

1 21 NCAC 32R .0101 is amended as published in 26:18 NCR pages 1464-1468 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32R .0101 CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) REQUIRED**

4 (a) Continuing Medical Education (CME) is defined as education, training and activities to increase knowledge and
5 skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of
6 clinical medicine, and the provision of healthcare to the public. ~~The purpose of CME should~~ is to maintain, develop,
7 or improve the physician's knowledge, skills, professional performance and relationships which physicians use to
8 provide services for their patients, their practice, the public, or the profession.

9 (b) Each person licensed to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina shall complete ~~no less than 150 hours at~~
10 least 60 hours of Category 1 of practice-relevant CME relevant to the physician's current or intended specialty or
11 area of practice every three years. ~~years in order to enhance current medical competence, performance or patient~~
12 care outcome. ~~At least 60 hours shall be in the educational provider-initiated category as defined in Rule .0102 of~~
13 this Section. ~~The remaining hours, if any, shall be in the physician-initiated category as defined in Rule .0102 of this~~
14 Section.

15 (c) The three year period described in Paragraph (b) of this Rule begins on the physician's first birthday following
16 initial licensure. ~~shall run from the physician's birthday beginning in the year 2001 or the first birthday following~~
17 initial licensure, whichever occurs later.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-14(a)(15);*
20 *Eff. January 1, 2000;*
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1 21 NCAC 32R .0102 is amended as published in 26:18 NCR pages 1464-1468 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32R .0102 APPROVED CATEGORIES OF CME**

4 The following are the approved categories of CME:

5 ~~(1) Educational Provider Initiated CME: All education offered by institutions or organizations~~
6 ~~accredited by the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and~~
7 ~~reciprocating organizations or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) including:~~

- 8 ~~(a) Formal courses~~
9 ~~(b) Scientific/clinical presentations, or publications~~
10 ~~(c) Enduring Material (printed or electronic materials)~~
11 ~~(d) Skill development~~
12 ~~(e) Performance improvement activities~~

13 ~~(2) Physician Initiated CME:~~

- 14 ~~(a) Practice based self study~~
15 ~~(b) Colleague Consultations~~
16 ~~(c) Study initiated by patient inquiries~~
17 ~~(d) Study of community health problems~~
18 ~~(e) Successful Specialty Board Exam for certification or recertification~~
19 ~~(f) Teaching (professional, patient/public health)~~
20 ~~(g) Mentoring~~
21 ~~(h) Morbidity and Mortality (M&M) conference~~
22 ~~(i) Journal clubs~~
23 ~~(j) Creation of generic patient care pathways and guidelines~~
24 ~~(k) Competency Assessment~~

25 (a) Category 1 CME providers are:

- 26 (1) Institutions or organizations accredited by the Accreditation Council on Continuing
27 Medical Education (ACCME) and reciprocating organizations;
28 (2) The American Osteopathic Association (AOA);
29 (3) A state medical society or association;
30 (4) The American Medical Association (AMA); and
31 (5) Specialty boards accredited by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the
32 AOA or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

33 (b) Category 1 CME education shall be presented, offered, or accredited by a Category 1 provider as defined above
34 and shall include:

- 35 (1) Educational courses;
36 (2) Scientific or clinical presentations or publications;

- 1 (3) Printed, recorded, audio, video, online or electronic educational materials for which CME
- 2 credits are awarded by the publisher;
- 3 (4) Skill development;
- 4 (5) Performance improvement activities; or
- 5 (6) Journal-based CME activities within a peer-reviewed, professional journal.

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7 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 90-14(a)(15);*
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1 21 NCAC 32R .0103 is amended as published in 26:18 NCR pages 1464-1468 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32R .0103 EXCEPTIONS**

4 ~~A licensee currently enrolled in an AOA or Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited graduate medical~~
5 ~~education program is exempt from the requirements of Rule .0101 of this Section.~~

6 (a) A licensee is exempt from the requirements of Rule .0101 of this Section if the licensee is:

7 (1) Currently enrolled in an AOA or Accreditation of Council of Graduate Medical Education
8 (ACGME) accredited graduate medical education program;

9 (2) In good standing with the Board, serving in the armed forces of the United States or serving in
10 support of such armed forces, and serving in a combat zone, or serving with respect to a military
11 contingency operation as defined by 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13); or

12 (3) Serving as a member of the General Assembly's House or Senate Health Committee.

13 (b) A physician who obtains initial certification from an ABMS, AOA or RCPSC specialty board shall be deemed
14 to have satisfied his or her entire CME requirement for the three year cycle in which the physician obtains board
15 certification.

16 (c) A physician who attests that he or she was continuously engaged in a program of recertification, or maintenance
17 of certification, from an ABMS, AOA or RCPSC specialty board shall be deemed to have satisfied his/her entire
18 CME requirement for that three year cycle.

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20 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-14(a)(15);*

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22 *Amended Eff. August 1, 212; January 1, 2001*

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1 21 NCAC 32R .0104 is amended as published in 26:18 NCR pages 1464-1468 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 32R .0104 REPORTING**

4 At the time of annual ~~registration immediately following the CME reporting period,~~ renewal, each Licensee shall
5 report on the Board's annual ~~registration~~ renewal form ~~the number of hours of practice relevant CME obtained in~~
6 ~~compliance with~~ with, or exemption from, Rule .0101 of this Section. Records documenting ~~CME hours~~
7 compliance or exemption must be ~~documented by categories~~ maintained for six consecutive years and may be
8 inspected by the Board or its agents.

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10 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 90-14(a)(15);
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12 Amended Eff. August 1, 2012; January 1, 2001.
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1 21 NCAC 32R .0105 is repealed as published in 26:18 NCR pages 1464-1468 as follows:

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3 ~~21 NCAC 32R .0105~~ **WAIVER FOR LICENSEES SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED**
4 **SERVICES OF THE US**

5 ~~The Board shall waive continuing education, payment of renewal and other fees, and any other requirements or~~
6 ~~conditions relating to the maintenance of licensure by an individual who is:~~

7 (1) ~~currently licensed by and in good standing with the Board;~~

8 (2) ~~serving in the armed forces of the United States or serving in support of such armed forces; and~~

9 (3) ~~serving in a combat zone, or serving with respect to a military contingency operation as defined by~~
10 ~~10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13).~~

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12 *History Note:* *Authority G.S. 105-249.2; S. L. 2009-458; Section 7508 of the Internal Revenue Code; 10U.S.C.*
13 *101;*
14 *Eff. August 1, 2010.*
15 *Repealed Eff. August 1, 2012.*

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