

Summary of the New HOA Law on Director Educational Requirements

1. **Education Requirement:** Newly elected or appointed HOA directors **must submit a certificate that they have completed a department-approved educational course within 90 days** of their election or appointment to the board.
2. **Certification Validity:** The completion certificate is valid for **4 years**.
3. **Recurring Education:** Directors must complete the course **every 4 years**.
4. **Course Content:** Training includes financial literacy, transparency, recordkeeping, fines, and meeting notices.
5. **Continuing Education:**
 - Directors of associations with **fewer than 2,500 parcels need 4 hours annually**.
 - Directors of associations with **2,500 or more parcels need 8 hours annually**.
 - ***Non-compliant directors are suspended until they meet the requirements. The board may temporarily fill vacancies during suspensions.***
6. **Recordkeeping:** **Associations must retain educational certificates for 5 years** for member inspection. Lack of certification on file does not invalidate board actions.
7. **Regulatory Oversight:** The department will establish rules to manage and enforce these requirements.

Why this matters

This law ensures HOA directors are well-educated on critical aspects of their roles, promoting better governance and transparency within associations. **Compliance is crucial** to maintain board functionality and **avoid potential disruptions due to suspensions**.

