California

Total Hours 50
Renewal Cycle 2 years
Renewal Deadline based on birth year (If the licensee's birth year is an even number, their license will expire during even-numbered years. If the licensee's birth year is an odd number, their license will expire during odd-numbered years).
Self Study No minimum / 25 hours maximum
Live/In Person 25 hours minimum / No maximum
How Monitored Attestation and Audit
CE Entry None
Renewal Method Online: https://www.dbc.ca.gov/licensees/dds/renewals.shtml

CE Content Required
■ BLS (4 hours maximum; must be a live course and include an in-person skills practice session, a skills test and a written examination)
■ California Infection Control (2 hours and must be taken through a Registered Provider approved by the Board)
■ California Dental Practice Act (2 hours and must be taken through a Registered Provider approved by the Board and include instruction on professional ethics)
■ Responsibilities and Requirements of Prescribing Schedule II Opioids (2 hours and must be taken through a Registered Provider approved by the Board and include practices for pain management in dentistry, regulatory requirements for prescribers and dispensers, and dental office procedures for managing vulnerable or substance use disorder patients)

Credit calculation: 1 CE credit = 60 minutes for attendance at a continuing education course; 8 hours CE credit maximum allowed per day and no more than 50% of the total required units may be taken as non-live or correspondence courses. Interactive courses such as a live video conference, live webinar, live lecture, a live conference call, live workshop demonstrations and live classroom study may be considered as a live course. Mandatory continuing education units count toward the total units required to renew a license or permit; however, failure to complete the mandatory courses will result in non-renewal of a license or permit.

CE Content Accepted
Courses in the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or the community, such as:
■ Preventive services, diagnostic protocols and procedures (including physical evaluation, radiography, dental photography) comprehensive treatment planning, charting of the oral conditions, informed consent protocols and recordkeeping.
■ Nutrition and nutrition counseling of the patient.
■ Esthetic, corrective and restorative oral health diagnosis and treatment.
■ Dentistry's role in individual and community health emergencies, disasters, and disaster recovery.
■ Legal requirement governing the licensee in the areas of auxiliary employment and delegation of responsibilities; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); actual delivery of care.
■ Federal, state and local regulations, guidelines or statutes regarding workplace safety, fire and emergency, environmental safety, waste disposal and management, general office safety, sexual harassment prevention, and all training requirements set forth by the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-DOSH) including the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard.
■ Administration of general anesthesia, conscious sedation, oral conscious sedation or medical emergencies.
■ Evaluation, selection, use and care of dental instruments, sterilization equipment, operatory equipment, and personal protective attire.
■ Dependency issues and substance abuse such as alcohol and drug use as it relates to patient safety, professional misconduct, ethical considerations or malpractice.
■ Behavioral sciences, behavior guidance, and patient management in the delivery of care to all populations including special needs, pediatric and sedation patients when oriented specifically to the clinical care of the patient.
■ Cultural competencies such as bilingual dental terminology, cross-cultural communication, provision of public health dentistry, and the dental professional's role in provision of care in non-traditional settings when oriented specifically to the needs of the dental patient and will serve to enhance the patient experience.
■ Dentistry's role in individual and community health programs.

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■ Licensee mental health and wellness and its impact on the delivery of dental services.
■ Diversity, equity, and inclusion and its impact on the delivery of dental services.
■ Legal and ethical aspects of the insurance industry, to include management of third party payer issues, dental billing practices, patient and provider appeals of payment disputes and patient management of billing matters.
■ Selection, incorporation, and use of current and emerging technologies.

Courses in the following areas are considered to be primarily of benefit to the licensee and shall be limited to a maximum of 20% of a licensee's total required course unit credits for each license or permit renewal period:
■ Improve recall and scheduling systems, production flow, communication systems and data management.
■ Organization and management of the dental practice including office computerization and design, ergonomics, and the improvement of practice administration and office operations.
■ Leadership development and team development.
■ Teaching methodology and curricula development.
■ Peer evaluation and case studies that include reviewing clinical evaluation procedures, reviewing diagnostic methods, studying radiographic data, study models and treatment planning procedures.
■ Human resource management and employee benefits.

CE Content Not Accepted
Courses considered to be of direct benefit to the licensee or outside the scope of dental practice in California include the following, and shall not be recognized for continuing education credit:
■ Money management, the licensee's personal finances or personal business matters such as financial planning, estate planning, and personal investments.
■ General physical fitness, weight management or the licensee's personal health.
■ Political or public figures or other persons that do not deal primarily with dental practice or issues impacting the dental profession
■ Business management or improving licensee personal profitability, including motivation and marketing.
■ Purchase or sale of a dental practice, business or office; courses in transfer of practice ownership, acquisition of partners and associates, practice valuation, practice transitions, or retirement.
■ Provision of elective facial cosmetic surgery as defined by the Dental Practice Act in Section 1638.1, unless the licensee has a special permit obtained from the Board to perform such procedures pursuant to Section 1638.1 of the Code.

