

Continuing Education: News You Can Use

We are pleased to introduce News You Can Use, a monthly digest of tips and other useful information from the Commerce Department. Each month's edition will cover items of interest to license education providers, address new topics and answer questions.

Commerce's goal is to make the education provider and course application process as clear and straightforward as possible. We hope you find News You Can Use helpful, and welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Minnesota law requires continuing education courses to be relevant to a licensee's industry, so why was my course that contained future-looking content not approved?

Commerce Answer

Continuing education courses must focus on facts, information, or principles clearly relevant to licensees in performing responsibilities under their particular license type (See Minnesota Statute [45.25, subd. 2.](#) and [45.30, subd. 1.](#)).

The topic must impart appropriate and related knowledge, and convey substantive and procedural knowledge to the course attendee. It must also be relevant to technical aspects of a particular area of continuing education. This means that proposed course topics that discuss or predict results of elections, pending legal decisions, social issues or other speculative issues are not approvable.

Announcements

Does your providership have more than one approved coordinator? We strongly encourage you add an additional coordinator today!

Education providers may engage an additional coordinator, approved for their providership, in order to illness. Having a second coordinator helps providers avoid many common difficulties when the unexpected occurs right

before a course is going to be offered!

- **Insurance:** [Additional Coordinator Approval Application](#) (.pdf)

Did you know?

January 2018 Provider Renewals are happening now! Are you due to renew?

- To maintain uninterrupted active status, you must renew online at <http://www.pulseportal.com> (Appraiser/Real Estate) or <http://www.sircon.com> (Insurance) before 11:59 PM Central Time on January 31, 2018.
- The provider renewal fee is \$10.

Is there a question you would like you have answered in this newsletter?

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