

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Court Reporting
Rule No.: 257-X-6-.02
Rule Title: How to Acquire CE Credit

_____ New X Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly Harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's Police power and the protection of the public health, Safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation Available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or Indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services Involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public Than the harm that might result from the absence of The proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary Effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer 
Paula McCaleb, Executive Director 334.215.7233

Date: March 23, 2012

(DATE FILED)
(STAMP)

Alabama Board of Court Reporting

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AGENCY NAME:

Alabama Board of Court Reporting

RULE NO. & TITLE:

257-X-1-.01	Meetings of the Board
257-X-1-.02	Duties of the Officers of the Board
257-X-1-.03	Board Member Compensation
257-X-1-.04	Employment of Personnel
257-X-1-.05	Use of Forms
257-X-1-.06	Maintenance & Inspection of Board Records
257-X-1-.07	Rules and Regulations
257-X-2-.01	Change of Name or Address
257-X-2-.02	Lost License
257-X-2-.03	Verification of Alabama License
257-X-2-.04	Fees
257-X-2-.05	Inactive Status
257-X-2-.06	Restoration
257-X-2-.07	Review Process
257-X-3-.01	Grandfathering by Work Experience
257-X-3-.02	Grandfathering by Credential
257-X-3-.03	Temporary License
257-X-3-.04	Traditional Application for Licensure
257-X-3-.05	Examination
257-X-3-.06	Renewal
257-X-4-.01	Standards of Professional Conduct
257-X-5-.01	Definitions
257-X-5-.02	Grounds for Denial of a License
257-X-5-.03	Grounds for Discipline of a Licensee or Denial of Renewal or Reinstatement
257-X-5-.04	Investigation
257-X-5-.05	Board Action Following Investigation
257-X-5-.06	Administrative Procedure Act
257-X-5-.07	Formal Disposition of Contested Cases
257-X-5-.08	Informal Disposition of Contested Cases
257-X-5-.09	Decisions of the Board
257-X-5-.10	Application Following Denial of Licensure
257-X-5-.11	Reinstatement of a Revoked License
257-X-6-.01	Continuing Education Requirements
257-X-6-.02	How to Acquire CE Credit
257-X-6-.03	CE Sponsors and Programs
257-X-6-.04	Activities Not Qualifying for CE Credit
257-X-6-.05	Certification of Compliance with CE Requirements
257-X-6-.06	Waiver of CE Requirements

Appendix I 257-X-7 Fees
Appendix II 257-X-8 Forms List

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INTENDED ACTION:

To amend Rules and Regulations

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To be in compliance with our Law.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written comments, views, or arguments will be received by the Alabama Board of Court Reporting until 4:30 p.m. on June 07, 2012. Comments should be directed to Paula McCaleb, Executive Director, at P.O. Box 240066, Montgomery, AL 36124, or via fax at 334.215.7231. A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on June 8, 2012 at 2011 Berry Chase Place Montgomery, AL 36117.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

June 8, 2012

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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Paula McCaleb, Executive Director

257-X-6-.02 How to Acquire CE Credit

- (1) CE hours may be earned from:
 - (a) Verified attendance at or participation in a program, activity or course through the National Court Reporters Association or ACRA;
 - (b) Verified attendance (e.g. license of attendance or license of completion) at or participation in a program, activity or course ("program") presented by a continuing education sponsor in subsection (c) below;
 - (c) Verified attendance at a program that is of general information value to court reporters but does not directly relate to the reporter's ability to produce an accurate and timely transcript. A maximum of ~~2.5 (two and one-half)~~ two-and-one-half (2.5) hours credit may be counted during a prerenewal period for such programs, which include:
 - (1) Professionalism, including knowledge and application of standards of professional responsibility, impartiality, public relations, attire; and,
 - (2) Office procedures, record-keeping, health, including a reporter's approach to personal tax management, planning for retirement or changing careers within reporting, maintaining the individual reporter's health and emotional adjustment, ability to listen, to concentrate, to communicate, to cope.
 - (d) Verified personal preparation of educational presentations pertaining to the profession of court reporting and serving as an instructor, speaker, or panel member at an approved course will be allowed as CE credit for actual presentation time, plus actual preparation time of up to two (2) hours of each hour of presentation. Credits for preparation time shall not be allowed for repetitious presentations. No more than five (5) hours of credit can be earned under this category in any one renewal period.
 - (e) Writing articles to the profession of court reporting and published in a state or nationally recognized professional journal of court reporting or law. No more than three (3) hours of credit can be earned under this category in any one renewal period. Credits will not be allowed for the same article published in more than one publication.
- (2) Courses completed that are a part of the curriculum of a university, college or other education institution. One semester of course work is equivalent to five (5) hours of CE, and one quarter of course work is equivalent to two-and-one-half (2.5) hours of CE.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975, § 34-8B-1 thru § 34-8B-18

Effective Date: June 11, 2012