



License Expiration Date FAQ

1. How many hours of CPE do I need to earn every year?

- a. CPAs need to earn 40 hours of CPE each continuing education period (July 1 – June 30) of every year. The 40 hours must include a minimum of 8 hours of Accounting & Auditing and a minimum of 2 hours of Ethics. Licensees are required to earn 1 hour of Michigan Specific Ethics each reporting period (once every two years).

2. When do I renew my license?

- a. The renewal period is July 1 – July 31, licensees must submit their CPE hours and renew their license by July 31st every other year.

3. How do I know what year I renew my license?

- a. You renew your license in year two of your license cycle. You can see what year you are in by logging in to your MICPA CPE Tracker. You can also see your license expiration date on the state's website.

4. When does my license expire?

- a. CPA licenses expire on July 31st two years after the last renewal of the license. Whether a CPA license expires on an even or an odd year is dependent on the initial license date. For example, a license that is issued on April 4, 2020 will have an expiration date of July 31, 2022.

5. How many hours of CPE do I earn in my first renewal?

- a. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has issued guidance on how many hours of CPE new licensees need to submit to renew their license. [View the document.](#)

6. Does this impact CPAs in registered status?

- a. Yes, CPAs in registered status also renew their license every other year. The year that they renew is based on when they switched from licensed to registered status. As a reminder, CPAs in registered status do not need to submit CPE to renew.

7. Does this impact firm licenses?

- a. Yes, firm licenses also need to be renewed every other year, beginning two years after the initial license issuance.

8. What if I am already licensed?

- a. CPA licenses issued before April 4, 2020 are not impacted by this change.

9. What is the reason for the change?

- a. The impetus for the change is to balance out the number of CPAs renewing their license each year. With the number of newly licensed CPAs in Michigan each year and the number of licensees leaving the profession, the number of CPAs renewing their license each year will be even in about 10 years.

10. When is the change effective?

- a. The change in license expiration date began on April 4, 2020.