

BPOA Information

The BPOA has notified all professional licenseholders (with email addresses on file) about the requirements of Act 31 of 2014. The Act includes mandated Continuing Education Credits in child abuse recognition and reporting. Three hours of credit are required for new licensees and two hours of credit are required for those renewing a license after January 1, 2015. The Continuing Education Credits must be approved by the DHS.

There is an easy way to get the credits on-line and without a fee. The program through the PA Child Welfare Resource Center, associated with the University of Pittsburgh, is listed by the DHS as a Continuing Education Provider. You may register and complete the course through www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu.

To complete the course you should have your license number and the last four digits of your social security number available. Click on "Registration" and turn off any pop-up blockers on your browser. Fill out the Registration and a User Name and Password will be awarded to you.

At the completion of the on-line course you can print out your certificate of completion. The certification is automatically forwarded to the board you list your licensure with.

At present, the program is funded through the month of March by the state so there is no charge. There is not definite funding after April 1st so it is advisable to complete the course in a timely fashion.