

# Florida Board of Medicine Relicensure Requirements for

## Continuing Medical Education (CME)

HB 699 took effect on July 1, 2006. The following information reflects the updates. For additional information, contact the Florida Medical Association at 850.224.6496. Source:[http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical/me\\_ceu.html](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical/me_ceu.html)

Continuing Medical Education (CME) is required for initial licensure and renewal. The chart below describes these requirements. CME coursework for licensees renewing by January 31, 2008 must have been completed between February 1, 2006 and January 31, 2008. Licensees should not submit CME documentation unless audited. Physicians and/or spouses in the military are exempt from the CME requirements.

All CME must be AMA approved category I, except for Domestic Violence and Prevention of Medical Errors. Domestic Violence and Prevention of Medical Errors courses offered by any State or Federal Government Agency or professional association including any provider of category I or II AMA continuing medical education will be acceptable.

Required Continuing Medical Education	
<b>Initial Licensure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hours in Prevention of Medical Errors Education</li></ul>
<b>First Time License Renewal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 hour HIV/AIDS</li><li>• 2 hours in Prevention of Medical Errors Education</li></ul>
<b>Second and Subsequent Renewals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 38 hours general CME</li><li>• 2 hours in Prevention of Medical Errors Education</li></ul>
<b>Every third renewal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hours in Prevention of Medical Errors Education.</li><li>• 2 hours in Domestic Violence*</li><li>• 36 hours general CME</li><li>• For those whose license expires 1/31/08, the 3rd renewal will be 1/31/2012.</li></ul>

\* If your relicensure renewal is in an odd numbered year, the 2 hours of Domestic Violence CME is due by 2011  
If your relicensure renewal is in an even numbered year, the 2 hours of Domestic Violence CME is due by 2012  
(Reference: FMA Education Department)

**NOTE:** End-of-Life Care and Palliative Care can no longer be completed in lieu of HIV/AIDS or Domestic Violence courses.

**NOTE:** The following courses are approved by the Board:

- a. Organized courses approved for American Medical Association Category I Continuing Medical Education credits are accepted for the American Medical Association physician recognition award.
- b. Any postgraduate training program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.
- c. The following specialty training: American College of Emergency Physicians, Category I; American Academy of Family Physicians prescribed credit; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists cognates; and study courses required by those specialty certification boards approved by the Board for the purpose of sitting for specialty recertification examinations.

**Effective April 5, 2005:** In addition to the CME courses listed above, up to 5 credit hours per biennium may be fulfilled by performing pro bono medical services for entities under the Department of Health, Volunteer Health Care provider programs, in an area of critical need and in Community and Migrant Health Care Centers.

You may obtain 5 hours CME in risk management by attending a full day of disciplinary hearings at a Board of Medicine Meeting. Although Board Meetings are Fridays and Saturdays, the disciplinary hearings are scheduled on Friday's only. View the list of scheduled Board Meetings at [http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical/me\\_meeting.html](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical/me_meeting.html). The meetings begin at 8:00 a.m. Upon arrival at the meeting, be sure to sign in with staff. You will be required to sign in again upon your return from lunch. Expect to be in attendance until 5:30 p.m. You will be sent a certificate for your attendance the week following the meeting.