



SECB NEWSLETTER

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Continuing Education Opportunities

All certificants are required to have 15 Professional Development Hours (PDH) within their certification cycle. Below are a few suggested courses most of which fall under category A on the Continuing Education Program Activity Log.

November 20, 2008 Webinar
Reinforced Concrete Special Moment-Resisting Frame
1.5 Category A PDH

December 17, 2008 Webinar
Seismic Design of Steel Special Moment Frame
1.5 Category A PDH

January 23-24, 2009
NCSEA Winter Institute on Winter Engineering
15 Category A PDH

February 5 Webinar
Masonry Basics, Masonry 101
1.5 Category A PDH

February 10 Webinar
Cold-Formed Steel Light-Frame Three-Story Structure
1.5 Category A PDH

Visit www.ncsea.com for registration details.

Mark Your Calendar

March renewals due January 26 1, 2009
June renewals due May 26, 2009
November renewals due October 1, 2009

New Board Member

The SECB Board would like to welcome Dorothy 'Dottie' Harris. Ms. Harris, Vice President, of State and Local Government Relations at the International Code Council has replaced Mark Blanke.

New SECB Certificants

Mark W. Adams
Craig M. Favor
Rafik Gerges
Gary L. Vogel

The mission of SECB is...

- * To determine the level of unique and additional education, examination, and experience necessary to perform the science and art of Structural Engineering.
- * To provide a common national process for structural engineers to become certified.
- * To provide the public and stakeholders with an identification instrument that distinguishes an engineer with those unique and additional qualities necessary to perform structural engineering.

To help in the SECB recertification process here are 3 easy steps to take to ensure your application is complete and ready for the Credentialing Committee and Board to review; complete the *Continuing Education Program Activity Log*, complete the *Engagement Record (Exhibit B)* then don't forget to include the *processing fee of \$100*. Any missing or confusing information will create a delay in receiving your new wallet card and date plate.

All forms can be found online at <http://secertboard.org/recertification.htm>. Please download these Excel documents each time you recertify. SECB is constantly upgrading the process and new additions to the worksheets are saved every few months. Having the most up to date materials will make the process easier.

The first step is to fill out the Continuing Education Program Activity Log. This is an Excel document that you should type directly into then save on your computer for your records. After you save the document print and sign it. Remember to include your name, certification number and certification cycle in the space provided at the top of the page.

When logging your continuing education use the document titled PDH description as a guide. This is very important in placing the hours earned into the correct column in the log,

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as well as keeping track of the maximum hours allowed in each category.

The following lettered paragraphs correspond to the SECB Continuing Education Program Activity Log.

1. Seminars, Courses and Lectures. Any seminar, course, or lecture in any area that involves the application of mathematics, materials science, and the physical principles of statics and dynamics to the design, analysis, construction and rehabilitation of buildings, bridges, towers and other structures, and parts thereof, to withstand the effects of various loads and environmental conditions while remaining safe and serviceable. All 15 PDH's may fall in this category.

2. Attendance at Professional Meetings. Not more than 5 PDH's may be earned through attendance at professional meetings of a recognized structural engineering professional organization (such as a State SEA), evaluated at the rate of 2 hours of meeting time equals 1 hour of lecture time = 1 PDH or 1 CEU (1 CEU is equal to 10 PDH's). Note that this limitation does not apply to special seminars, annual meetings, congresses and similar dedicated continuing education venues hosted by professional associations.

3. University Lectures. For full-time practicing structural engineers, not more than 8 PDH's may be earned through University-class lecturing (only preparation time qualifies), not

to exceed 4 hours of preparation time for 1 hour of lecture.

4. Structural Engineering Consulting (Academics only). For full-time academics, up to 8 PDH's may be obtained by engaging in professional structural engineering consulting (4 hours of active practice is considered equivalent to 1 PDH).

5. Structural-engineering-related Course Work. Continuing education credit will be given as follows: For a semester-long course, 15 PDH's per credit hour. For a quarter-long course, 10 PDH's per credit hour.

6. In-house or Employer-given Seminars. Not more than 5 PDH's maybe earned through attendance of in-house or employer-given seminars. If speaker is not employed in anyway with the Provider Organization then please use category 'A'.

7. Professional Committees. Not more than 5 PDH's may be earned through attendance of Professional Committee activities or meetings, not to exceed 2 PDH's per committee.

8. Professional Presentations and Papers. Not more than 6 PDH's may be earned through preparation of, and/or giving, a professional seminar or professional paper, not to exceed 3 PDH's per paper/seminar. A published paper that is followed by a presentation or seminar is limited to 3 PDH's. A professional paper may be used only one time, regardless of how many times presented.

9. Review Classes. Not more than 4 PDH's may be earned for Professional Review classes for additional professional licenses or registrations.



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Engagement Record



Exhibit B STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION BOARD ENGAGEMENT RECORD FOR RECERTIFICATION

Certification Number: _____

Note to applicant: Provide one form to cover the previous year's qualifying experience in the practice of structural engineering. If you have changed your place of employment, please fill out one form for each place of employment. In most cases, the end date will be "current".

Applicant Name	
Employment Start Date	
Employment End Date	
Name of Firm/Employer	
Address	
Position Title	
Provide description of project types and responsibilities	

Include at least 6 lines of description and then attach additional information as needed

Name of Supervisor or other person who can attest to the veracity of the information supplied above: (Please use your judgment in regards to an appropriate party to list below. If there is no one appropriate, please explain.)