



Continuing Education Requirements for California Psychologists (And How to Stay on Track)

As a licensed psychologist in the state of California, it is your responsibility to adhere to continuing education requirements every period in order to renew your license. Beyond license renewal being key to you maintaining your practice, continuing education is essential to stay abreast of what is happening in psychology – something your clients will always appreciate you taking seriously. Education is how we all continue to learn and further hone our skills and expertise, so it's certainly something to be celebrated. Though education is fantastic, keeping on track with the many hours you need to fulfill can be a challenge. Thankfully, there is a fantastic resource available to help you with that. Before we dive into the resource, let's start by outlining what is required of California psychologist in order to renew their license each year.

Licensee Requirements for California Psychologists

The state of California has a two-year renewal period, which means continuing education requirements can be completed any time within your two-year timeframe (before your expiration date). A total of 36 hours is required for California psychologists, which need to be done through a Board of Psychology recognized course, which are those offered by entities such as: American Psychological Association (APA), California Psychology Association (CPA), Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi), California Medical Association (CMA), and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Note – courses taken with the CMA or ACCME must be specifically applicable to the practice of psychology. Another requirement of the continuing education for California psychologists is that 25%, or nine hours, of the required 36 continuing education hours must be completed live. Live courses are not only those that are taken in-person, but also includes courses that allow for real-time interaction with the instructor during the course. Additionally, though there is no specific hour requirement, California psychologist must note in their renewal that they have maintained current knowledge of Laws & Ethics, which can be accomplished however the licensee sees fit.

Key Takeaways:

- **California psychologists are required to complete a minimum of 36 hours of continuing education every two years in order to renew their license (nine of which must be live).**
- **California requires psychologists to maintain their awareness of Laws & Ethics, but that can be accomplished however you see fit – no proof is required.**
- **Renewal applications must be submitted by your personal expiration date, and should not be mailed more than 75 days before that date or your application will be returned.**

Given psychologists are likely to achieve their continuing education certificates in increments, from various workshops, conventions, agencies, and institutions, there is a lot of documentation to keep track of (potentially 36 or more certificates throughout the course of the two-year time period). As proof is required when you apply for renewal (and may be required up to four years following through random audits) it's imperative you keep all of those certificates in a safe place – easily accessible and easy to track your progress. CE Hub is the safe place you need to work through your continuing education with ease.

What is CE Hub?

CE Hub is an app built specifically for psychologists. Recognizing the difficulty that is storing continuing education certificates and keeping track of your hours, CE Hub was created to take the stress out of continuing education requirements. Instead of worrying throughout the period that you may not be on track, or perhaps that you may have lost a document or two, CE Hub provides you the peace of mind you need to enjoy the learning process. Using the platform is simple: you sign up, upload your continuing education certificates as you obtain them, then CE Hub handles the rest. Your hours and certificates are tracked, then you are notified when it's time to submit for your renewal – something you'll never have to monitor yourself again. Alleviate the stress of continuing education requirements by taking advantage of CE Hub today!

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Reference Links:

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