

CE Requirements by State

State Requirements for Dental Continuing Education

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Please click on your state's abbreviation to display their requirements and link to their website:

ALABAMA

- **Dentists - 20 CE's each calendar year** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 12 CE's each calendar year** for re-licensure. **6 CE's** can be home study.
- Renewal is every 2 years with the required CEs taken per year as noted above.
- Dentists and hygienists must complete a 2 CE Infectious Disease Control course every two years.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

ALASKA

- **Dentists - 32 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

ARIZONA

- **Dentists - 72 CE's** for re-licensure. **24 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 54 CE's** for re-licensure. **24 CE's** can be home study.
- **Denturists - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- Dentists must complete 3 CE Chemical Dependency (may include Tobacco Cessation), 3 CE Infectious Diseases or Infectious Disease Control, 3 CE Ethics or Arizona Dental Jurisprudence.
- Hygienists must complete 3 CE Chemical Dependency, Tobacco Cessation, Ethics, Risk Management or Arizona Dental Jurisprudence: 3 CE Infectious Diseases or Infectious Disease Control.
- Denturists must complete 1 CE Chemical Dependency (may include Tobacco Cessation), 2 CE Infectious Diseases or Infectious Disease Control, 3 CE Ethics or Arizona Dental Jurisprudence.
- Licenses must be renewed every 3 years.

ARKANSAS

- **Dentists - 50 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- Dentists and hygienists must complete a 1 CE Infection Control course.
- An expanded duty assistant must complete a 2 CE Infection Control course.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

BERMUDA

- You may also visit the Bermuda Government Boards and Commissions website at www.bermuda-online.org/bdagovt2.htm
- You may also visit the Bermuda Dental Association website at www.bermudadentalassociation.org

CALIFORNIA

- **Dentists - 50 CE's** for re-licensure. **25 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternate Practice - 35 CE's** for re-licensure. **17 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists (includes Extended Functions) - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Assistants (includes Extended Functions) - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- **Dental Sedation Assistant Permit holder - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- **Orthodontic Assistant Permit holder - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- All dental professionals must complete 2 CE's in California Infection Control and 2 CE's in California Dental Practice Act. **We offer both courses which are approved by California.**
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.
- Our courses are Category 1.
- According to California Code of Regulations (Title 16 Section 1016 (5)(g) - Provider Issuance of Units of Credit for Attendance), an individual can complete a maximum of 8 CE's in one day.

COLORADO

- **Dentists and Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure.

- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

CONNECTICUT

- **Dentists - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. **25 CE's** can be home study. Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 16 CE's** for re-licensure. **4 CE's** can be home study. Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.
- Required courses for Dentist only - at least 1 CE in each area: infectious disease (with hiv and aids), risk management, sexual assault, domestic violence, cultural competency, substance abuse (with prescribing controlled substances and pain management). Also, at least 5 CE's in pharmacotherapeutics.

DELAWARE

- **Dentists - 50 CE's** for re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 24 CE's** for re-licensure. **15 CE's** can be home study.
- Required courses for Dentist only - 2 CE's in Infection Control.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

- **Dentists - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 15 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- Dentists are required to complete 4 CE's in Infection Control, Hygienists are required to complete 2 CE's in Infection Control.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

FLORIDA

- **Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study
- **Health Access Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 24 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study
- **Registered Dental Lab - 18 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study
- Dentists, Hygienists and Dental Labs are required to complete 2 CE's in Prevention of Medical Errors.
- Dentists and Hygienists are required to complete 2 CE's in Domestic Violence once every 3 cycles. For Hygienists ONLY, Domestic Violence must be in addition to the regular 24 CE's.
- Dental Labs are required to complete 1 to 3 CE's in Laws and Rules Governing Dental Laboratories and Dental Technicians.

- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

GEORGIA

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **20 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 22 CE's** for re-licensure. **11 CE's** can be home study.
- Per Statute 150-3.09(4c), only 12 hours of credit will be accepted per calendar day.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

HAWAII

- **Dentists - 32 CE's** for re-licensure. **16 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

IDAHO

- **Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 24 CE's** for re-licensure. **6 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

ILLINOIS

- **Dentists - 48 CE's** for re-licensure. **24 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. **18 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 3 years.

INDIANA

- **Dentists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 14 CE's** for re-licensure. **7 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.
- All dental professionals are required to complete 2 CE's in Ethics, Professional Responsibility and Indiana Statutes and Administrative Rules. We offer this course, Indiana Ethics, Statutes and Rules.

IOWA

- **Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure, **12 CE's** can be home study.

- **Registered Dental Assistants - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study. 2 CE's in Infection Control. 2 CE's in Dental Radiography to renew radiography qualification.
- All dental professionals must have a course(s) in identifying and reporting adult and/or child abuse within 6 months of employment and every 5 years thereafter.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

KANSAS

- **Dentists - 60 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- Dentists are required to complete 2 CE's in Ethics.
- Hygienists are required to complete 1 CE in Ethics.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

KENTUCKY

- **Dentists and Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **up to 20 CE's** can be home study. At least 10 CE's must be live interactive.
- Dentists are required to complete **3 CE's** of electronic prescription monitoring, pain management or addiction disorders.
- All dental professionals must complete **2 CE's** of HIV & AIDS every 10 years. **Our course is not currently approved for Kentucky.**
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

LOUISIANA

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 24 CE's** for re-licensure. **6 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

MAINE

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Denturists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **5 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

MARYLAND

- **Dentists and Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **17 CE's** can be home study.

- Dentists are required to complete 2 CE's of prescribing and disposing of prescription drugs every other renewal cycle.
- Dentists and Registered Dental Hygienists are required to complete 2 CE's of Maryland Infection Control every renewal cycle.
- Dentists and Registered Dental Hygienists are required to complete 2 CE's of Maryland Abuse and Neglect every other renewal cycle.
- Assistants certified in radiology must complete 2 CE's of Infection Control.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

MASSACHUSETTS

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **4 CE's** can be home study.
- A maximum of 12 hours of continuing education credit may be attained per day.
- All dental professionals are required to complete Infection Control.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

MICHIGAN

- **Dentists - 60 CE's** for re-licensure. **20 CE's** can be home study. 1 CEU in Pain and Symptom Management.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Assistants - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 3 years.

MINNESOTA

- **Dentists - 50 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Assistants - 25 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- All dental professionals are required to complete a minimum of 2 different courses per cycle in Infection Control, Ethics, Patient Communications, Record Keeping, Managing Medical Emergencies, Diagnosis and Treatment.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

MISSISSIPPI

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **5 CE's** can be home study.

- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

MISSOURI

- **Dentists - 50 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

MONTANA

- **Dentists - 60 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Denturist - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 3 years.

NEBRASKA

- **Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

NEVADA

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **20 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **15 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **4 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

NEW JERSEY

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **20 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Assistants - 10 CE's** for re-licensure. **4 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

NEW MEXICO

- **Dentists - 60 CE's** for re-licensure re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.

- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 45 CE's** for re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Assistants - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.
- **Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. **12 CE's** can be home study.
- **Community Dental Health Coordinator - 36 CE's** for re-licensure, **12 CE's** can be home study.
- All dental professionals are required to complete a course in Infection Control.
- Dental Assistants are required to complete a 3 CE course in Radiographic Technique or Safety and Protection.
- Licenses must be renewed every 3 years.

NEW YORK

- **Dentists - 60 CE's** for re-licensure. **18 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 24 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 3 years.

NORTH CAROLINA

- **Dentists - 15 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 6 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- License must be renewed annually.

NORTH DAKOTA

- **Dentists - 32 CE's** for re-licensure. **16 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 16 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered/Qualified Assistants - 16 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- All dental professionals are required to complete 2 CE's of Infection Control and 2 CE's of Ethics or Jurisprudence.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

OHIO

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 24 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

OKLAHOMA

- **Dentists - 60 CE's** for re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **15 CE's** can be home study.
- Dentists and Hygienists are required to complete a 1 CE course in Ethics every three years.
- Licenses must be renewed every 3 years.

