

## Continuing Dental Education Requirements by State

This document is a general overview of continuing dental education requirements by state and is subject to change. Always check with your state board for confirmation of licensing requirements.

### Required CE Hours

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State	Licenses Expire/Renewal Ends	Dentist	Hygienist	License Renewal Deadline	State Mandated CE Courses	Notes
Alabama	1 year	20	24	October 1st	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Infection control, CPR	Effective 10/1/16: All license renewal changed from 2 years to 1 year RDH: 12hrs self-study allowed
Alaska	2 years	32	20	February 28th	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> CPR	DDS & RDH: All self-study
Arizona	3 years	72	54	June 30th	<b>DDS:</b> Chemical dependency (which may include tobacco cessation), infection control, CPR <b>RDH:</b> Chemical dependency, ethics, infection control, CPR	DDS & RDH: 24hrs self-study allowed
Arkansas	DDS : 3 years RDH : 2 years	50	40	January 1st	<b>DDS:</b> Chemical dependency, infection control, CPR <b>RDH:</b> Chemical dependency, ethics, infection control, CPR	DDS & RDH: All self-study
California	2 years	50	25 35 (RDHAP)	Last day of birth month	<b>DDS:</b> Infection control, CA dental practice act, BSL <b>RDH:</b> CPR/BLS, CA dental practice act	CA has special regulations regarding infection control CE, please check with state board for specific regulations
Colorado	2 years	30	30	February Even-Numbered Years	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> BLS	DDS & RDH: 15hrs self-study allowed
Connecticut	1 year	25	16	Oct 1st	<b>DDS Mandatory Topics</b> (must have a minimum of 1 hour in three of the 10 mandatory topics: (1) Prescribing controlled substance and pain management. (2) Record keeping/risk management (3) Infection control (4) Access to care (5) HIPPA Compliance (6) Medical emergencies in the dental office (7) Sexual assault and domestic abuse (8) Culteral comptence (9) Metal health conditions common to veterans (10) Diagnostic technology <b>RDH:</b> Infection control, Cultural competency	DDS: All self-study RDH: 4 hours of self-study
Delaware	2 years	50	24	May 31st	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Infection Control, Current CPR Certification	DDS: 30 hours self-study RDH: 15 hours self-study

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District of Columbia	2 years	25	15	December 31st	<b>DDS:</b> 4 Hours Infection Control, Current CPR Certificate <b>RDH:</b> 2 Hours Infection control, Current CPR certificate	DDS & RDH: Not more than 8 hours of internet CEUs allowed.
Florida	2 years	28	22	February 28th	<b>DDS:</b> Current CPR certificate 2 hours Domestic Violence course is required every third biennial licensure renewal 2 hours Medical Errors 2 hours HIV/Aids for 1st renewal <b>RDH:</b> Current CPR certificate 2 hours Prevention of Medical Errors 2 hours Domestic Violence every third biennium 2 hours HIV/Aids for 1st renewal	
Georgia	2 years	40	22	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current CPR certificate	
Hawaii	2 years	35	20	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	<b>DDS:</b> 3 hours of ethics training included in required number of CEUs, BLS/HCP <b>RDH:</b> 2 hours of ethics training; BLS/HCP	
Idaho	2 years	30	24	Dentists: October 1st Even- Numbered Years RDH: April 1st Odd-Numbered Years		
Illinois	3 years	48	36	September 30th	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current BLS Certification	DDS: 24 CE hours self-study RDH: 16 hours self-study
Indiana	2 years	20	19	March 1st Even Numberd Years	<b>DDS:</b> 2 hours Ethics <b>RDH:</b> 2 hours Ethics, Current BLS Certification	DDS: 10 hours of self-study 10 hours live study required 5 hours only on practice management RDH: 7 hours self study permitted; 7 hurs live study required
Iowa	2 years	30	30	August 31st Even-Numbered years	Current CPR certification for both; Domestic abuse every 5 years; 6 hours on Sedation if holding a sedation permit; Dentists treating children must complete 2 hours of Child abuse identifiatoin every 5 years	Self-study limited to 12 hours; 4 hours of credit allowed for presenting original material at an association convention

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Kansas	2 years	60	30	December 1st	<b>DDS:</b> 2 hours of ethics 4 hours of CPR applies towards CE renewal requirements; BLS <b>RDH:</b> 1 hour of ethics; 4 hours of CPR applies towards CE renewal	
Kentucky	2 years	30	30	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	<b>DDS:</b> 10 hours must be live <b>RDH:</b> 10 hours must be live RDH with general supervision privileges: 3 hours Medical Emergencies (live) Public Health RDH must complete at least 5 hours of CE in the area of public health or public dental health	All licensed dentists must complete 3 hours of continuing education that relates to the use of the electronic monitoring system, pain management or addiction disorders (House Bill 1)
Louisiana	2 years	40	24	December 31st	<b>DDS:</b> 20 hours clinical 10 of which must be personally attended; the remaining 10 clinical hours may be live or self-study courses that require a test; 20 hours can be non-clinical or clinical. <b>RDH:</b> 12 hours must be clinical of which 6 hours must be personally attended; the remaining 6 clinical hours may be live or self-study courses that require a test; remaining 12 hours may be either clinical or non-clinical	As of January 1, 2018 all licensed dentists must have 3 hours of CE on opioid management : One time requirement. ALL licensees will be required to register with CE Broker to report their required continuing education. 3 hours of CPR required for general supervision.
Maine	2 years	40	20	December 31st	CPR required; 3 hours of opioid medication course	10 hours of self-study accepted.
Maryland	2 years	30	30	December 31st	<b>DDS:</b> Required to complete a 2-hour board certified course on prescribing and disposal of prescription drugs; <b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Required to take a 2 hour course on infection control, 2 hours on abuse and neglect every other renewal cycle. CPR required but does not count as part of 30 hours of CE required.	17 hours of self-study allowed; 8 hours for providing pro:bono volunteer dental services at board approved programs; 4 hours for cultural competency
Massachusetts	2 years	40	20	March 1st Dentists: Even-Numbered Years Hygienists: Odd-Numbered years	Infection control; CPR/AED or BLS Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in pain management/controlled substances	50% may be self-study; 10% may be non-clinical practice-related courses
Michigan	3 years	60	36	August 31st	<b>DDS:</b> 3 hours pain management <b>RDH:</b> 2 hours pain management; CPR certification	DDS: 20 hours of self-study RDH: 12 hours of self-study

