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1. Brief Description:

This document is meant to provide you with 'How To' instructions on entering your continuing education PDH's. You must be compliant with your 'Continuing Professional Competency' requirements before you are able to renew your license.

Important Note: Please note that most of the screenshots captured within this document reflect activity in the license period 2019. Please make sure you are using the 2020 license period.

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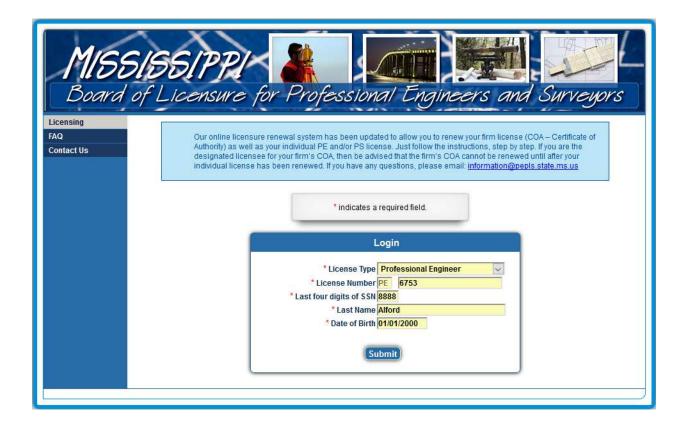
2. How Do I Login To The Licensee Portal?

Licensee Portal URL: https://www.peps.apps.its.ms.gov/home.aspx

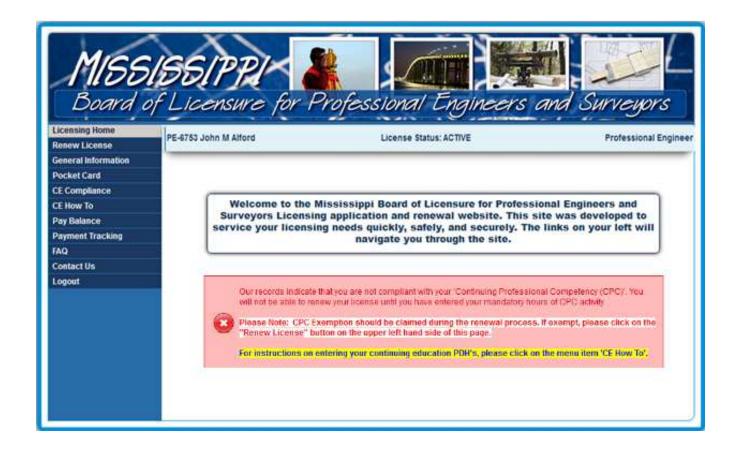
You will need the following information to login to the Licensee Portal:

- License Type
- Your License Number
- Last 4 digits of your SSN
- Your Last Name
- Your Date of Birth

Login Page: Please enter your credentials.



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3. How Do I Claim CPC Exemption?

CPC Exemption is requested during the online renewal process. As shown below the following exemptions may be requested.

Certification				
I hereby certify that I currently meet all Board requirements for Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) and that my entries are true and correct. I understand that I may be audited by the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, and if audited, I will be required to submit documentation to validate completion of all CPC requirements. I further understand that failure to comply with such requirements or any false statements made are in violation of the Board's Rules and could be cause for disciplinary action.				
Note: You do not need to submit CPC documentation unless requested by the Board for audit purposes.				
○ I hereby certify that I have entered my CPC hours in the NCEES Tracking system; that those entries are true and correct, and met all current Mississippi requirements, and I have already electronically transmitted my NCEES CPC prior to this renewal. I understand that I may be audited by the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, and if audited, I will be required to submit documentation to validate completion of all CPC requirements. I further understand that failure to comply with such requirements or any false statements made are in violation of the Board's Rules and could be cause for disciplinary action.				
I qualify for CPC exemption based upon: New Licensee during 2020 60 years of age with 20 years or more of practice Military exemption Medical Exemption				

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4. How Do I Check My Continuing Education Compliance?

Once you have successfully logged into the Licensee Portal, using the left hand navigation, click on the 'CE COMPLIANCE' menu item to view your compliance summary.

Please note that the licensee pictured below is 'Not Compliant' and the alert message shows that 'No CPC hours have been entered'.

To enter your Continuing Education PDH's, click on 'Maintain Credits', then 'Add Class' or refer to next section (Section 4) of this document for instructions.



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5. How Do I Enter My Continuing Education PDH's?

a) Using the left hand navigation, click on the 'CE COMPLIANCE' menu item to view your compliance summary.



