

# South Carolina



## Planning Education Advisory Committee

### New Guidance on Orientation and Continuing Education Requirements

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On March 18, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the South Carolina Planning Education Advisory Committee (SCPEAC) lifted some of the restrictions on the delivery methods for the required Orientation and Continuing Education Training. At a special meeting on June 16, 2020, the Committee voted and approved to make those changes permanent as indicated below:

#### **Orientation Training**

Two providers of Orientation Training have previously been approved by the SCPEAC: The Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) and the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC).

MASC has their on-demand Orientation Training program up and running, and is available to any jurisdiction needing to use it. Please visit the link below for more information.

<https://www.masc.sc/Pages/programs/knowledge/training/Online-orientation-training-for-planning-and-zoning-officials.aspx>

SCAC is currently developing their on-demand models and will be available soon.

A minimum of six hours of Orientation Training is still required to be completed within one year of appointment or hiring.

For morning information about the required Orientation Training please visit the Committee's website <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/SCPEAC/OrientationTrainingProgramApp.htm>.

#### **Continuing Education Training**

The requirements that Continuing Education Training be conducted in a classroom or group setting and in the presence of a Coordinator have been lifted, and may be conducted in a virtual or on-demand format. There must be a method for confirming participation and/or attendance. Home study or self-study methods where participation or attendance cannot be independently verified are not permitted.

There are numerous organizations and institutions that have been pre-approved by the SCPEAC as providers of Continuing Education Training. For a list of those providers, please visit the Committee's website <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/SCPEAC/ApprovedSponsorsContEd.htm>.

A minimum of three hours of annual Continuing Education is still required.

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