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Minnesota	2 years	50	25	Last day of licensee's birth month	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Infection control, Ethics, Medical emergencies, Cultural competency, Diagnosis & treatment, Patient communication, CPR certification	DDS: 20 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study
Mississippi	2 years	40	20	December 31st		DDS: 10 hours of self-study RDH: 5 hours of self-study
Missouri	2 years	50	30	November 30th		All self-study
Montana	3 years	60	36	March 1st	CPR certification required	All self-study
Nebraska	2 years	30	30	February 28th Odd-Numbered Years		DDS: 10 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study
Nevada	1 year	20		June 30th Dentists: Odd-Numbered Years Hygienists: Even-Numbered Years	2 hours Infection control CPR certification required	DDS: 6 hours self-study RDH: 6 hours of self-study
New Hampshire	2 years	40	20	March 31st Dentists: Even-Numbered Years Hygienists: Odd-Numbered Years	2 hours Infection control / BLS:HCP	
New Jersey	2 years	40	20	October 31st Odd-Numbered Years	CPR certification required	DDS: 20 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study
New Mexico	3 years	60	45	June 30st	Infection control / CPR	DDS: 30 hours self-study RDH: 30 hours of self-study
New York	3 years	60	24	June 30th	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Oral effects of tobacco and tobacco products, Ethicsm Chid abuse, Infection control	DDS: 18 hours self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study
North Carolina	1 year	15	6	December 31st	Current CPR certification	All self-study
North Dakota	2 years	32	16	December 31st	CPR / 2 hours Infection control / 2 hours Ethics	DDS: 16 hours self-study RDH: 8 hours of self-study

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Ohio	2 years	40	24	December 31st	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Treating the medically compromised, Prescriptions/drugs/chemical dependency, Infection control, Oral pathology RDH: BLS	All self-study
Oklahoma	3 years	60	30	June 30th	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> CPR and Ethics	DDS: 30 hours self-study RDH: 15 hours of self-study
Oregon	2 years	40	24	Dentists March 31st Hygienists September 30th	DDS & RDH: 3 hours Medical Emergencies DDS & RDH: 2 hours Infection Control	All self-study
Pennsylvania	2 years	30	20	March 31st Odd-Numbered Years	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> 2 hours Child Abuse (thru State of PA only) CPR Certification <b>DDS:</b> 2 hours Pain Management/Opioid Addiction	DDS: 15 hours self-study RDH: 10 hours self-study
Rhode Island	2 years	40	20	April 30th	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> 1 OSHA Blood:borne Pathogens Current CPR Certification	All self-study(with exception of CPR and OSHA training)
South Carolina	2 years	28	14	February 28th	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> CPR (every 3 years)	DDS: 14 hours self-study RDH: 7 hours self-study
South Dakota	5 years	100	75		<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current CPR certification <b>RDH:</b> 5 hours Radiography	DDS& RDH: 30 hours self-study
Tennessee	2 years	40	30	December 31st Even-Numbered Years January 1st Odd-Numbered Years	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current CPR certification <b>DDS:</b> 2 hours Prescribing of Controlled Substance /Chronic Pain Guidelines <b>RDH:</b> 2 hours Chemical Dependency	RDH: No more than 15 hours online or web:based. DDS: All self-study
Texas	1 year	12	12		<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current CPR Certification	DDS & RDH: 6 hours self-study
Utah	2 years	30	30	May 31st Even Years	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current CPR Certification	DDS & RDH: 15 hours self-study
Vermont	2 years	30	18		<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Medical Emergencies	DDS & RDH: All self-study

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Virginia	1 year	15	15	March 31st	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> BLS/HCP (not included in self-study hours.	DDS & RDH: All self-study
Washington	1 year	21	15	Birthday	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current BLS certification	DDS: 7 hours self-study RDH: 5 hours self-study
West Virginia	2 years	35	20	January 31st	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Infection Control, Chemical Dependency Current CPR Certification	DDS & RDH: 10% of hours self-study
Wisconsin	2 years	30	12	September 30th Odd-Numbered Years	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> CPR an AED	DDS & RDH: All self-study
Wyoming	1 year	0	0	December 31st	<b>DDS &amp; RDH:</b> Current CPR Certification	Continuing Education not required