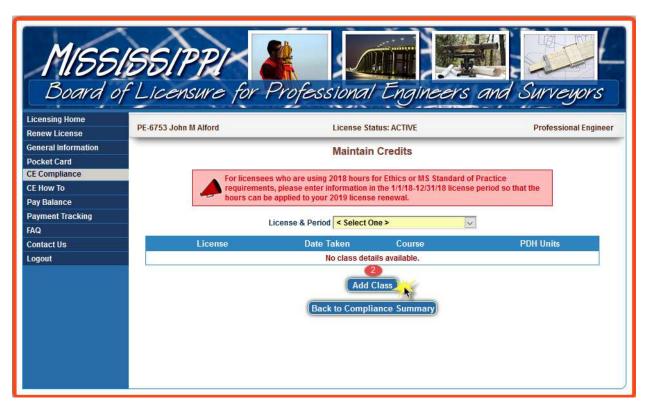
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b) Click on 'Maintain Credits'.



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c) Click on 'Add Class'.



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d) Add your Continuing Education PDH details and 'Save'.



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e) Continue Entering Your Continuing Education PDH's.



f) Completed Continuing Education PDH's.



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6. Dual Licensees - How Do I Enter My Continung Education PDH's For Each of My Licenses?

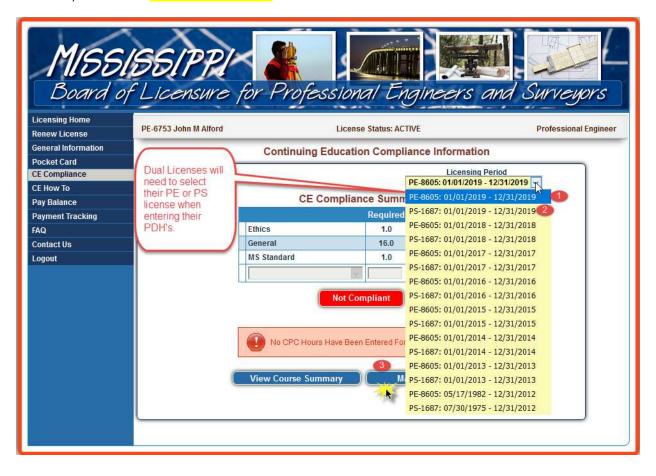
Once a dual licensee logs into the Licensee Portal they will be able to enter their CPE for both their PE & PS licenses. This is accomplished by selecting the appropriate 'License Type' and 'License Period' and entering your continuing education PDH's for each.

a) Using the left hand navigation, click on the 'CE COMPLIANCE' menu item to view your compliance summary.



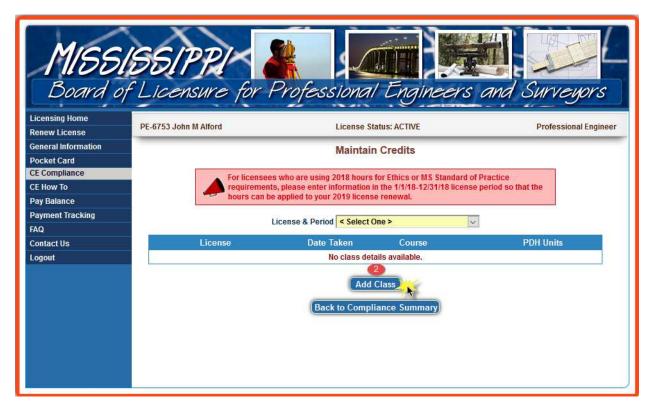
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- b) Select the appropriate 'License Type/Number' and 'License Period'.
- c) Click on 'Maintain Credits'.



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d) Click on 'Add Class'.



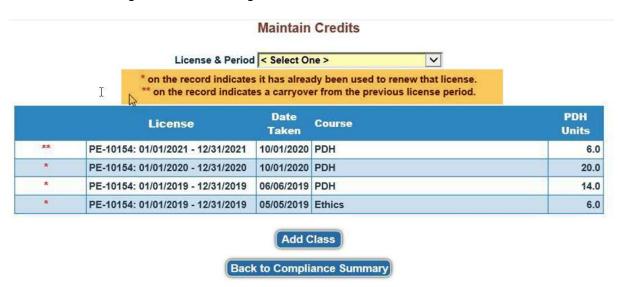
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e) Click on 'Add Class'.



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f) Continue Entering Your Continuing Education PDH's.



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g) Completed Continuing Education PDH's.



