

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE DETECTION SERVICES LICENSING PROGRAM
ALARM SYSTEMS CONTRACTORS**

**CHAPTER 0090-05
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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0090-05-.01 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

- (1) As a prerequisite for the renewal of a license, a qualifying agent shall obtain sixteen (16) hours of Commissioner-approved instruction in the alarm industry during the two (2) year period prior to the expiration of such license.
- (2) A classroom hour shall be defined as fifty (50) minutes out of the hour of actual instruction.
- (3) The curriculum must be relevant to the alarm industry and meet criteria established by the Commissioner.
- (4) For fire alarm licensure, the qualifying agent must complete a course in fire alarm installation and monitoring prior to the first renewal of such license unless this certification was presented for approval of initial licensing. For purposes of meeting this requirement, the individual must obtain certification by a national training program approved by the Commissioner for qualifying education in the fire alarm classification.
- (5) The Commissioner shall have the authority to accept additional courses other than those stated in paragraph (5) for purposes of meeting the requirements in paragraph (5).
- (6) The Commissioner may award qualifying agents up to four (4) hours of continuing education credits for attendance at a meeting of the Commissioner and/or any committee authorized by the Commissioner based on the length of the meeting. Qualifying agents who elect to attend a meeting for credit must complete the sign-in sheet for qualifying agents prior to the start of the meeting. The credits will only be available to qualifying agents attending qualifying meetings for a maximum of eight (8) hours of credit per renewal period. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to require or presume that the Commissioner will form and/or maintain a committee and/or schedule a certain number of committee meetings per renewal period. Notice of any meetings qualifying under this rule will be posted on the Department's website within a reasonable amount of time prior to the meeting.

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0090-05-.02 STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES.

- (1) The Commissioner shall have the authority to review and either accept or deny approval for courses based upon the criteria established in Rule 0090-03-.01, paragraph (4).
- (2) Educational courses submitted for approval shall list the following:

(Rule 0090-05-.02, continued)

- (a) Title of course;
 - (b) Class length (in hours);
 - (c) Alarm classification to which course is applicable;
 - (d) Synopsis and objective(s) of course;
 - (e) Reference materials used with the course;
 - (f) Author of course and employment affiliation;
 - (g) Selection of criteria for students; and
 - (h) Related courses.
- (3) Course materials and information shall be submitted to the Commissioner for review. The Commissioner shall accept or reject the course for continuing education credit. The Commissioner may audit the course if deemed necessary for evaluation purposes.
 - (4) All correspondence regarding materials submitted for evaluation by the Commissioner and/or the Commissioner's Committee(s) shall be public record. However, nothing in this rule shall adversely affect copyrighted material.
 - (5) These approved courses must certify the attendance and successful completion of the course for each of its students to the Commissioner on an appropriate form.
 - (6) A course approval shall continue in effect for four (4) years from the date on which the course is approved.
 - (7) The Commissioner reserves the right to issue course approvals for periods of less than four (4) years.
 - (8) Course providers shall resubmit their courses for approval at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the applicable expiration date. Failure to meet this deadline may result in the non-approval of a course.

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0090-05-.03 REPEATED COURSE. Repeated courses will not be given credit for continuing education unless a period of two (2) years has passed between those courses.

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