OREGON

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 24 CE's** for re-licensure All can be home study.
- **Expanded Practice Permit Dental Hygienists - 36 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- All dental professionals are required to complete 3 CE's in Medical Emergencies, 2 CE's in Infection Control.
- Dentists are required to complete 1 CE in pain management specific to Oregon.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

PENNSYLVANIA

- **Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **15 CE's** can be home-study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- **Expanded Function Dental Assistants - 10 CE's** for re-licensure, **5 CE's** can be home study.
- Required to complete 3 CE's in child abuse recognition and reporting.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

PUERTO RICO Department of Health

- Puerto Rico Dental Association at www.prdausa.org/

RHODE ISLAND

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. **16 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **8 CE's** can be home study.
- All dental professionals are required to complete a 1 CE of OSHA bloodborne pathogens standards (ref 1) annually.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

SOUTH CAROLINA

- **Dentists - 28 CE's** for re-licensure. **14 CE's** can be home study.

- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 14 CE's** for re-licensure. **7 CE's** can be home study.
- **Dental Technicians - 8 CE's** for re-licensure. **4 CE's** can be home study.
- Courses must be renewed every 2 years.

SOUTH DAKOTA

- **Dentists - 100 CE's** for re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 75 CE's** for re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.
- **Advanced Dental Assistants - 60 CE's** for re-licensure. **30 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 5 years.

TENNESSEE

- **Dentists - 40 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study, **15 CE's** can be online or web based and remainder can be book based or all can be book based.
- **Registered Dental Assistants - 24 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- All dental professionals must complete 2 CE's of Chemical Dependency during each renewal cycle.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

TEXAS

- **Dentists - 12 CE's** for re-licensure. **6 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 12 CE's** for re-licensure. **6 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Assistants - 6 or 12 CE's** for re-licensure, depends on number of certificates. All can be home study.
- **Dental Labs - 12 CE's** for re-licensure. **4 CE's** can be home study.
- All dental professionals must complete a jurisprudence course through the state.
- Dental labs must complete 1 course in infection control.
- Licenses must be renewed annually.

UTAH

- **Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **15 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **15 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

VERMONT

- **Dentists - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 18 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- Dentists are required to complete a course in emergency office procedures.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

VIRGINIA

- **Dentists - 15 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 15 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Assistant II** - Current DANB certificate or other national organization recognized by ADA.
- Licenses must be renewed annually.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

- Virgin Islands Board of Dental Examiners; Dept. of Health, Phone number 340.774.0117
- United States Virgin Islands Department of Health, www.healthvi.org

WASHINGTON

- **Dentists - 21 CE's** for re-licensure. **7 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienist - 15 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Denturist - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study. Courses must be related to denturist.
- Dentist and hygienist licenses must be renewed annually, denturist license is renewed every 2 years.

WEST VIRGINIA

- **Dentists - 35 CE's** for re-licensure. **17 CE's** can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienists - 20 CE's** for re-licensure. **10 CE's** can be home study.
- All dental professionals required courses - 2 CE's of Infection Control and/or occupational hazards, or oral effects of tobacco use, or oral effects of substance abuse.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

WISCONSIN

- **Dentist - 30 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.
- **Registered Dental Hygienist - 12 CE's** for re-licensure. All can be home study.

- Dental hygienist required courses - 2 CE's of infection control.
- Licenses must be renewed every 2 years.

WYOMING

- **Dentist and Registered Dental Hygienist - 10 CE's** for re-licensure. **4 CE's** can be home study.
- Licenses must be renewed annually.

Be sure to double check with your dental board. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, some state CE requirements have changed. It is the responsibility of all dental professionals to know their state's licensing and CE requirements. If you see something that is not accurate, please send us an email: cwellman@spsolutionteam.com