Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation
Division of Certified Public Accounting

File Upload Information and Instructions for Out of State License Holders

### Overview:

CPE reciprocity is only available to non-resident Florida CPA licensees, who hold an active license in the state in which their office is located.

If the state in which the nonresident licensee's office is located has no CPE requirements for license renewals, the nonresident licensee must comply with Florida's CPE requirements.

A nonresident Florida licensee, seeking to renew their Florida CPA license may satisfy Florida's CPE requirements, if they have complied with the CPE requirements applicable in the state in which his or her office is located and by completing a Florida Board Approved Ethics Course.

#### **Instructions**:

If the nonresident is in compliance with the CPE requirements in the state where their office is located, <u>prior to renewing their Florida license the licensee must do the following</u>:

- 1) Login to your account in DBPR Online Services and submit an application titled "Request Licensed Out of State Designation"
- 2) Complete an Out of State Licensee CPE Acknowledgement Form
- 3) Complete a Florida Board Approved CPA Ethics Course
- 4) Log the ethics course in the CPE Reporting Tool in their DBPR Online Services Account
- 5) Upload copies of the Acknowledgement Form and a Certificate of Completion into the CPE Reporting Tool.

#### **Important Links**:

Out of State Licensee CPE Acknowledgement Form:

http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/cpa/forms/dbprcpa14outofstate.pdf

List of Florida Board Approved Ethics courses:

http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/cpa/documents/BdApprovedEthicsList.pdf

**DBPR Online Services:** 

http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/online-services/

#### **Instructions for Using the Reporting Tool**

These instructions are to assist you with the process of entering the details of your Florida Board Approved Ethics Course and uploading the corresponding proof of completion to the Department of Business & Professional Regulation's Online Services portal.

Information you will need to be aware of when using the CPE Reporting Tool:

- The DBPR course code must be entered for the Board approved ethics courses.
- The file types this feature can accept are txt, ctx, gif, jpg, jpeg, png, tif, doc, rtf and pdf.

If you are using the out of state licensee path, you should only need to upload 2 files:

- 1) the Acknowledgement form and
- 2) a certificate of completion for the Florida Board Approved Ethics course

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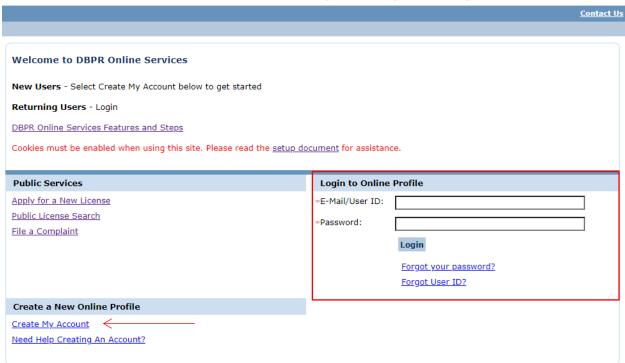
- The maximum size of any individual file may not exceed 2Mb
- The maximum size of all files being uploaded may not exceed 10Mb
- There is no limit to the number of files you may upload (up to 10Mb)

## **Step 1: Welcome to DBPR Online Services**

Log in to your account. If you do not have an account and need to create one, select "Create My Account" at the bottom of the screen or follow the instructions <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.







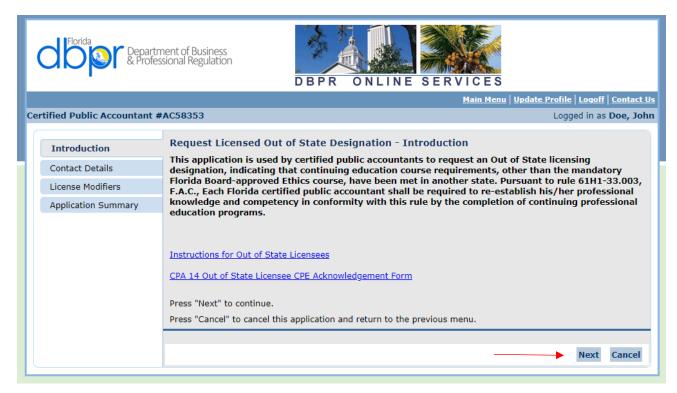
#### Step 2: Functions.

Select the "Request Licensed Out of State Designation" tab.



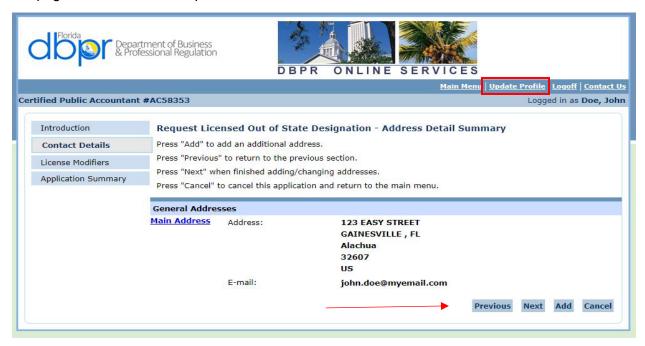
**Step 3:** Request Licensed Out of State Designation – Introduction.

