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Ethics CEU Requirement

The Soils Certifying Board requires one ethics credit per each CEU cycle (1.0 CEU in ethics as part of the 30 CEU requirement). The ethics requirement is not unusual for certified and licensed professionals and in fact is a requirement in many professions.

There are many options available to you to obtain the 1.0 CEU in ethics:

- SSSA offers 4 recorded webinars available 24/7:
 - You can access the recordings on the Self-Paced website:
<http://soils.peachnewmedia.com/store/provider/custompage.php?pageid=3#sssa-self>
All have the 'Ethics' as the first word of the recording. You will need to watch the recording, and follow the instructions to submit your CEUs through Peach Media. The CEUs will then show on your account, and there is no need to self-report them.

The on-line courses are not the only way to obtain an ethics credit, but you must show one on your CEU reporting form in order to renew your certification.

- There are many books written on ethics, and reading one of those would certainly qualify for a credit.
- If you are at an educational institution and have access to the university's library system you can search for and read articles on ethics and this would be free to you.
- If you are an USDA-NRCS employee, we have been told by NRCS employees that they have access to courses in AgLearn which provides in-house ethics training for employees.
- Other federal and state government agencies may also have a resource similar to AgLearn.
- You can also search our ACSESS Digital Library, which is a complete collection of all content published by ASA, CSSA, and SSSA. You can access the site at <https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/> if you subscribe to this as part of your membership or are associated with an organization that subscribes to the Digital Library. We have gone into the digital library prior to suggesting this to you to make sure that there are ethics articles available. For example, just entering the keyword "ethics" returned well over 100 suggestions. You would need to report which paper(s) you read to equal one CEU.

If you have further questions about the ethics requirement or would like to add specific resources to this list, please contact Dr. Dawn Gibas at dgibas@soils.org.