

Virginia Insurance Continuing Education Board

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Policy Statement on New "Self-Study" Continuing Education Hour Limitation Effective Date: February 1, 2026

Policy:

The Virginia Insurance Continuing Education Board (the "Board") establishes a new limitation on Non-Certification SELF-STUDY continuing education ("CE") hours. Effective February 1, 2026, no more than twelve (12) CE hours of content may be completed within any consecutive twenty-four (24) hour period. This limitation applies uniformly across all CE course categories for non-certification courses filed under the method of "Self-Study." For clarification purposes, "Non-Certified" or "Non-Certification" applies to educational courses that are not part of an obtainable certification.

This limitation applies uniformly across all Virginia insurance licenses, including, but not limited to:

- Life and Health Insurance
- Property and Casualty Insurance
- Title Insurance

Providers of CE ("CE Providers") are responsible for structuring and administering their courses to ensure compliance with this limitation. CE Providers must verify that licensees cannot complete more than 12 hours of content in any 24-hour timeframe from a CE course categorized as Self-Study.

CE Provider Attestation:

Effective 2/1/2026, CE Providers who submit a Self-Study course or who have an already approved Self-Study course for 12 hours or more will need to have a mechanism in place to prevent licensees from completing more than 12 hours of content in a 24-hour period from the course. Courses that have an exam or some type of comprehensive completion will not fall under this 12-hour content limit.

New course applications submitted on Sircon on or after 2/1/2026 will require the CE Provider to attest that they have the mechanism in place that prevents licensees from completing more than 12 hours of content in a 24-hour period on the course.

Already approved courses will require the CE Provider to attest that they have the mechanism in place to prevent licensees from completing more than 12 hours of content in a 24-hour period on the course. The CE Provider must submit this Attestation to Pearson VUE on or before January 31, 2026, to VirginiaInsuranceCE@pearson.com. The Board may elect not to renew any self-study course that does not meet the new rule as of January 31, 2026. Courses are subject to audit by the Board's program administrator, Pearson VUE, to ensure compliance.

Licensees who have taken any courses impacted by the new rule before February 1, 2026, will receive full credit. For purposes of clarification, licensees who have enrolled in courses subject to this new rule that are held on February 1, 2026, or later will not be able to complete more than 12 hours of CE content in a 24-hour period.