Read the statement and select "Next".



### Step 4: Request Licensed Out of State Designation – Address Detail Summary.

On this page you will need to make sure the mailing address and email address on file with the department is correct. If any changes need to be made select "Update Profile" at that the top of the page. If the information provided is correct, select "Next".



# Step 5: Request Licensed Out of State Designation - Application Summary.

Select Submit at the bottom of the screen.



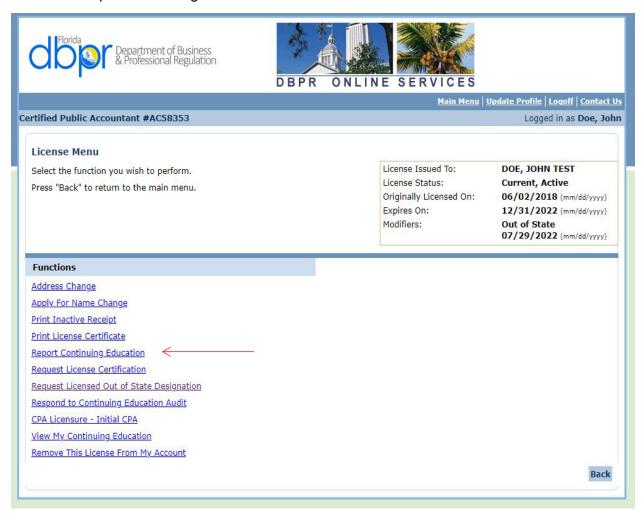
### **Step 6: Request Licensed Out of State Designation – Affirmation.**

Read the affirmation statement carefully and make sure you understand the information it is providing. After reading the statement, select "Yes or No" and then the "Submit" button.



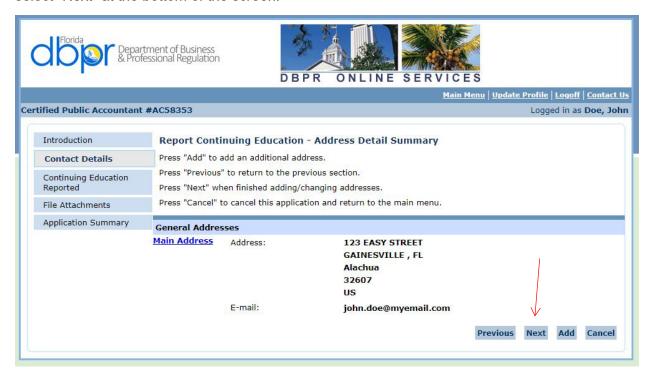
## Step 7: Functions.

Select the Report Continuing Education link.



# **Step 8: Report Continuing Education – Address Detail Summary.**

Since you have already verified your mailing address and email address in Step 4 you may select "Next" at the bottom of the screen.



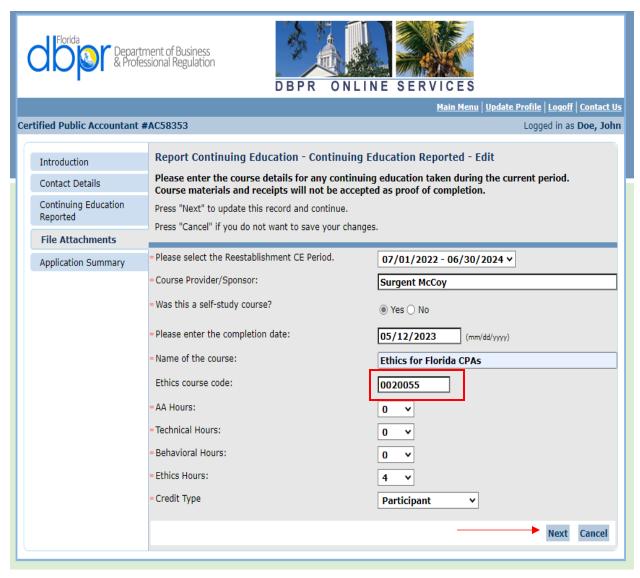
### **Step 9: Report Continuing Education – Continuing Education Reported – Information.**

This Screen is like a reporting form. This will show you what classes you have entered during your session and your remaining requirements. Select "Add" at the bottom of the screen.



### Step 10: Report Continuing Education – Continuing Education Reported

Enter the course information for the Board-approved ethics course. When entering this information, it is important that you enter the Board-approved course code, including the zeroes at the beginning. The DBPR approved course code must have seven digits. The system will only accept a Florida Board approved ethics courses to be classified as ethics. Ethics courses that are not Florida Board approved, will be classified as Behavioral and will not satisfy the ethics requirement. After entering all required information, select "Next" at the bottom of the screen.

