



Information for the Physician License Renewal 2022

All Vermont MD licenses expire on November 30, 2022. Renewing MDs must certify that they are in compliance with CME requirements at the time of renewal or ask for a grace period and commit to a plan to make up missing credits during that period. Please take the time to review your activities before you complete your renewal this fall.

While licensees are not required to submit documentation of CME activities at the time of renewal, there is an audit of randomly selected licensees. Over thirty cases resulted from the CME audit conducted after the last renewal. That creates a great inconvenience for the licensees who are investigated, especially those who are licensed in other states that require them to report when they are investigated by another state's board. If you do not have the credits needed to renew there is no fee to request a grace period to complete a make-up plan and the process is simple.

CME Requirements Reduced Again for the 2022 Renewal

As during the 2020 renewal, the Board has modified the required number of credits in consideration of the ongoing stresses on licensees during the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing disruptions of conferences that many physicians rely on for much of their CME.

The normal requirement is for a total of at least 30 credits of AMA PRA Category 1™ activity. The required number of credits is reduced for this renewal to 15 hours.

- For those whose licenses were first granted on or after December 1, 2021, there is no requirement for CME.
- For those whose licenses were first granted between December 1, 2020 and November 30, 2021, who would thus normally have a requirement to complete at least 15 credits of CME, the requirement has been reduced to a minimum of 10 credits of AMA PRA Category 1™ activity.

The requirements for certain required subjects are not modified. Within the required number of credits licensees must have at least one credit in an activity that covers one or more of the following subjects: hospice, palliative care, or pain management services.

For licensees who have a DEA registration to prescribe controlled substances, there is also a requirement to complete at least 2 credits on prescribing opioids. The requirement for those subject-specific activities is in law and has not been reduced. More information about those requirements is available in the [Board Rules: see pages 16 – 21.](#)



Important note about advertisements for CME activities!

The Board has received questions about advertisements for CME activities that are offered for a fee. Some licensees might be confused by those advertisements as to whether they must complete the specific courses that are being advertised. **The Vermont Board of Medical Practice does not require any particular CME course.**

Activities must include courses that cover specific subjects, but licensees are free to make their own choices about activities so long as they meet the content requirements. Don't be confused – the Board does not force you to take – and pay for – any certain CME offering.