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Continuing Education Program Requirements

(1) Acceptable continuing education is that which contributes directly to the expertise of the individual in the preparation of income tax returns, and is presented by a sponsor who meets the requirements of all Rules. It is the obligation of each licensee to select a course of study which will contribute to his or her competence in the preparation of income tax returns.

(2) The following general subject matters are acceptable **to the extent they contribute directly to the expertise of income tax preparation:**

(a) Taxation.

(b) Practitioner Ethics.

(c) Accounting and payroll theory. *[directly related to taxation.]*

(d) Estate, tax or investment planning.

(e) Computer technology.

[(e)] **(f) Others,** if the licensee can demonstrate a direct relationship to the preparation of a client's income tax returns.

(3) Programs primarily directed towards the licensee's personal benefit, rather than that of his or her clients, and programs relating primarily to general business management, are unacceptable. Some examples of unacceptable subjects are:

(a) Memory improvement.

(b) Buying or selling a tax practice.

(c) Setting fee schedules.

(d) Character development.

(e) Behavior modification.

(f) Business management

(g) Labor law.

(h) Economic forecasts.

(i) Learning to operate office equipment.

(4) Programs must be at least one hour in length, including reasonable breaks, with credit given in whole hours only.

(5) Programs must be conducted by a qualified instructor whose background, training, education or experience make it appropriate for the person to lead a discussion on the subject matter of the particular program.

(6) Licensees may not receive credit for repeat of courses taken within the same continuing education reporting period.

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