



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4761-9-02 General RCCE requirements and reporting mechanism.

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- (A) Licensees and limited permit holders shall verify the successful attainment of RCCE from sources approved by the board as set forth in rule 4761-9-05 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) RCCE contact hours shall be obtained during the term of collection as set forth in paragraphs (C)(1) and (C)(2) of this rule. RCCE contact hours shall be earned prior to the license or limited permit expiration date for the renewal period. RCCE contact hours earned during the term of collection in excess of required contact hours cannot be applied towards a subsequent renewal period, unless the RCCE contact hours are earned after the filing date of a completed renewal application that is filed prior to the end of the renewal cycle for the specific authorization type held. A renewal application will be deemed complete when the renewal application form is filled out in its entirety, all continuing education required has been reported and is valid and the full renewal fee has been submitted.
- (C) Continuing education earned for license or limited permit renewal must minimally include the following content requirements:
- (1) An applicant for license renewal shall complete twenty contact hours of relevant RCCE every two years, beginning with the license renewal date and ending on the license expiration date established under paragraph (D) of rule 4761-7-01 of the Administrative Code, unless a waiver is granted under paragraph (F) of this rule. RCCE earned for license renewal must include the following content requirement:
 - (a) One contact hour of RCCE on Ohio respiratory care law or professional ethics as set forth in rule 4761-9-04 of the Administrative Code;
 - (b) At least fifteen of the required contact hours must include content relating to the provision of clinical respiratory care as defined under section 4761.01 of the Revised Code; and
 - (c) The remaining four contact hours may include indirectly related content, including, but not limited to, activities relevant to specialized aspects of respiratory care, such as education, supervision, management, health care cost containment, cost management, health quality standards, disease prevention, health promotion, or abuse reporting.
 - (2) An applicant for renewal of a limited permit issued under paragraph (A)(1)(c) of rule 4761-6-01 of the Administrative Code, shall complete ten contact hours of relevant RCCE every year, beginning with the limited permit renewal date and ending on the limited permit expiration date established under paragraph (E) of rule 4761-7-01 of the Administrative Code, unless a waiver is granted under



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paragraph (F)(2) of this rule. RCCE earned for license renewal must include the following content requirement:

- (a) One contact hour of RCCE on Ohio respiratory care law or professional ethics as set forth in rule 4761-9-04 of the Administrative Code;
 - (b) At least seven of the required contact hours must include content relating to the provision of clinical respiratory care as defined under section 4761.01 of the Revised Code; and
 - (c) The remaining two contact hours may include indirectly related content, including, but not limited to activities relevant to specialized aspects of respiratory care, such as education, supervision, management, health care cost containment, cost management, health quality standards, disease prevention, health promotion, or abuse reporting.
- (D) In lieu of completing RCCE contact hours required under paragraphs (C)(1)(b), (C)(1)(c), (C)(2)(b) and (C)(2)(c) of this rule, applicants may submit proof of successfully passing any written professional examination administered by the national board for respiratory care, inc. (NBRC), including the written registry examination for advanced respiratory therapists, the recredentialing examination for certified respiratory therapists, the written examination for certified pulmonary function technologists, the written examination for registered pulmonary function technologists, the written examination for neonatal/pediatric respiratory care, adult critical care specialist, sleep disorder specialist, or the certified asthma educator specialist. The registered polysomnographic technologist examination administered by the board of registered polysomnographic technologists (BRPT) is also an accepted written examination.
- (E) It shall be the responsibility of the licensee to maintain and keep all records to serve as documentation for any audit which may be conducted in accordance with rule 4761-9-07 of the Administrative Code pertaining to the completion of RCCE requirements; including, but not limited to certificates of completion, transcripts, letters of attendance, or attendance registers. Records shall be maintained for a period of two years after the end of a registration. Legible copies shall be sent to the board only in response to an audit.
- (F) Waiver of RCCE requirements.
- (1) A first time license holder in the state of Ohio who has been licensed for more than six months, but less than one year from the license expiration date must complete at least one half of the RCCE requirements listed in paragraph (C)(1) of this rule, including one contact hour on Ohio respiratory care law or



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professional ethics. First time license holders who have held a license for less than six months from the biennial license expiration date will not be required to complete the RCCE requirements for the current term of collection, but will have to complete the RCCE requirements for the following biennial renewal period.

- (2) For purposes of obtaining a RCCE waiver, the applicant or licensee shall have the burden of establishing that the illness or absence affected the reasonable opportunity to participate in RCCE activities. No more than two hours will be subtracted from the RCCE requirement for each month which is approved for reduction of hours. Application for RCCE waiver shall be completed by the applicant or licensee and submitted to the board at least sixty days prior to the end of the RCCE period. Applicants shall not sign and submit the renewal application prior to receiving approval from the board of the waiver request.
- (3) The board shall not waive the total RCCE requirement for any RCCE period.
- (4) The board shall not grant a RCCE waiver for consecutive RCCE periods.
- (5) Applicants shall be eligible to apply for RCCE waiver only if the applicant's illness or absence from the United States lasted a minimum of six consecutive months and occurred in its entirety within a single RCCE period.