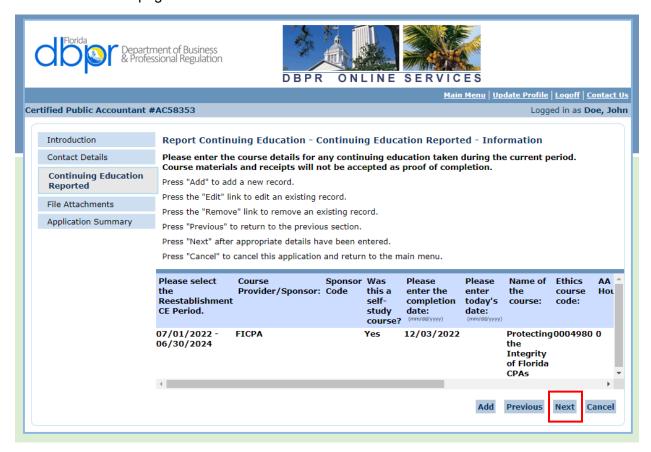


To verify that your Ethics course is Florida Board-approved use the following link:

http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/cpa/documents/BdApprovedEthicsList.pdf

## **Step 11: Reporting Continuing Education - File Attachments.**

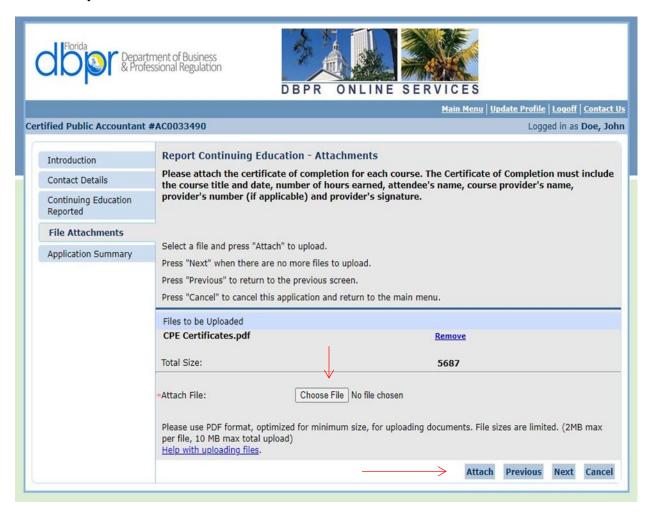
Once you have finished entering your course details, you will be returned to the "Report Continuing Education – Continuing Education Reported – Information" screen. Review the information for accuracy and then select "Next" at the bottom of the screen to advance to the "File Attachments" page.



#### **Step 12: Reporting Continuing Education - File Attachments.**

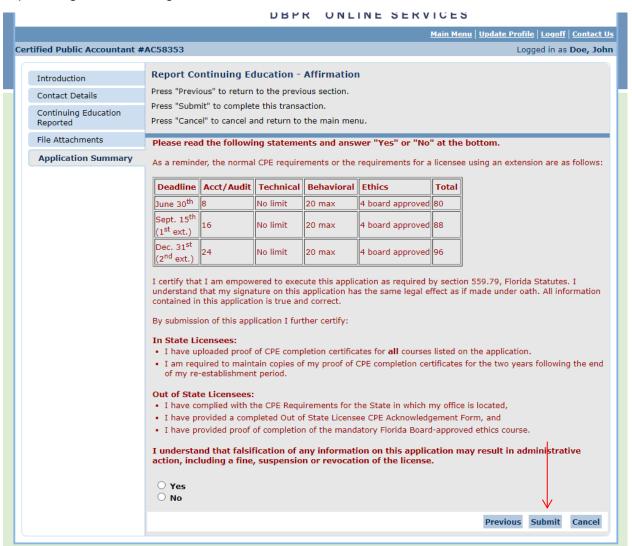
This is where you will upload your Board-approved Ethics course proof of completion and Out of State Licensee CPE Acknowledgement Form

To upload your proof of completion documents, select "Choose File." Find and select the file you wish to upload then, select "Open" on the dialog box. Once the appropriate file has been located, select "Attach" at the bottom of the screen. To confirm you have uploaded your documentation successfully, select the "Next" button at the bottom of the screen.



#### **Step 13: Reporting Continuing Education – Affirmation.**

Read the affirmation statement carefully and make sure you understand the information it is providing. After reading the statement, select "Yes or No" and then the "Submit" button.

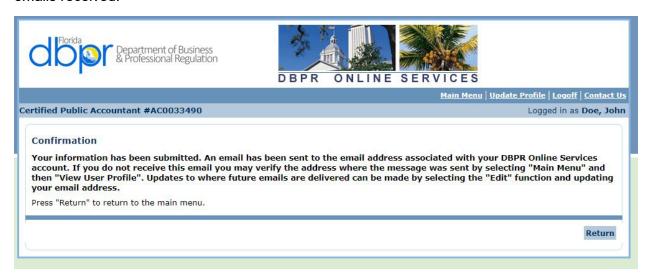


#### Step 14: Confirmation.

When you have submitted your continuing education for your renewal period, you will be sent an application summary to your email address with an hour after submission.

It is important to note that you must still maintain copies of your certificates of CPE completion pursuant to Rule 61H1-33.003, F.A.C.

We recommend that in addition to your certificates, you keep copies of any application summary emails received.



## Step 15: View My CE - Verify Compliance with Requirements.

Approximately 24 hours after you have uploaded your documentation, you may return to the DBPR Online Services Portal and view your standing in regard to the CPE requirements.

