio

Chemical Dependency
Professionals Board

MARCH 2023 UPDATES ON RENEWALS

GRACE PERIOD TO RENEW CHANGED

Beginning April 6, 2023, the *grace* period to reinstate an inactive/lapsed certificate or license with our Board, with a late fee, will move to **one year** from its expiration date. This grace period begins once a credential expires and only applies to those certificate/licenses which are renewable. (CDCA Preliminary and RA is not a Renewable certificate) Please note: this change does not affect the renewal cycle which remains every two years to keep a certificate/license active.

All renewable certificates/licenses, if not renewed prior to its expiration date, goes into an inactive, lapsed status and one cannot practice under that certificate/license (or any endorsements associated with that license) unless it is renewed with a late fee anytime within one year of its expiration date.

If you currently have a certificate/license with an expiration date of April 5, 2022 or earlier in inactive/lapsed status and you do not renew by April 5, **2023**, your certificate/license will move to inactive/expired status. Those with a credential in inactive/expired status may not reinstate through the renewal process but must completely re-apply for a credential with our Board. A CDCA PRE and RA are NOT renewable certificates.

CHANGES TO NUMBER OF CEUs FOR RENEWAL

Also beginning on April 6, 2023, there are some changes to the number of CEUS required for renewing a certificate/license with our Board. Everyone is responsible for knowing what their requirements for renewal are depending on their particular situation. These requirements are in effect for anyone who renews an active license April 6, 2023, or after. If you are renewing a certificate/license in inactive, lapsed status with an expiration date prior to April 6, 2023, you are required to renew with the full 40 CEUS (*unless you are renewing an OCPSA*).

Anyone holding an International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate whether it is the Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) Reciprocal endorsement, Clinical Supervisor (CS) Reciprocal endorsement or the

Prevention Specialist (PS) Reciprocal endorsement is required by IC&RC to renew with 40 Continuing Education hours.

If you hold a LCDCCII/III, LICDC or LICDC-CS and you are uncertain if you hold a Reciprocal Endorsement, you may go to your elicense portal or elicense.ohio.gov, and under Endorsements and look for Reciprocal Certificate. If it is active, you must renew with a total of 40 CEUS, with the breakdown of those hours as required by your particular license.

Someone holding an OCPS or OCPC prevention certification, automatically holds the IC&RC PS Reciprocal Certificate even if it does not appear in elicense.ohio.gov. So those with an OCPS or OCPC must renew with 40 CEUS, six of those hours specific to ongoing prevention science education in the P6 Content area, 3 hours of Prevention ethics, and the rest must be prevention related education hours.

Someone holding an OCPSA prevention certification, your renewal hours remain the same at 20 CEUS, three of those hours specific to ongoing prevention science education in the P6 Content area, and 1.5 hours of Prevention ethics.

Anyone who does **not** hold a ADC, CS or PS Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate, and is **65 years of age or older** at the time of renewal, may renew with 20 CEUS.

Someone who does **not** hold a ADC, CS or PS Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate, is younger than 65 years of age at the time of renewal, may renew their CDCA renewable certificate or LCDCCII, LCDCC III or LICDC with **30 CEU** hours, with 6 of those hours being specific to substance use disorder (SUD) education (for example those Content areas approved under C1,C2,C4,C5,C6,C8), 3 hours in Ethics, and the rest must be field related to SUD counseling. If someone holds the GAMB endorsement or the LICDC-CS, the renewal hours must include six continuing education hours specific to your GAMB and/or CS endorsement.

Please note there is a difference between a LICDC-CS (which the CS is applied for as an endorsement to the LICDC license) and the IC&RC CS Reciprocal endorsement/certificate and someone can hold both, or just the LICDC- CS. Someone cannot hold the IC &RC CS Reciprocal certificate without holding a LICDC-CS with our Board.

Holding the Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate and renewing your license, or prevention certificate (OCPS/OCPC) with less than the required 40 CEUS can result in a discipline violation on your license.

CE BROKER MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ALL RENEWAL CEU DOCUMENTATION

Beginning April 6, 2023 if you renew your certificate/license with our Board in [elicense](http://elicense.ohio.gov) prior to uploading any of the necessary documentation of CEUS required for your

renewal onto your own personal CE Broker account (The CE management system of the Board), you can face disciplinary action at the time of an audit.

CE Broker along with OCDP Board will be hosting **TWO Informational Webinars** for those who are unfamiliar with CE Broker or would like a refresher on how CE Broker works, how to upload CEU documentation onto your personal CE Broker account, and access CE Broker to find CEUS.

Monday, March 27th from 12 pm (Noon) – 1:00 pm **OR**

Wednesday, March 29th from 9 am – 10 am; you do NOT need to attend both. Please register before March 23rd.

[March 27th Webinar Registration Link](#)

[March 29th Webinar Registration Link](#)

WEBSITE

The OCDP website also includes link to additional CE Broker information on our website under Renewals. www.ocdp.ohio.gov

Our website will be updated by April 5th with the new CEUS renewal requirements, or see ORC 4758.26 effective on April 6, 2023

See next page for a Quick Glance Chart of new CEU Requirements by renewable license or certificate.

QUICK GLANCE AT NEW CEU REQUIREMENTS.

**Required CEU's for Renewal for
certificates/licenses
with expiration dates after April 6, 23**

Treatment Certificates/Licenses

CDCA Renewable	30 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
LCDC II	30 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
LCDC II w/ADC Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate	40 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
LCDC III	30 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
LCDC III w/ADC Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate	40 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
LICDC	30 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
LICDC w/ADC Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate	40 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
LICDC-CS	30 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific, 3 in ethics, and 6 hrs. clinical supervision education
LICDC-CS w/CS Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate	40 hrs. of CEU's including 6 SUD specific, 3 in ethics, and 6 hrs clinical supervision education
LCDCII/III/LICDC w/GAMB Endorsement	Individuals who hold this endorsement must complete 6 hrs. of gambling specific education within their required CEU's.
65 yrs or older	20 hrs. of CEUS including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics
65 yrs or older w/ ADC or CS Reciprocal Endorsement/Certificate	40 hrs. of CEUS including 6 SUD specific and 3 in ethics

**There is no change in Prevention Certificate renewal requirements.*

Prevention Certificates

***Required CEU's for Renewal for certificates**

OCPSA	20 hrs. of CEUs including 3 in Content Area P6 and 1.5 Prevention Ethics
OCPS	40 hrs. of CEUs including 6 in Content Area P6 and 3.0 Prevention Ethics
OCPC	40 hrs. of CEUs including 6 in Content Area P6 and 3.0 Prevention Ethics

Legend:

SUD= Substance use disorder or chemical dependency

ADC = Alcohol and Drug Counselor

PS= Prevention Specialist

CS= Clinical Supervisor

Credential = Certificate or License held with CDP Board

After mandatory specific CEUs are obtained, additional CEUS hour requirements can be obtained in continuing education related to the credential held (these are indicated as Treatment Related (TR1) or Prevention Related (PR1), or any additional educational hours in the content areas associated with that credential.