



CRS Designation Maintenance Requirements FAQ

What is the new CRS Designation maintenance requirement?

CRS Designees are now required to take 2 hours of CRS education within a calendar year, in addition to paying their dues, to maintain their designation standing.

Why was this change made?

This change was approved by the Board at the 2016 Annual Meeting as a measure to help differentiate the CRS designation. This new continued learning requirement is designed to help maintain the CRS Designation as the highest standard in the industry.

What meets the Designation maintenance requirement?

- Any free live or recorded member benefit webinars – crs.com/free-webinar-library.
- Any CRS produced education such as classroom courses, eLearning courses, Sell-a-bration sessions, webinars, etc.
- CRS Elective courses
- Pre-approved CRS Local Networking Group events

Are there any other ways to meet the Designation maintenance requirement?

- Serving as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for CRS
- Authoring an article for The Residential Specialist (TRS)
- Authoring a CRS course or being a course content contributor
- Being a CRS webinar or Sell-a-bration speaker, instructor, or speaker at any pre-approved CRS state or local networking group (LNG) event

When does the Designation maintenance requirement need to be satisfied?

The timeframe to satisfy the Designation maintenance requirement has been extended for all existing Designees. It now must be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2018, to qualify for renewal of their designation.

Are Emeritus Designees and Past Council Presidents exempt from the maintenance requirement?

Emeritus CRS Designees and Past Council Presidents must meet the education requirement to maintain Designation.

Do International Designees have a Designation maintenance requirement?

This is under review and no decisions have yet been made.

How does this affect reinstatements – (Designees who are terminated for nonpayment)

Former Designees can reinstate their membership by paying their annual dues plus the reinstatement fee and fulfilling the Designation maintenance requirement.

Are inactive Designees required to satisfy the Designation maintenance requirement?

Not at this time unless they choose to become active again.

As a Designee, how do I know if a Local Networking Group (LNG) event I'm attending qualifies for Designation maintenance credit?

The advertisement for the event should note whether it receives CRS maintenance credit. You also can check with the event contact. Your name will need to be added to the official roster to receive credit.

As a local leader, how do I submit my local CRS Local Networking Group (LNG) event for Designation maintenance credit?

You complete the [event registration form](#) requesting maintenance credit. Once the program is reviewed you will be notified if your event is approved for credit.