

How to Apply for Ohio Adult, Family or Youth Peer Supporter Certification Renewal

To apply Peer Supporter renewal, you must do the following:

1. Complete the Renewal Application online at https://elicense.ohio.gov/oh_communitieslogin
2. Complete and submit into the eLicense application portal proof of 30 continuing education (CE) credit hours (*see below for additional information*). Your CE credit hours must include the required hours for each of the below (9) topics. Your remaining CE hours may be in any topic that is relevant to human services or Peer Support, or that fall into one of the 9 required topics:
 1. Ethics (may include HIPAA, confidentiality): 3 hours
 2. Boundaries: 3 hours
 3. Diversity and inclusion/cultural sensitivity: 2 hours
 4. System Navigation and care coordination: 1 hour
 5. Trauma-Informed Care: 2 hours
 6. Human Trafficking: 1 hour
 7. Behavioral health knowledge (may include recovery and resiliency): 1 hour
 8. Basic principles related to health and wellness: 1 hour
 9. Principles of coaching as applied to the delivery of peer services: 2 hours
3. Complete and submit into the eLicense application portal the [Continuing Education Log](#), listing all CE trainings you have completed. You must submit this log **and** your certificate of completion for each CE training.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS: **If you have had no new felony offenses, criminal background checks are not required for renewal.** If you have had a new felony offense, you must complete both a BCI and FBI criminal background check. [CLICK HERE FOR BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS.](#)

DUAL CERTIFICATION: If you hold more than 1 Peer Support Certification (Adult, Family or Youth), you are required to complete in eLicense a separate Renewal Application each certification. You may use the same Continuing Education for multiple certifications, but you will need to submit your [Continuing Education Log](#) into eLicense along with each separate certification application.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

CE trainings must have a minimum duration of 1 clock hour.

Your CE credits **do not** all have to be in the form of Continuing Education Units (CEU's). You may use CEU's and/or Certificates of Participation that list the time spent in the training (EXAMPLE: A training that takes place for 2 hours, from 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M., will count as 2 CE credits). Your Certificate of Participation must include your name and the time of the training. CE credits **do not** have to include "Peer Support" in the title.

Ohio Administrative Code: Continuing education credits will be accepted from a continuing education program that meets the professional needs of the intended clientele, which shall include certified peer recovery supporters, certified family peer supporters, certified youth peer supporters, counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, psychologists, nurses, chemical dependency counselors, or other human service professionals. The program shall have written goals and objectives which are responsive to the needs of prospective attendees.

Below please find a list of samples of organizations that may offer online CE learning resources. Please note these are samples only - Peer Supporter renewal applicants must independently research continuing education:

- CEU Academy: <https://www.ceu.academy/login.cfm>
- Doors to Wellbeing: <https://www.doorstowellbeing.org/webinars>
- E-Based Academy: www.ebasedacademy.org (You may not re-take courses that you have previously completed for PRS Certification.)
- Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/> (this is a general events website, you will need to search for relevant CE opportunities that offer completion certificates)
- International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS): <https://www.peersupportworks.org/>
- NATIONAL DRUG COURT INSTITUTE: <https://www.ndci.org/resource/training/treatment-provider-training/>
- Mental Health America: <https://mhanational.org/center-peer-support>
- Online CEU Credit: <https://www.onlineceucredit.com/ceus-online/fas-fetal-alcohol-syndrome/continuing-education.html>
- Relias <https://reliasacademy.com/rls/store/>
- Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA): <https://www.samhsa.gov/>
- Trauma-Informed Care Training Center: <https://traumainformedmedcaretraining.com>
- Work Incentive Seminar Events (WISE): <https://choosework.ssa.gov/wise/> (Here you can find work incentive or benefit planning training/webinars.)