

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND AUXILIARIES

State	Required Credit Hours			Cycle Length	Year (to be) Implemented	How Credit is Monitored & Notes
	Dentist	Hygienist	Assistant			
Alabama ⁽⁵⁾	20	12		1 yr.	1992	Random Audit.
Alaska	28	14 + 4 ⁽⁴⁾		2 yr.	D-1990 H-1991	Sworn statement of compliance submitted for license renewal; records must be produced upon request
Arizona	72	54 ⁽⁷⁾		3 yrs.	1997	Affidavit of Compliance; random audit.
Arkansas	50	40		2 yrs.	1994	Listed on license renewal form.
California	50	25	25	2 yrs.	1974	Listed on license renewal form; produce certificate of completion on request
Colorado	NA	NA	NA	-	-	
Connecticut	25	16		2 yrs.	DH-1989/D-2005	Random audit. Completion Certificate produced on request
Delaware	50	24		2 yrs.	1990	Statement of compliance; records must be produced on request.
D. C.	25	15		2 yrs.	1991	Listed on renewal form; completion must be verified by sponsor.
Florida	30	24		2 yrs.	DH1980/D-1985	Affidavit of Compliance; produce records upon request.
Georgia	40	22		2 yrs.	1992	Random Audit
Hawaii	32	20		2 yrs.	2002	Submit certificate of completion on renewal, random audit
Idaho	30	24		2 yr.	1994/2006	Listed on license renewal form. Change-Biennial licensure 2006
Illinois ⁽⁵⁾	48	32		3 yrs.	1992	Affidavit of Compliance show records upon request. Chgd 2005
Indiana	20	14		2 yrs.	1992	Random audit.
Iowa	30	30	20	2 yrs.	1979	Sponsor's attendance list cross-checked with renewal form. DAs req't begins July 2001
Kansas ⁽⁵⁾	60	30		2 yr.	1978	Listed on license renewal form.
Kentucky	15	15		1 yr.	DH-1979/D-1973	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*	50 EFDAs 5yr	2 yrs.	DH-1992/D-1991	Statement of completion on renewal forms; random audit. *Same for Ind Practice Dental Hygienists
Maryland ⁽⁵⁾	30	30		2 yrs.	1994/rDH2005	Verify compliance on renewal form, maintain records for 5 years, produce on request
Massachusetts ⁽⁵⁾	40	20		2 yrs.	1982	Compliance listed on license renewal form; records to be produced on request
Michigan	60	36	36	3 yrs.	1994	Certificate must be kept and produced upon audit.
Minnesota ⁽²⁾	50	25	25	2 yrs.	1969	Random Audit-new 2-yr cycle & hours required effective 2004
Mississippi	40	20 ⁽³⁾	12	2 yr.	1994	Note on renewal. DAs & DHs x-rays must complete add'l 4 hrs CE
Missouri ⁽⁵⁾	50	30		2 yrs.	1993	Reported annually on form provided, maintain records 6 yrs, random audit
Montana ⁽⁵⁾	60	DH 36/LAP 48		3 yrs.	1993	Ltd Access Permit DHs to have additional 12 hours CE.
Nebraska	30	30		2 yrs.	1985	Listed on license renewal form.
Nevada ⁽⁶⁾	20	15		1 yr.	1986	Sworn statement of compliance; random audit.
New Hampshire	40	20		2 yrs.	1990	Random audit
New Jersey	40	20	10	2 yrs.	D-1992, H-1979	Listed on license renewal form. DAs & DHs req'ts amd 2004.
New Mexico	60	45/60		3 yrs.	1979	*DH in Collaborative Practice must complete 60 hours. Listed on License renewal form; records must be produced upon request.
New York ⁽⁵⁾	60	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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North Dakota ⁽⁵⁾	32	16	8/yr.	2	1976/2002	Each Course outline to board afterward - 2hrs Infect Cntl biennial
Ohio ⁽⁵⁾	40	12		2 yrs.	1990	Affidavit of compliance; produce records upon request.
Oklahoma ⁽⁵⁾	60	30	X	3 yrs.	1980	Rpt after each course, Board authority to set CE for EFDAs
Oregon	40	24/36		2 yrs.	1991/2009	Ltd Access Permit DHs 36 hrs CE. Statement of compliance submitted for license renewal.
Pennsylvania	30	20	10	2 yrs.	2001	Documentation submitted with license renewal form.
Rhode Island	40	20		2 yrs.	1992/2005	Triennial renewal changed to biennial in 2005.
South Carolina ^(1,5)	28	14		2 yrs.	1999	Reported to the board annually on form provided.
South Dakota	100	75	60 ⁽⁵⁾	5 yrs.	1974	Listed on license renewal form; show records on request
Tennessee ⁽⁵⁾	40	30	24	2yrs.	1990 amd 2003	Random audit, 2 hours req'd in Chemical Dependency
Texas	15	15	12*	1 yr.	2001	12 annual, 3 hrs jurisprudence over 3 yrs; *RDA in radiology only
Utah	30	30		2 yrs.	1997	Enacted March 1996.
Vermont	30	18		2 yrs.	D 2006/H 1993	Den-H 871 Strmt of compliance for license renewal, possible audit
Virginia ⁽⁵⁾	15	15		1 yr.	1995	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	Report on board form; produce records upon request; audit
Wisconsin	30	12	NA	2 yrs.	D 2007/H 2006	DH - Dental Board can adopt rule req'g between 12-20 hours.
Wyoming	BLS only	BLS only	NA	1 yr.		Law allows req'g CE for DHs, can already set CE for dentists
Puerto Rico	46	24	24	3 yrs.	1976	Reported to board after each course.

Total States* 49 49 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, ND, RI, WV, (WI-DHs only)

CHILD ABUSE IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING: IA - (Dentists only); NY; MD (Beginning with 2011 Licensure Renewal)

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: CT, FL

CULTURAL COMPETENCY: GA 2 hours CE biennially

CE Credit hours (maximum) for dentists treating underserved: AL-4, CT-10, FL-7, GA-10, ID-10, MN-20, NJ-1/2 biennial reqt, NV-6, OH-4, OK-10, OR-6, WV-5

ETHICS CE required: IN, NY (1 time 3 hr. course only), OK

(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) AK Dental Hygienists in Collaborative Practice must complete an additional 4 hours CE

(5) CE waived partially or entirely for active duty military. Check with the dental board for details. One time requirement for three hour course in dental jurisprudence and ethics.

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

(7) AZ Affiliated Practice DHs must have CPR and 12 of the required credits in specified subjects.

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

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

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