

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					As of Date: April 2020		
State	Licenses Expire/Renewal Ends	Dentist	Hygienist	License Renewal Deadline	State Mandated CE Courses	Notes	Website
Alabama	1 year	20	12	October 1st	DDS & RDH: Infection control, CPR	Effective 10/1/16: All license renewal changed from 2 years to 1 year	www.dentalboard.org
Alaska	2 years	32	20	February 28th Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR DDS: Required 2 hours in pain management and opioid misuse and abuse	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofDentalExaminers.aspx
Arizona	3 years	72	54	June 30th	DDS: Chemical dependency (which may include tobacco cessation), infection control, CPR, Ethics/Dental Jurisprudence RDH: Chemical dependency, ethics, infection control, CPR	DDS & RDH: 24hrs self-study allowed	https://www.azda.org/ce-events/ce-requirements https://dentalboard.az.gov/
Arkansas	DDS: 3 years RDH: 2 years	50	40	January 1st	DDS: Chemical dependency, infection control, CPR RDH: Chemical dependency, ethics, infection control, CPR	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.asbde.org/
California	2 years	50	25 RDHAP: 35	Last day of birth month	DDS: Infection control, CA dental practice act, BSL RDH: CPR/BLS, infection control, CA dental practice act	CA has special regulations regarding infection control CE, please check with state board for specific regulations	https://www.dbc.ca.gov/
Colorado	2 years	30	30	February Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: BLS		https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Dental_Board
Connecticut	2 years	25	16	October 1st	DDS Mandatory Topics (five hours must be mandatory topics below, the first two topics are REQUIRED every two years): (1) REQUIRED: Infection Control in a Dental Setting (2) REQUIRED: Prescribing Controlled substances and Pain Management (3) Diagnostic Technology (4) Mental Health Conditions Common to Veterans (5) Access to Care (6) HIPAA Compliance (7) Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse (8) Record Keeping/Risk Management (9) Cultural competence (10) Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office (including CPR) RDH: Infection control, Cultural competency	DDS: All self-study RDH: 4 hours of self-study	https://www.csda.com/for-professionals/continuing-education/ce-requirements
Delaware	2 years	50	24	May 31st	DDS & RDH: Infection Control, Current CPR Certification	DDS: 30 hours self-study RDH: 15 hours self-study	https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/dental/
District of Columbia	2 years	30	15	December 31st	DDS & RDH: Infection Control, CPR, Ethics, Cultural Competency	DDS & RDH: No more than 8 hours of internet CEUs allowed.	https://www.dcdental.org/member-center/dentistry-in-the-district
Florida	2 years	28	22	February 28th	DDS & RDH: CPR 2 hours Medical Errors 2 hours Domestic Violence every third licensure renewal 2 hours HIV/AIDS for first renewal (one-time) 1 hour Human Trafficking (one-time) DDS: 2 hours of Safe & Effective Prescribing of Controlled Substances (Dentists registered with the DEA)	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://floridasdentistry.gov/renewals/
Georgia	2 years	40	22	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR DDS: Opioid Abuse	DDS: 20 hours self-study RDH: 11 hours self-study	https://www.gadental.org/
Hawaii	2 years	38	20	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS: 6 hours of ethics training included in required number of CEUs, BLS/HCP RDH: 2 hours of ethics training; BLS/HCP	DDS & RDH: 8 hours self-study	http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/dentist/
Idaho	2 years	30	24	DDS: October 1st Even- Numbered Years RDH: March 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS: Opioid Prescribing		https://isbd.idaho.gov/IBODPortal/Home.aspx

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Illinois	3 years	48	36	September 30th	DDS & RDH: Current BLS Certification DDS: Licensees who prescribe controlled substances shall complete 3 hours on safe opioid prescribing practices every renewal period	DDS: 24 hours self-study RDH: 18 hours self-study	http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068012200D04400R.html
Indiana	2 years	20	19	March 1st Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: 2 hours Ethics RDH: Current BLS Certification	DDS: 10 hours of self-study 10 hours live study required RDH: 9 hours self study permitted; 9 hours live study required	https://www.in.gov/pla/2393.htm
Iowa	2 years	30	30	August 31st Even-Numbered years	DDS & RDH: CPR, Infection Control, Iowa Jurisprudence, Abuse Identification every 3 years, 6 hours Sedation if holding a sedation permit DDS: Dentists who prescribe opioids to patients must complete a minimum of 1 hour of Opioids	DDS & RDH: Self-study limited to 12 hours	https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/
