

To address questions received since the e-mail and post card mailing, please see below.

- The key is that the course you take must be approved for health, safety, and welfare credit regardless of the provider or method in which the course is taken.
- The board no longer approves or accepts **optional** self directed study courses. This means that if the course is not approved as **health, safety, and welfare** it will not be accepted towards the 24 hours of continuing education required for the 2015 renewal.
- If you complete continuing education through an automatic approved provider such as AIA, NCARB, NCIDQ, etc. and the course is approved as health, safety, and welfare it is acceptable regardless of the method of learning i.e. self study, correspondence, internet, classroom, etc.
- An example of an optional course is a learning unit or general education with no health, safety, and welfare designation.

Contents of the E-mail and Post Card notification

### ATTENTION ARCHITECTS

The continuing education requirements have changed for the February 28, 2015 renewal.

- On November 21, 2012, Rule 61G1-24, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), outlining the continuing education hours (CEH) requirements changed from **20** hours to **24 hours (22 hours in health, safety, and welfare related courses and 2 hours in the Florida Building Code Advance course)**. Information regarding the requirements can be found in the F.A.C. and in the Architecture Continuing Education Handbook.
- When an architect renews beginning February 28, 2015, he/she will attest to completing **24** continuing education hours for the previous two calendar years. A calendar year is January through December.
- The board **no** longer accepts optional self directed study courses.

For additional information please visit [MyFloridaLicense.com](http://MyFloridaLicense.com) or call the Department's Customer Contact Center at 850.487.1395 regarding frequently asked questions and the continuing education handbook.

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#### Architect – Effective March 1, 2013

Changes to the continuing education requirement's for the February 28, 2015 renewal  
On November 21, 2012, Rule 61G1-24, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), outlining the continuing education requirements changed from 20 hours (14 hours in health, safety, and welfare related course, 2 hours in the Florida Building Code advanced course, and **4 hours in optional** or health, safety, and welfare related courses) to 24 hours (22 hours in health, safety, and welfare related course and 2 hours in the Florida Building Code advance course). Information regarding the requirements can be found in the Rule 61G1-24, F.A.C., and in the [Architecture Continuing Education Handbook](#).

Although this change took effective prior to the February 28, 2013 renewal, the board decided not to enforce the rule until the next renewal cycle, March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2015.