

# School Counselor License Renewal

The [School Counselor License](#) (SCL) is a five-year license with unlimited renewals. Each renewal adds five years to the license's validity. A renewal can be requested any time after January 1 of the expiration year.

## BEFORE February 6, 2020

Those credentialed with the School Counselor License and/or a [Standard or Professional](#) level teaching certificate with the School Counselor (NT) endorsement may submit a renewal application, after January 1 of the year in which the credential expires using the [Michigan Online Educator System](#) (MOECS). Before February 6, 2020, the current renewal requirements specified below are in effect.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Credentialed school counselors should be aware that specific professional development will be required beginning February 6, 2020. For more information go to the [After February 5, 2020](#) section of this document.

### Requirements: (One of the following)

- 150 hours of education-related professional learning.
- An education-related masters or higher degree earned at any time from a regionally accredited college or university (may be used one time to renew the SCL).
- A valid out-of-state certificate/license (may be used one time to renew the SCL).

### Education-Related Professional Learning Options:

One of the following [Education-Related Professional Learning](#) options must be earned since the issue date of the most recent SCL or renewal, and they must be entered into [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS) prior to applying for the renewal for the system to recognize your eligibility:

- 6 semester credit hours appropriate to the field of school counseling from a regionally accredited college or university; or
- 6 semester hours in a planned course of study\* from a regionally accredited college or university; or
- 150 Michigan State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) appropriate to the field of school counseling; or
- 150 hours of Michigan District Provided Professional Development (DPPD) appropriate to the field of school counseling; or
- Any combination of the above.

### Education-Related Professional Learning Hour Conversion:

- College credit: 1 semester credit = 25 professional learning hours
- SCECH Hours: 1 SCECH hour = 1 professional learning hour
- DPPD Hours: 1 DPPD hour = 1 professional learning hour

*\*Credits in a planned course of study may include credits taken as part of an education-related master's or higher degree or credits in a program that leads to an endorsement.*

AFTER February 5, 2020

[Michigan Compiled Law \(MCL\) 380.1233 \(7-9\)](#) was amended in 2017 requiring school counselors to complete fifty (50) professional development hours specific to college and career preparation to renew **effective February 6, 2020**. These hours are a part of the total required 150 hours of professional development necessary for renewal.

The hours must be accrued as follows:

- 25 hours - college preparation and selection; and
- 25 hours - career consultation; 5 of which MUST include the exploration of military career options as it pertains to career opportunities.

Applications for renewal submitted *beginning February 6, 2020* will be required to have completed the new professional development requirement. Applications lacking the required professional development hours as specified in law will be placed on "hold" or "denied" pending completion and verification.

### **Obtaining School Counselor Professional Learning Hours**

To meet requirements of the law only [State Continuing Education Clock Hours](#) (SCECH) can be used to complete the 50 hours of professional development. Local, national organizations, school districts and universities may partner with [SCECH](#) Sponsors to become approved SCECH Providers.

School counselors will want to be sure to register for SCECHs in sync with the [School Counselor Professional Development Standards](#) and the law. Approved SCECHs will be included under the heading of *School Counseling* on the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS) under the subsection of Professional Learning Programs within the MDE [SCECH catalog](#). Please check the Catalog regularly for offerings.

Questions pertaining to SCECH programs and the School Counselor Professional Development Standards can be directed to [SCECH@michigan.gov](mailto:SCECH@michigan.gov) or [MOECSSUPPORT@michigan.gov](mailto:MOECSSUPPORT@michigan.gov).