

**Legislation enacted by the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine State Legislature ( PL 286) enacts 1 new statutory provision and amends 3 other sections. The new section §14011 (7) below establishes exemptions from the requirement of USPAP Standard 3 for board members and an investigator while performing certain services related to their duties. Section §14027 below is amended to permit the Board to adopt continuing education requirements by rule; Sections §14035 & 14036 are amended to make technical changes to conform with the education requirements set by the Appraisal Qualifications Board.**

**Again, the changes are effective September 28, 2011.**

**32 MRSA §14011, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Exemption from standard.** The following are exempt from the requirements of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, Standard 3 (2011):

- A. A board member serving in the capacity of assigned complaint officer while performing an investigation or testifying at an adjudicatory hearing;
- B. A board member serving in the capacity of reviewer while reviewing the work experience of an applicant for licensure; and
- C. An investigator employed by or retained by the department while performing an investigation or testifying at an adjudicatory hearing.

**32 MRSA §14027, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 241, Pt. D, §3, is further amended to read:

**1. Requirement.** ~~As a prerequisite to renewal of a license, an applicant must have completed the minimum hour requirements for continuing education in programs or courses approved by the appraiser qualifications board, which must include a 7 hour national uniform standards of professional appraisal practice update course completed in the even-numbered year as part of license renewal continuing education as set forth by rules adopted by the board.~~

**32 MRSA §14035, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 518, §6, is amended to read:

- A. Hold a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university or have successfully passed 30 semester credit hours in the following college-level subject matter courses from an accredited college, junior college, community college or university:

- (1) English composition;
- (2) Microeconomics;
- (3) Macroeconomics;
- (4) Finance;
- (5) Algebra, geometry or higher mathematics;
- (6) Statistics;
- (7) ~~Introduction to computers~~Computers, word processing and spreadsheets;
- (8) Business or real estate law; and
- (9) Two elective courses in accounting, geography, agricultural economics, business management or real estate.

An applicant may receive credit for a college course for an exam taken through a college-level examination program if a college or university accredited by a commission on colleges, a regional or national accreditation association or an accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education accepts the exam and issues a transcript showing its approval;

**32 MRSA §14036, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 518, §7, is amended to read:

A. Hold an associate's or higher degree from an accredited college or university or have successfully passed 21 semester credit hours in the following collegiate level subject matter courses from an accredited college, junior college, community college or university:

- (1) English composition;
- (2) Principles of microeconomics or macroeconomics;
- (3) Finance;
- (4) Algebra, geometry or higher mathematics;
- (5) Statistics;
- (6) ~~Introduction to computers~~Computers, word processing and spreadsheets; and
- (7) Business or real estate law.

An applicant may receive credit for a college course for an exam taken through a college-level examination program if a college or university accredited by a commission on colleges, a regional or national accreditation association or an accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States Secretary of Education accepts the exam and issues a transcript showing its approval;