Kansas	2 years	60	30	December 1st	DDS & RDH: 4 hours of CPR applies towards CE renewal requirements, BLS/PALS/ACLS DDS: 2 hours of Ethics RDH: 1 hour of Ethics	DDS: If you are a specialist, 40 of the 60 hours, or for first renewal 20 of the 40 hours, must be in your specialty	https://www.dental.ks.gov/renewals
Kentucky	2 years	30	30	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS: Anesthesia Safety if holding a sedation/anesthesia permit RDH: Nitrous Oxide, Medical Emergencies, Start Intravenous Access Line, Laser Debridement	DDS: 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)	https://dentistry.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx
Louisiana	2 years	30	20	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, One time requirement - required to register with CE Broker DDS: Opioid Management	DDS: 20 hours live clinical, remaining 10 hours clinical which can be live or self-study that requires a test RDH: 12 hours live clinical, remaining 8 hours clinical which can be live or self-study that requires a test	http://www.lsbdo.org/
Maine	2 years	40	30	DDS: December 31st Odd-Numbered Years RDH: December 31st Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR required DDS: Prescribing Opioid, Sedation/Anesthesia	DDS & RDH: 10 hours of self-study accepted	https://www.maine.gov/dental/index.html
Maryland	2 years	30	30	December 31st	DDS & RDH: 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. DDS: Required to complete a 2 hour board certified course on prescribing and disposal of prescription drugs	DDS & RDH: 17 hours of self-study allowed; 8 hours for providing pro-bono volunteer dental services at board approved programs; up to 4 hours for cultural competency	https://health.maryland.gov/dental/Pages/home.aspx
Massachusetts	2 years	40	20	DDS: March 1st Even-Numbered Years RDH: March 1st Odd-Numbered years	DDS & RDH: CDC Guidelines, CPR/AED or BLS, ACLS or PALS if holding a sedation/anesthesia permit DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in pain management/controlled substances	DDS: 20 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study	https://www.mass.gov/service-details/continuing-education-for-dentistry
Michigan	3 years	60	36	August 31st	DDS & RDH: 1 hour Human Trafficking (one-time), BLS required but does not count as part of CE required, Pain Management	DDS: 20 hours of live; Up to 30 hours online RDH: 12 hours of live; Up to 18 hours online	https://www.michigandental.org/CE-Courses/CE-Requirements
Minnesota	2 years	50	25	Last day of licensee's birth month	DDS & RDH: Infection Control, Self-Assessment, CPR, 2 different core subjects; Recordkeeping, Ethics, Patient Communication, Management of Medical Emergencies, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning DDS: All dentist licensees who have authority to prescribe controlled substances must obtain two hours on best practices in prescribing opioids and controlled substances	DDS: 30 fundamental hours, 20 elective hours RDH: 15 fundamental hours, 10 elective hours	https://mn.gov/boards/dentistry/
Mississippi	2 years	40	20	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in Prescription of Opioids, ACLS if holding a sedation/anesthesia permit	DDS: 20 clinical hours, 10 hours of self-study RDH: 10 clinical hours, 5 hours of self-study	https://www.dentalboard.ms.gov/msbde/msbde.nsf

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Missouri	2 years	50	30	November 30th	DDS & RDH: CPR	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.pr.mo.gov/dental.asp
Montana	3 years	60	36	March 1st	DDS & RDH: BLS/CPR DDS: Anesthesia/Sedation if holding sedation permit	DDS & RDH: All self-study	http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/Subchapterhome.aspx?scn=24%2E138.21
Nebraska	2 years	30	30	February 28th Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: Anesthesia/Sedation if holding sedation permit, CPR, Substance Abuse	DDS: 10 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study	http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Dentistry.aspx
Nevada	1 year	20	15	DDS: June 30th Odd-Numbered Years RDH: June 30th Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: Current CPR/ACLS/PALS certificate, Infection Control	DDS & RDH: Up to 50% self-study	http://dental.nv.gov/Licensure/Resources/FAQ/
New Hampshire	2 years	40	20	DDS: March 31st Even-Numbered Years RDH: March 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: BLS-HCP, Infection Control, Anesthesia/Sedation if holding sedation permit DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in Pain Management/Addiction Disorder or a combination	DDS: 30 clinical hours, 10 non-clinical, up to 12 hours self-study, RDH: 15 clinical hours, 5 non-clinical, up to 6 hours self-study	https://www.oplc.nh.gov/dental/continuing-education.htm
New Jersey	2 years	40	20	October 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR	DDS: 20 hours of self-study, 7 hours max for practice management RDH: 10 hours of self-study	https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/den/Pages/default.aspx