CE Providers Accepted

- Academy of General Dentistry and their constituent and component and affiliates
- Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE)
- American Dental Association and their constituent and component and affiliates
- American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADA CODA) approved dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school
- American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP)
  American Dental Hygiene Association and their constituent and component and affiliates
- American Heart Association
- American Medical Association's Liaison Committee for Medical Education
- American Red Cross
- American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
- United States Department of Education accredited hospital, college, university, or community college
- To verify that a Registered Provider's license is current and valid, use the online DCA BreEZe License Search tool. The Registered CE Provider must have a Current – Active permit that is not expired to be valid.
- To request approval of a CE course presented outside of California by a provider not approved by the Board, PACE, or CERP, submit a completed Application for Continuing Education Approval for Out–of–State Course Offered by an Unregistered California Provider form. Attach to the form a course outline, the course objectives, and a certificate of completion from the provider that includes the length of the course. The application must be submitted and approved before the renewal cycle ends.

Application to Become a Board–Approved Registered Provider of Continuing Education

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Other activities that count towards CE
(all references are for credits earned during the entire renewal period, unless otherwise noted)

- The instructor of a course who holds a current and active license or permit to practice issued by the Board may receive continuing education credit for up to 20% of their total required units per renewal period for the course or courses they teach for a provider other than themselves.
- Licensees who participate in the following activities shall be issued continuing education credit for up to 20% of their total continuing education unit requirements for license renewal:
    - Participation in any Dental Board of California or Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) administered licensing examination including attendance at calibration training, examiner orientation sessions, and examinations.
    - Participation in any site visit or evaluation relating to issuance and maintenance of a general anesthesia, conscious sedation or oral conscious sedation permit.
    - Participation in any calibration training and site evaluation training session relating to general anesthesia, conscious sedation or oral conscious sedation permits.
    - Participation in any site visit or evaluation of an approved dental auxiliary program or dental auxiliary course.
- Current and active licensees enrolled in a full-time educational program in the field of dentistry, including dental school program, residency program, postdoctoral specialty program, dental hygiene school program, dental hygiene in alternative practice program, or registered dental assisting in extended functions program approved by the Board or the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation shall be granted continuing education credits for completed curriculum during that renewal period.
- CE for retired dentists in only uncompensated practice shall include the mandatory courses and courses directly related to the delivery of dental services and shall be no less than 30 units.
- Dentists who provide direct patient care as an unpaid volunteer at a free public health care event or non-profit community health clinic can earn up to three (3) units of continuing education at a rate of one unit per hour. Units of credit may be issued in half hour increments.
- To petition the Board for consideration of a continuing education course presented outside of California by a provider not approved by the Board, PACE, or CERP must submit a completed Application for Continuing Education Approval for Out-of-State Course Offered by an Unregistered California Provider, including the course content, course duration, and evidence from the provider of course completion. The application must be submitted and approved before the renewal cycle ends.

Anesthesia / Sedation Permit Renewal Requirements
General anesthesia/deep sedation
■ 24 hours of approved courses of study related to general anesthesia as a condition of renewal of a permit and either (1) an advanced cardiac life support course which is approved by the American Heart Association and which includes an examination on the materials presented in the course or (2) any other advanced cardiac life support course which is identical in all respects, except for the omission of materials that relate solely to hospital emergencies or neonatology, to the course entitled “2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care” published by the American Heart Association December 13, 2005 which is incorporated herein by reference.
Each licensee who holds a general anesthesia permit with a pediatric endorsement shall provide documentation to the Board showing completion of at least twenty (20) cases of general anesthesia or deep sedation to pediatric patients as provided in Section 1043.8.1, subsections (c)-(d).
Conscious sedation
■ 15 total units of coursework every 2 years related to the administration of conscious sedation and to medical emergencies, as a condition of permit renewal.

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Moderate sedation
■ 15 total units of coursework every 2 years related to the administration of moderate sedation as a condition of permit renewal.
Each dentist licensee who holds a moderate sedation permit with a pediatric endorsement shall confirm to the Board in writing the following as part of the permit renewal requirements in Section 1043.8 ("application"):
(1) Whether the licensee completed at least twenty (20) cases of moderate sedation for children under thirteen (13) years of age in the 24-month time period immediately preceding application for their current permit renewal either independently and/or under the direct supervision of another permit holder;
(2) Whether the licensee completed at least twenty (20) cases of moderate sedation for children under seven years of age in the 24-month time period immediately preceding application for their current permit renewal either independently and/or under the direct supervision of another permit holder, and;
(3) If applicable, if the licensee lacks sufficient cases, whether the licensee is administering moderate sedation to patients under seven years of age only under the direct supervision of a permit holder who meets the qualifications of Section 1647.3 of the Code.

Oral Conscious Sedation for Minors
■ 7 total units of coursework every two years a minimum related to the subject area in continuing education requirements

Oral Conscious Sedation for Adults
■ 7 total units of coursework every 2 years related to the subject area in continuing education requirements

Source
Continuing Education: https://www.dbc.ca.gov/licensees/dentist_continuing_education.shtml

Renewals: https://www.dbc.ca.gov/licensees/renewal.shtml

California Code of Regulations Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations Division 10. Dental Board of California Chapter 1. General Provisions Applicable to All Licensees, Article 4. Continuing Education

Contact
Dental Board of California, phone: 916-263-2300, fax: 916-263-2140, email: DentalBoard@dca.ca.gov

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