**Section 1410.550 Curriculum and Credit for Continuing Education**

a) A licensed home inspector who applies for renewal of their home inspector license shall successfully complete a total of 12 hours of approved continuing education during each 2-year renewal cycle. Continuing education must consist of a minimum of 8 hours of mandatory courses.

b) Continuing education courses for a home inspector shall include course work designed to increase the home inspector's skill, knowledge, and competency in home inspections and shall cover topics such as the following:

1) Mandatory courses include but are not limited to:

A) Identifying and inspecting the following components and systems:

i) Exteriors;

ii) Interiors;

iii) Roofing;

iv) Plumbing;

v) Electrical;

vi) HVAC;

vii) Structural;

viii) Fireplaces, solid fuel burning appliances, and household appliances;

B) Applicable laws and Standards of Practice; and

C) Sexual Harassment Prevention Training which can be counted toward the continuing education hours for each renewal period pursuant to the Department of Professional Regulation Law [20 ILCS 2105].

2) Elective courses include, but are not limited to:

A) Business concepts and marketing techniques;

B) Report writing/customer relations overview;

C) Radon assessment/overview;

D) Commercial inspection procedures;

E) Mold assessment/overview;

F) Asbestos assessment/overview;

G) Smart homes

H) Building codes;

I) Home Inspector ethics;

J) Safety and maintenance;

K) New construction;

L) Climate/Environmental Issues;

M) Efficiency inspections.

c) Any continuing education course that offers certification in a subject matter that is outside the Department's regulatory authority shall include a disclaimer advising students that the content is not included in the Standards of Practice and the certification is not endorsed by the Department.

d) Continuing education credit may also be granted by the Division for participation, other than as a student, in home inspection educational processes and programs. Examples of activities for which credit may be granted are teaching, program development, or authorship of textbooks. A home inspector who wishes to obtain continuing education credit for these activities shall submit to the Division:

1) An application, in a manner provided by the Division, that is signed and fully completed by the applicant; and

2) The fee required by Section 1410.400.

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