



# South Carolina

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### CREDIT COUNSELING 2020 CPE COURSES (Updated 10/9/2020)

On March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster declared a state of emergency for the State of South Carolina due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). On June 23, 2020, the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department) issued the following guidance regarding credit counselors' continuing professional education (CPE):

Due to the difficulty of attending live CPE events and a desire to prevent further transmission of the COVID-19 virus, licensed consumer credit counselors whose CPE reporting is due December 31, 2020, are not required to complete six hours in a live instructional setting. Credit counselor licensees are still required to complete 12 hours of CPE, and they must submit their reporting forms to the Department before their licenses will be renewed. The current reporting form is found [here](#).

In order to facilitate the completion of professional education for 2020:

- The Department will provide CPE credit for qualified webinars it hosts for the public.
  - **Future webinars:** Between now and December 31, 2020, the Department will send out notices for webinars it is hosting which qualify for credit counseling CPE credit for the 2020 reporting year. Upcoming webinars are also posted on the Department's website. Visit [www.consumer.sc.gov](http://www.consumer.sc.gov), hover over News and click on Upcoming Presentations.
  - **Past webinars:** If you were unable to attend the live webinar, the Department can provide a link to watch the recorded webinar at a later time. Please contact Stacy Staley at [sstaley@scconsumer.gov](mailto:sstaley@scconsumer.gov) for the link.
- The Department will also offer three credit counseling-specific webinars between October and December. These can be watched live or recorded as well. The information regarding these webinars will be posted on the credit counseling page on our website by the end of September.

To receive CPE credit when you watch individually, you must login with your information to allow the Department to maintain a record of your attendance. Alternatively, if multiple people watch the live or recorded webinars together at a single terminal, a proctor will be required to complete the registration form found [here](#).

The Department will provide a CPE completion form on our website. All CPE completed must be entered on the form and submitted to the Department in time for licensees' renewal.

#### Department Webinars Approved for 2020 CPE Credit

- May 20 – Consumer Protection and Law
- May 27 – Identity Theft and Investment Fraud
- May 29 – Credit Report Myths