



# THE NORTH CAROLINA DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION

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## POLICY

### Continuing Mediator Education Policy

(Adopted by the Commission on February 26, 2016; revised on March 24, 2020.)

#### **I. General Requirement**

Every active NCDRC certified mediator in the MSC and/or FFS programs must annually complete a total of at least two (2) hours of continuing mediator education (CME) approved by the NCDRC.

#### **II. Approved Content Must Relate To:**

- NC Statutes G.S. §7A-38.1, and/or G.S. §7A-38.4A;
- Rules of the NC Supreme Court for the MSC and/or FFS Programs;
- Rules of the NC Industrial Commission;
- NC Supreme Court Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators;
- Grievance and disciplinary procedures of the NCDRC,
- Advisory opinions adopted to date by the NCDRC; and/or
- NC case law updates involving mediation.

Programs concerning the subjects listed above shall be eligible for CME credit only if they are also approved by the NC State Bar for CLE credit.

Podcasts concerning the subjects listed above do not need to be approved by the NC State Bar for CLE credit.

#### **III. Effective Date**

This policy was implemented beginning with the certification renewal period for fiscal year 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). Approved CME hours must be completed between July 1 of the previous year through September 30 of the fiscal year for which the certification renewal application is being filed. Procedures for implementing the CME Policy shall be promulgated and approved by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission.

#### **IV. Stale Programs and Podcasts**

Staff shall review all programs and podcasts annually to ensure the training materials are current and in-line with the NCDRC program rules and standards adopted by the NC Supreme Court. Staff shall remove any program and/or podcast that is dated, stale, or does not comply with the current program rules and/or standards. Staff may remove any program and/or podcast that is rarely viewed by mediators and is not regularly being utilized as a training tool by NCDRC mediators. Staff has complete discretion when

making the determination to remove a program and/or podcast from the NCDRC list of CME opportunities. One year after the program and/or podcast has been removed from the list of CME opportunities, the program and/or podcast will be removed from the list of CME courses on the mediator renewal application.

Staff shall provide notice to all certified mediators of any program(s) and/or podcast(s) that have been removed from CME circulation.