

Special Activities-Registration

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SCECH Information and FAQ's

Q. What are State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs)?

A. SCECHs are State Board approved in-service, workshop, training, or conference credits that are used for the renewal of selected certificates issued by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Educators now earn State Continuing Education Clock Hours for renewal purposes. MDE has designated the credits State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs).

SCECHs are awarded through MOECS and the online an evaluation is still required. SCECHs earned previously within the appropriate time period can still be used for renewal.

Q. Who is eligible to use SCECHs for certificate renewal?

A. Individuals who hold the following certificates and licenses are eligible to obtain and use SCECHs toward certificate/licensure renewal:

- School Psychologist certificate
- School Administrator certificate
- School Guidance Counselor license

These certificates require renewal every five (5) years. The renewal requirement includes the completion of six semester hours of appropriate coursework through an approved institution, 150 SCECHs, or a combination of these. School Administrators are required to complete six semester hours, 150 SCECHs, or a combination of the two every five years for continued employment.

- Professional Education certificate
- Occupational Education certificate

These certificates require renewal every five years. The renewal requirement includes the completion of six semester hours of appropriate coursework through an approved institution, 150 SCECHs, district provided professional development, or a combination of all three.

- Provisional Certificate (renewed after Sept. 1, 2013)

This certificate requires renewal every three years, maximum of 2 renewals. The renewal requirement includes the evidence that he or she has earned since the issuance of the certificate: 6 semester credit hours in a planned program at an approved teacher preparation institution or 150 clock hours of state continuing education in approved professional development activities appropriate to the grade level and content endorsement(s) of the certificate that he or she holds or a combination of semester credit hours and state continuing education hours; or that he or she holds an earned master's or higher degree in areas appropriate to kindergarten to grade 12 teaching.

Q. How do I earn SCECH credit approved professional development?

A. To be eligible for SCECH credit, participants must pay a non-refundable \$10.00 SCECH fee, payable by cash, or check, and attend 100% of workshop contact hours, and sign in each day. The SCECH fee is payable on the last day of the program. You may pay by cash (small bills preferably), or by check payable to Washtenaw ISD. About 2 weeks after completion of the course, participants will be emailed detailed instructions and a link to complete the required MDE evaluation of this course. The evaluation should be completed within 30 days of receiving the email. Once the evaluation has been completed MDE will award SCECHs.

Q. How do I find out how many SCECHs I have earned?

A. A record of earned SCECHs will be found within your MOECS (Michigan Online Educator Certification System) account.

Q. Are there other ways to earn SCECH's?

A. Refer to Special Activities Link

District Provided Professional Development: Educators who have a Professional Education Certificate, an Occupational Education Certificate, a School Administrator Certificate, a School Guidance Counselor License, or a School Psychologist Certificate can use the Professional Development offered by their school districts ([DPPD](#)) in compliance with PA 289, 1995 Section 380.1527 to renew. Teachers must list in their MOECS account the district provided professional development for each year, print that form and have their principal sign the form confirming they attended and that the programs listed were district provided per the law. If a teacher completes all 5 days every year of their 5 year renewal period, that is enough to renew.

Other Professional Development and How to Apply: Professional development qualifying for SCECH credit include training sessions with a minimum of 3 ¼ hours of instruction (not including breaks and meals) and workshops or conferences held by professional organizations for which SCECHs have been applied for by the sponsoring organization, but for which you would like to obtain SCECHs for yourself.

Q. Where do I submit my renewal information?

A. Information on the license/certificate renewal process can be found on the Michigan Department of Education's [website](#). You can also call MDE at 517.373.3310.

Renewal of any MDE issued certificate is done through your MOECS account at the [MOECS Website](#)

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES LINK/ADDITIONAL SCECH INFORMATION

[Find Your PIC Number](#)

[Teacher Certification Information](#)

[SCECH Offerings throughout Michigan](#)

[Michigan Education Information System \(MEIS\)](#)

[Special Activity Opportunity for SCECH Credits](#)

[Michigan Online Educator Certification System \(MOECS\)](#)