

NORTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
ETHICS LIAISON NEWSLETTER
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What's New?

The State Ethics Commission is pleased to announce a new one-stop shopping link on our Homepage created just for Ethics Liaisons. The link is:
<http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/EthicLiaisons.aspx>;
or look for "Ethics Liaison" on the tab bar. Under this link and tab bar you will find:

- A summary of your duties and responsibilities as an EL.
- Compliance Reports for your board/agency, including:
 - SEI filing dates;
 - Education due dates & compliance dates;
 - Lists of your board/agency's covered persons; and
 - Appointment start & end dates.
- 2015 and 2016 SEIs for your filers.
- Education requirements and presentation schedules.
***Next live presentation is October 20th from 9 to 12.*
- Advisory opinions issued by the Ethics Commission and information on how to request advice; and
- Newsletters and helpful guidance.



EDUCATION AUDIT CONTINUES

We continue to audit our education records to ensure that all public servants are in compliance with the education requirements of the Ethics Act.

CONDUCT YOUR OWN EDUCATION AUDIT

Using our EL link or tab you can now conduct your own audit. Run a Compliance Report; if your member/employee is past due for education, he/she needs to immediately complete the ethics education training. Refer them to our website at www.ethicscommission.nc.gov to access our online program. Your audit and the member/employee's immediate action may prevent them from facing future disciplinary action.



Common Questions Asked

Q. What does "LF" and "NCF" mean on the Compliance Report?

A. "LF" stands for "Long Form". When first appointed to or employed in a covered position an individual must file an SEI Long Form which must be evaluated by Commission staff for actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the individual assuming the covered position. "NCF" stands for "No Change Form". ***If*** there are no changes to the information the individual disclosed on their last filed LF, the following year they may file an SEI No Change Form.

Q. Are ethics liaisons required to complete the Commission's ethics education training?

A. Yes. Ethics liaisons are required to complete the ethics training within six (6) months of your appointment date as an EL and at least every two (2) years thereafter. The two-year period commences from the date you last completed the required training.

WELL DONE AND A BIG THANK YOU

On April 15th, eight-six percent (86%) of the public servants had filed their 2016 SEIs and were current with their required ethics education training. Thank you ELs!

For education questions or information, please contact the Education Unit at 919-814-3600 or Education.Ethics@doa.nc.gov.

For SEI questions and information, please contact the SEI Unit at 919-814-3600 or SEI@doa.nc.gov.

For other questions regarding the State Government Ethics Act call us at 919-814-3600 or email us at ethics.commission@doa.nc.gov and we will connect you with the appropriate staff member to assist you.