



### *Ask Fred*

Three options for new licensees who need continuing education may be available.

Question: A new community association manager with the first I work for is wondering if she will need to take all of the continuing education required to maintain her new license. I think there's something somewhere that says she may not have to take all of the hours. Can you point us in the right direction?

Answer: You're correct. A new licensee may not be required to complete any continuing education until the first full renewal cycle. Section 455.2124, F.S., gives the board three options regarding the continuing education for new licensees. The first allows the board to prorate continuing education for new licensees by requiring half of the required continuing education for any applicant who becomes licensed with more than half the renewal period remaining. The second option allows the board to permit no continuing education for any applicant who becomes licensed with half or less than half of the renewal period remaining. The third option under the statute permits the board to require no continuing education until the first full renewal cycle of the licensee. Under the statute, the three options also apply when continuing education is first required or the number of hours required is increased by law or the board.

Thanks for asking, Fred Gray

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