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Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-5-601 – Continuing education requirements for license renewals. Important: It is necessary to pay extremely close attention to all of the requirements (*emphasis added*).

62-5-601. Continuing education requirement for license renewals.

(a) Every licensed embalmer holding a Tennessee license shall submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a continuing education program in mortuary science approved by the board.

(b) Every licensed funeral director holding a Tennessee license shall submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a continuing education program in funeral directing approved by the board.

(c)

(1) Each licensee holding a Tennessee license shall submit with the license renewal application satisfactory proof of completion of a minimum of ten (10) hours of continuing education coursework approved by the board. Compliance with the continuing education coursework is mandatory for renewal of a license. Of the ten (10) hours of continuing education coursework, five (5) hours must be attended in-person.

(2) As used in this subsection (c):

(A) “Attended in-person” means the continuing education coursework is completed by the licensee in the physical presence of the provider of the coursework or is completed by the licensee through an interactive virtual program that requires participants to confirm their presence during the program; and

(B) “Interactive” means the provider of the coursework *provides a continuous two-way transfer of information between the licensee and the provider's point of origin.*

(d) Any licensee who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or who has held a license continuously for ten (10) years on or before October 1, 2000, shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements in this chapter. In addition, a licensee who demonstrates to the board on the prescribed form that the licensee is disabled and is not practicing either funeral directing or embalming is exempt from the continuing education requirements set forth in this chapter.

(e) The board, for good cause, shall have the power to excuse licensees from the continuing education requirements set forth in this chapter.

(f) Continuing education credit or credits may be obtained by attending and participating in continuing education courses or workshops approved by the board.

(g) No continuing education hours from one licensing period may be carried over to a subsequent licensing period.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS OF APPROVED ON-GOING COURSES

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PROVIDER'S INFORMATION	PROVIDER'S INFORMATION
Apex Continuing Education Solutions 4520 S 1 st Street Austin, TX 78745 Contact: R. J. Portelli (800) 769-8996	Certified Safety Training 4530 St. Johns Ave Ste 15 #523 Jacksonville, FL 32210 Contact: Paige Chastier (609) 375-8462
Education Workers Group 45 Page Avenue Staten Island, NY 10309 Contact: Brian Stefanelli (718) 701-0385	Funeral Compliance, LLC P.O. Box 122 Rockford, TN 37853 Contact: Brad Kuchnicki (865) 405-7085

<p>John A. Gupton College 1616 Church Street Ste 3 Nashville, TN 37203-2934 Contact: Kimberly Seaman (615) 327-3927</p>	<p>National Funeral Directors Association 13625 Bishops Drive Brookfield, WI 53005 Contact: Jackie Ellis (800) 228-6332</p>
<p>Tennessee Department of Veterans Services 2200 E John Sevier Highway Knoxville, TN 37920 Contact: M. Kevin Knowles (865) 577-3228</p>	<p>Tennessee Funeral Directors Association, Inc. 1616 Church Street Nashville, TN 37203 Contact: Dawn Elliott (615) 321-8792</p>
<p>Upper Cumberland Funeral Directors Association 695 Buffalo Valley Road Cookeville, TN 38501 Contact: Lucie Bolenbarker (931) 528-1044</p>	<p>WebCE 12222 Merit Drive Ste 500 Dallas, TX 75251 Contact: Samuel Ghiliau (877) 488-9308</p>

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