



CRS Designation Maintenance Requirements FAQ

What is the new CRS Designation maintenance requirement?

CRS Designees will now be 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 education 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, (including all free live and recorded member benefit webinars), etc.
- CRS Elective courses
- Pre-approved CRS Local Networking Group events

Are there any other ways to meet the Designation education 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 Education Maintenance period begin?

It began January, 2017 for all existing designees and must be satisfied by Dec. 31, 2017 to renew their 2018 designation. Candidates that have just earned their designation during the 2017 calendar year will be exempt from the education maintenance requirement for that year.

Can Designees carry over education credits from one year to the next?

No. Education taken to meet previous year's maintenance cannot count toward the next year's requirement. For example, education taken in 2017 will not fulfill the 2018 requirement.

What happens when a Designee meets the education requirement but hasn't paid his/her dues?

If a designee has not paid their annual dues, the process will remain the same as it is currently (i.e. their membership will be canceled and their designation status will be suspended and they will need to pay their annual dues plus a reactivation fee to be reinstated.

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

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

Do International Designees have an education maintenance requirement?

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

How does this affect Reinstatements – Designees who are terminated for nonpayment and the time frame has passed?

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

Are Inactive Designees Required to Satisfy the Education 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 education credit?

The advertisement for the event should note whether it receives CRS maintenance credit. In addition, you 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 education 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.