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## NCDRC Continuing Mediator Education Policy

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### **I. General Requirement**

Every active NCDRC certified mediator in the FFS and/or MSC programs must annually complete a total of at least two (2) hours of continuing mediator education (CME) approved by the NCDRC.

### **II. Approved Content Must Relate To:**

- NC Statutes G.S. §7A-38.1, and/or G.S. §7A-38.4A;
- Rules of the NC Supreme Court for the MSC and/or FFS Programs;
- Rules of the NC Industrial Commission;
- Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators;
- Grievance and disciplinary procedures of the NCDRC,
- Advisory opinions adopted to date by the NCDRC; and/or
- NC case law updates involving mediation.

Programs concerning the subjects listed above shall be eligible for CME credit only if they are also approved by the NC State Bar for CLE credit.

### **III. Effective Date**

This policy shall be implemented beginning with the certification renewal period for fiscal year 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). Approved CME credits taken between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2017, shall satisfy the CME requirements for mediator certification renewal for fiscal year 2017-18. Thereafter, approved CME hours must be completed between July 1 of the previous year through September 30 of the fiscal year for which the certification renewal application is being filed. Procedures for implementing the CME Policy shall be promulgated and approved by the NC Dispute Resolution Commission.