Effective May 14, 2020, exercising the authority granted by SB 704, the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors (Board) authorizes Board-approved providers of continuing education for general contractors to deliver continuing education courses pursuant to §87-10.2, by live instruction, as state and local COVID-19 restrictions allow pursuant to §87-10.2(d), or, by synchronous distance-learning instruction defined as follows:

(a) Board-approved continuing education providers may offer synchronous distance-learning instruction for Board-approved continuing education elective courses. "Synchronous distance-learning instruction" means the Board-approved instructor and students are separated only by distance and not time, allowing for real-time monitoring of student attendance and participation.

(b) Board-approved continuing education providers may offer synchronous distance-learning instruction for the Board-approved 2-hour Mandatory Course taught by an instructor authorized by the Board to teach the 2-hour Mandatory Course.

(c) All other provisions pursuant to N.C.G.S. 87-10.2 and 21 NCAC 12B, for continuing education shall remain in effect.

(d) This shall be in effect until November 30, 2020.

The following are the minimum requirements/guidelines for the implementation of synchronous learning:

- Synchronous learning may be implemented on any synchronous distance platform the provider chooses (WebEx, Zoom, GoToMeeting, as examples); however, the platform must have a video component so the students can see the materials being discussed/presented, as well as see the instructor in real-time engagement. The instructor must be a Board-approved instructor.

- The technology and equipment required for a student to reliably access the synchronous platform selected by the provider must be clearly communicated to the student at the time of course registration.
  - At a minimum, this includes:
    - A computer or other device with camera and microphone capabilities (student connection via cell phone is not allowed)
- Broadband internet access with a strong internet connection capable of maintaining connectivity
- Software requirements (i.e. operating system, browser, etc)

- All attendance requirements are still in effect and required for successful course completion. It is the responsibility of the provider to make certain the students who are certified as having completed the course met the necessary attendance requirements.
  - A check-in process and valid roster are essential. Please keep in mind the check-in process will take time, so providers will need to open their online classroom and allow time for people to check-in before the official start of the course (just as you would with a traditional classroom).