

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND AUXILIARIES

State	Required Credit Hours			Cycle Length	Year (to be) Implemented	Advance Sponsor	Approval Course	How Credit is Monitored & Notes
	Dentist	Hygienist	Assistant					
Alabama ⁽⁵⁾	20	12		1 yr.	1992			Random Audit.
Alaska	28	14		2 yr.	D-1990 H-1991	yes	yes	Sworn statement of compliance submitted for license renewal; records must be produced upon request
Arizona	72	54		3 yrs.	1997			Affidavit of Compliance; random audit.
Arkansas	50	40		2 yrs.	1994	no	no	Listed on license renewal form.
California	50	25	25	2 yrs.	1974	yes		Listed on license renewal form; certificate of completion must be produced upon request.
Colorado	NA	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	
Connecticut	25	16		2 yrs.	DH-1989/D-2005	yes	yes	Random audit. Completion Certificate produced on request
Delaware	50	24		2 yrs.	1990	yes	yes	Statement of compliance; records must be produced on request.
D. C.	25	15		2 yrs.	1991	yes	yes	Listed on renewal form; completion must be verified by sponsor.
Florida	30	24		2 yrs.	DH1980/D-1985	yes	yes	Affidavit of Compliance; produce records upon request.
Georgia	40	22		2 yrs.	1992			Random Audit
Hawaii	32	20		2 yrs.	2002	yes		Submit certificate of completion on renewal, random audit
Idaho	30	24		2 yr.	1994/2006			Listed on license renewal form. Change to Biennial licensure in 2006.
Illinois ⁽⁵⁾	48	36		3 yrs.	1992	yes	yes	Affidavit of Compliance show records upon request. Changed 2005
Indiana	20	14		2 yrs.	1992	yes		Random audit.
Iowa	30	30	20	2 yrs.	1979	yes	yes	Sponsor's attendance list cross-checked with information on renewal form. DAs CE requirement begins July 2001
Kansas ⁽⁵⁾	60	30		2 yr.	1978	yes	yes	Listed on license renewal form.
Kentucky	15	15		1 yr.	DH-1979/D-1973	yes	yes	Continuing education submitted on credit record annually by 12/31
Louisiana ⁽⁵⁾	40	24		2 yr.	1995			Reported on form provided; random audit.
Maine	40	30		2 yrs.	DH-1992/D-1991	yes	yes	Statement of completion on renewal forms; random audit.
Maryland ⁽⁵⁾	30	30		2 yrs.	1994/rDH2005	yes	yes	Verify compliance on renewal form, maintain records for 5 years and produce upon request.
Massachusetts ⁽⁵⁾	40	20		2 yrs.	1982			Listed on license renewal form; records must be produced upon request. Certificate of compliance on renewal form.
Michigan	60	36	36	3 yrs.	1994	yes		Certificate must be kept and produced upon audit.
Minnesota ⁽²⁾	50	25	25	2 yrs.	1969	yes		Random Audit-new 2-yr cycle & hours required effective 2004
Mississippi	40	20 ⁽⁵⁾	12 ⁽⁴⁾	2 yr.	1994			Listed on license renewal form.
Missouri ⁽⁵⁾	50	30		2 yrs.	1993	yes		Reported annually on form provided, maintain records for six years, random audit.
Montana ⁽⁵⁾	60	36/48 ^X		3 yrs.	1993			^X 2004 Rules require LAP DHs to have add'l 12 hours CE.
Nebraska	30	30		2 yrs.	1985	yes	yes	Listed on license renewal form.
Nevada ⁽⁶⁾	20	15		1 yr.	1986	yes	yes	Sworn statement of compliance; random audit.
New Hampshire	40	20		2 yrs.	1990	yes	yes	Random audit
New Jersey	40	20	10	2 yrs.	D-1992, H-1979	no		Listed on license renewal form. DAs & DHs req'ts amd 2004.
New Mexico	60	45/60 ⁺		3 yrs.	1979	yes	yes	*DH in Collaborative Practice must complete 60 hours. Listed on license renewal form; records must be produced upon request.
New York ⁽⁵⁾	45	24		3 yrs.	1997			Certify compliance on renewal, produce records on request
North Carolina	15	6		1 yrs.	1995			Listed on license renewal form; random audit.

