

## CPD Required for Ohio's 2008 P.E. and P.S License Renewals

Licensed engineers and surveyors received their license renewal notification in November. Beginning this year, the Ohio State Board of Registration application for license renewal requires each applicant to certify that the new fifteen hour continuing professional development (CPD) requirement has been met. Those who received initial registration during calendar year 2007 are granted a one time exemption.

The fifteen hours of professional development now required each calendar year can be earned by a variety of means. Courses, conferences, seminars and workshops in technical, ethical or managerial topics, published papers relevant to the practice of engineering, and issued patents are eligible for CPD hours. Generally one continuing education credit (CEU) converts to ten CPD hours.

The Board does not offer a grace period for earning the fifteen CPD hours each year. Each licensed engineer is required to maintain a log of activities from which CPDs were earned. The Board will conduct random audits beginning in January 2008 and those audited will be required to furnish their log and supporting documentation. Visit the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors website for continuing education policies and to download activity logs.

Watch for suggestions for courses, seminars, workshops and other opportunities to earn CPDs in future newsletters.

### CPD conversion hours

#### CPD hours | Description

- 45** = 1 university or college **semester** hour
- 30** = 1 university or college **quarter** hour
- 10** = 1 continuing education unit [CEU]
- 10** = 1 published paper, article or book (**Only** in the year published)
- 10** = 1 U.S. patent awarded (**Only** in the year awarded)
- 2** = 1 year of service as an officer or active committee member of a professional or technical society, or association
- 1** = 1 hour attendance at a conference, seminar or workshop
- 1** = 1 contact hour of teaching a class for the first time (This does **not** apply to full-time faculty)

Source: <http://www.ohiopeps.org/cpd/>  
11/17/2007 posted by Larry Keller