New Mexico	3 years	60	45	June 30th	DDS & RDH: CPR/BLS (cannot be on-line), Infection Control DDS: Dentist who prescribe controlled substances are required to take a course in Pain Management	DDS: 30 hours of self-study RDH: 30 hours of self-study	http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Dental_Health_Care_Requirements_and_Continuing_Education.aspx
New York	3 years	60	24	June 30th	DDS: Tobacco Cessation/Oral Cancer (one time), Ethics/Dental Jurisprudence (one time), Child Abuse (one time), Infection Control, CPR RDH: Child abuse (one time), Infection control, CPR	DDS: 18 hours of self-study RDH: 10 hours of self-study	http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/dent/dentceques.htm
North Carolina	1 year	15	6	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.ncdentalboard.org/continuing-education.htm
North Dakota	2 years	32	16	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, Infection Control, Ethics/Jurisprudence, General Anesthesia if you have a sedation permit	DDS: 16 hours of self-study RDH: 8 hours of self-study	https://www.nddentalboard.org/practitioners/CE/index.asp
Ohio	2 years	40	24	December 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, Treating Medically Compromises, Prescriptions/Drugs/Chemical Dependency, Infection Control, Oral Pathology	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://dental.ohio.gov/Education-Renewal/Continuing-Education
Oklahoma	2 years	40	20	June 30th	DDS & RDH: CPR and Ethics DDS: 2 hours of Opioid	*Effective January 1, 2020 the reporting period is changing from a 3 year period to a 2 year period for both DDS & RDH.	https://www.ok.gov/dentistry/Continuing_Education/index.html
Oregon	2 years	40	24	DDS: March 31st RDH: September 30th	DDS & RDH: Medical Emergencies, Infection Control DDS: Pain Management if licensed by OBD	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://www.oregon.gov/dentistry/Pages/CE.aspx
Pennsylvania	2 years	30	20	March 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: 2 hours Child Abuse, CPR DDS: 2 hours Pain Management/Opioid Addiction if you have a current DEA registration	DDS: 15 hours self-study RDH: 10 hours self-study	https://www.padental.org/
Rhode Island	2 years	40	20	April 30th Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CDC Infection Control Guidelines, BLS/CPR/ECC	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=251
South Carolina	2 years	28	14	February 28th	DDS: CPR, Sterilization & Infection Control, Prescribing & Monitoring of Control Substance, Anesthesia is holding sedation permit RDH: CPR/ACLS/PALS, Sterilization & Infection Control	DDS: 14 hours self-study RDH: 7 hours self-study	https://llr.sc.gov/bod/ce.aspx
South Dakota	5 years	100	75	Not found	DDS: CPR/BLS/PALS, Anesthesia if holding sedation permit RDH: CPR/BLS/PALS, 5 hours Radiography	DDS & RDH: 30 hours of self-study, 15 hours for nutrition, 10 hours for practice management, 15 hours for CPR	https://www.sdboardofdentistry.org/
Tennessee	2 years	40	30	December 31st Even-Numbered Years	DDS: CPR/ACLS, 2 hours Prescribing of Controlled Substance/Chronic Pain Guidelines, Anesthesia if holding sedation permit RDH: CPR, 2 hours Chemical Dependency	DDS: All self-study RDH: 15 hours self-study	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/dentistry-board/dentistry-board/continuing-education.html

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Texas	2 years	24	24	Not found	DDS & RDH: CPR, TSBDE Jurisprudence (every 4 years)	DDS & RDH: 8 hours self-study	http://tsbde.texas.gov/licensing/
Utah	2 years	30	30	May 31st Even-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR/BLS/ACLS/PALS (does not count towards hours)	DDS & RDH: 15 hours self-study	https://dopl.utah.gov/dental/index.html
Vermont	2 years	30	18	Not found	DDS & RDH: Emergency Office Procedures	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/26/012/00661
Virginia	1 year	15	15	March 31st	DDS & RDH: BLS/HCP	DDS & RDH: All self-study	http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/dentistry/default.htm
Washington	DDS: 3 years RDH: 1 year	63	15	Birthday	DDS: BLS, Dental Jurisprudence, Anesthesia if holding sedation permit RDH: BLS	DDS: There is no limit, but only 30 minutes for every one hour completed counts toward continuing education. Example: You complete 30 hours of continuing education online; you may use 15 hours toward your required 63 hours of continuing education.	https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Dentist/ContinuingEducation
West Virginia	2 years	35	20	January 31st	DDS & RDH: CPR, 3 hours of Drug Diversion training, 2 hours on one of 3 (Infection control, oral effects of tobacco, oral effects of substance abuse)	DDS & RDH: 10% of hours self-study	http://www.wvdentalboard.org/
Wisconsin	2 years	30	12	September 30th Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: BLS/CPR, DDS: Prescribing Controlled Substances	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/de/13.pdf
Wyoming	2 years	16	16	December 31st Odd-Numbered Years	DDS & RDH: CPR DDS: 3 hours Prescribing of Controlled Substances	DDS & RDH: All self-study	https://dental.wyo.gov/manage/ce