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	Dentist	Hygienist	Assistant			Sponsor	Course	
North Dakota ⁽⁵⁾	32	16	8/yr.	2	1976/2002		yes	Course outline sent to board after each course.
Ohio ⁽⁵⁾	40	12		2 yrs.	1990	yes	yes	Affidavit of compliance; produce records upon request.
Oklahoma ⁽⁵⁾	60	30	X	3 yrs.	1980			Reported to board on special card after each course.
Oregon	40	24		2 yrs.	1991	yes	yes	Statement of compliance submitted for license renewal.
Pennsylvania	30	20	10	2 yrs.	2001	yes		Documentation submitted with license renewal form.
Rhode Island	60X	30X		2 yrs.	1992/2005			Triennial changed to biennial in 2005, awaiting info on # of credits
South Carolina ^(1,5)	28	14		2 yrs.	1999	yes	yes	Reported to the board annually on form provided.
South Dakota	100	75	60 ⁽³⁾	5 yrs.	1974			Listed on license renewal form; show records on request
Tennessee ⁽⁵⁾	40	30	24	2yrs.	1990 amd 2003	yes		Random audit, 2 hours req'd in Chemical Dependency
Texas	15	15	12*	1 yr.	2001	yes		12 annual, 3 hrs jurisprudence over 3 yrs; *RDA in radiology only
Utah	30	30		2 yrs.	1997			Enacted March 1996.
Vermont	30	12		2 yrs.	D 2006/H 1993	yes	yes	Den-H 871 Stmt of compliance for license renewal, subject to audit
Virginia ⁽⁵⁾	15	15		1 yr.	1995	yes		Statement of compliance submitted for license renewal, subject to audit. Only dentists may carry excess hours to next year cycle.
Washington	21	15		1yr.	1992			Random audit.
West Virginia	35	20		2 yrs.	1996	yes	yes	Report on board form; produce records upon request; audit
Wisconsin	NA	X	NA	-	-	-		S 95 enacted 4-10-06, rules to be adopted req'g between 12-20 hours.
Wyoming	BLS only	BLS only	NA	1 yr.				Requires annual CE only to renew BLS by dentists & DHs
Puerto Rico	46	24	24	3 yrs.	1976	yes		Reported to board after each course.

Total States* 48 47 14

*District of Columbia and Puerto Rico also require CE for dentists & hygienists.

Several states mandate continuing education on specific subjects:

AIDS/HIV: FL, KY (initial licensure; license renewal); WA (initial licensure)

INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL: AL, AZ, CA, CT, KY, MD, NM, NY, OH, RI, WV, (WI-DHs only)

CHILD ABUSE IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING: IA - (Dentists only); NY

CPR (or other Life Support e.g. BLS) CERTIFICATION: ID (DH only); AZ, GA, HI, IA, KY, MD, MN, NV, ND, NC, NM, OK, PA, PR, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WY, (WI-DHs only)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: CT, FL

ORAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF TOBACCO: NY (dentist need only take a 2 hour course one time in career.)

CE Credit hours for dentists treating underserved: CT-10, FL-5, ID-5, MN-20, NJ-3, NV-6, WV-5

ETHICS CE required: IN

(1) Dental Lab Technicians-8 hours of C.E. every 2 years.

(2) Dentists get max. 20 hrs. of C.E., Hygienist & Assistants 10 hrs. every 2 years for providing volunteer care.

(3) Only Advanced Dental Assistants must fulfill continuing education requirements.

(4) Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants who operate x-ray machines must take twelve hours C.E. in radiology.

(5) CE waived partially or entirely for active duty military. Check with the dental board for details.

(6) Dentists-4 hours CE within two years of initial licensure on medical consequences of an act of terrorism.

Legend: x-Regulations regarding CE pending, r-revised.

Sources of Information: State statutes, regulations, dental board policies, AADE Composite

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