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Notice to all licensees of the Maine State Board of Funeral Service:

On January 22, 2023, amendments to Board Rule Chapter 11, Annual Renewal; Continuing Education; Inactive Status became effective. The amended rule clarifies the continuing education requirements that practitioners of funeral service shall certify compliance at the time of renewal. The rule also provides greater flexibility by expanding the types of continuing education activities and programs accepted by the Board.

As a reminder, below are the continuing education requirements for both a funeral practitioner and a funeral attendant (See links below to access governing statutes and rules)

* Practitioners of funeral service: for odd-year renewals a funeral practitioner must complete 12 hours prior to the date of renewal. No more than 6 of the 12 hours may be completed through online or distance learning programs.
* Funeral attendants: for each renewal a funeral attendant must complete the annual training in bloodborne pathogens and highly hazardous chemicals required by Chapter 10, Section 4(3) of the board’s rules.
* Statutory Link - 32 M.R.S. § 1506(2): <https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/32/title32sec1506.html>
* Board Rule Link – Chapter 11: <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-funeral-services>