7. Definitions - Terms used in this section are defined as follows:

- a. Professional Development Hour (PDH) A contact hour (nominal)
 instruction or presentation. The common denominator for other units of
 credit.
- b. **Continuing Education Unit (CEU)** Unit of credit customarily used for continuing education courses. One continuing education unit equals ten (10) hours of class in approved continuing education course.
- c. **College Semester Or Quarter Hour** Credit for course in ABET-approved programs or other related college course approved in accordance with article 5 of this rule.
- d. **Course/Activity** Any qualifying course or activity with a clear purpose and objective which will maintain, improve, or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's field of practice in engineering and surveying.
- e. **Licensee** A person who is licensed as a Professional Engineer or a Professional Surveyor.
- f. **Dual Licensee** A person who is licensed as both a Professional Engineer and a Professional Surveyor.

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8. Catagories - Professional Development Hour Catagories:

- Hour of professional or technical presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences.
- Ethics
- Continuing Education Unit (CEU)
- Active participation in professional and technical society.
- Active participation in educational outreach activities
- Teaching
- Published paper, article, or book.
- College or unit semester credit hour
- College or unit quarter credit

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9. Units - The conversion of other units of credit to PDH units is a follows:

- a. One (1) College or unit semester credit hour 15 PDH
- b. One (1) College or unit quarter credit hour 10 PDH
- c. One (1) Continuing Education Unit (CEU) 10 PDH
- d. One (1) Hour of professional development in course work and seminars 1 PDH
- e. One (1) Hour of professional or technical presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences 1 PDH
- f. For teaching apply multiple of two (2)*
- g. Each published paper, article, or book 10 PDH
- h. Active participation in professional and technical society.** 1 PDH (One (1) PDH per organization with a maximum of three (3) PDH.)

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 i. Active participation in educational outreach activities 1 PDH (Maximum of three (3) PDH)

10. Requirements - Continuing Professional Competency Requirements

- a. Every Professional Engineer licensee is required to obtain fifteen (15) PDH units during the renewal period year.
- b. Every Professional Surveyor licensee is required to obtain twelve (12) PDH units during the renewal period year.
- c. Dual Licensees The number of PDH units required shall be eighteen (18), at least one third (1/3) of which shall be obtained in each profession.
- d. As of January 1, 2010, every licensee shall be required to obtain one (1) PDH unit of Ethics training every two (2) years. After 2010, excess ethics PDH may not be carried forward.
- e. Professional Surveyors licensed in Mississippi are required to obtain training in Mississippi Standards of Practice. Professional Surveyors with five (5) years or less licensure in Mississippi are required to obtain one (1) PDH unit in Mississippi
 - Standards of Practice annually. Professional Surveyors with more than five (5) years licensure in Mississippi are required to obtain one (1) PDH unit in Mississippi Standards of Practice biennially. Courses of surveying standards in other states may not be used to meet this requirement. However, standard courses from other states may be used as a portion of the licensee's remaining PDH. Excess Mississippi Standards PDH may not be carried forward.
- f. If a licensee exceeds the annual requirement in any renewal period, PDH units may be carried forward into the subsequent renewal period as follows: a maximum of eighteen (18) PDH units by a Professional Engineer or Professional Surveyor licensee; a maximum of fifteen (15) PDH units by a Professional Engineer licensee; a maximum of twelve (12) PDH units by a Professional Surveyor licensee, with the exception of Ethics and Standards of Practice, in which case 3d and 3e will govern.

PDH units may be earned as follows:

- 1) Successful completion of college courses.
- 2) Successful completion of continuing education courses.
- 3) Successful completion of correspondence, televised, videotaped, electronic and qualifying short courses.
- 4) Presenting or attending qualifying seminars, in-house courses, workshops, or professional or technical presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences.

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- 5) Teaching or instructing in (1) through (4) above.
- 6) Authoring published papers, articles, or books.
- 7) Active participation in professional or technical societies, or active participation in educational outreach activities.

11. Exemptions – A licensee may be exempt from the professional development educational requirements for one of the following reasons.

- a. New licensees by way of examination or comity shall be exempt until the beginning of the next renewal period.
- b. A licensee serving on temporary active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days in a year shall be exempt from obtaining the professional development hours required during that year. Supporting documentation must be furnished to the Board.
- c. Licensees experiencing physical disability, illness, or other extenuating circumstances as reviewed and approved by the board may be exempt. Supporting documentation must be furnished to the Board, upon request by the Board for audit verification purposes.
- d. A Professional Engineer licensee sixty (60) years of age and having twenty (20) years of aggregate practice shall be exempt from the professional development educational requirement. A Professional Surveyor licensee sixty (60) years of age and having twenty (20) years of aggregate practice shall obtain at least one (1) PDH of Mississippi Standards of Surveying biennially, but shall be exempt from the remaining professional development educational requirement.
- e. A Professional Engineer or Professional Surveyor currently in Retired Status.

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