Massachusetts

Total Hours 40
Renewal Cycle Two (even) years
Renewal Deadline March 31st
Self Study No minimum / 20 hours maximum
Live/In Person 20 hours minimum / No maximum
How Monitored Attestation and Audit
CE Entry Not required
Renewal Method Online: https://healthprofessionlicensing.mass.gov/login-register

CE Content Required
■ BLS or ACLS or PALS
■ CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Healthcare Settings (see training on CDC Website)
■ Safe and effective opioid prescribing/pain management (if dentists holds a Massachusetts Controlled Substance Registration and/or DEA registration)

Credit calculation: 1 CE credit per 50 minute segment for attendance at a continuing education course
New Graduates: If you are a new graduate of a CODA-accredited dental school, dental hygiene school, or dental assisting program, then you are exempt for the licensing period in which you graduate.

CE Content Accepted
Educational and Scientific Courses
To be accepted for credit, continuing education activities shall have significant intellectual or practical content related to the practice of dentistry or dental auxiliary functions, or with the professional responsibilities or ethical obligations of the profession.
Non-clinical subjects necessary to provide dental or dental auxiliary services and supportive of clinical services (e.g. patient and practice management, legal and ethical responsibilities, third party billing, stress management) may be credited in the Board's discretion (5 CE credit hours maximum)

CE Content Not Accepted
Personal financial planning
Retirement planning
CEUs required by a consent agreement or final decision and order

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 Dental Society of Anesthesiology and their constituent and component and affiliates
- American Heart Association
- American Medical Association specialty medical associations/organizations, the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education
- American Medical Association's Liaison Committee for Medical Education
- American Red Cross
- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations approved hospitals
- National Dental Associations and their constituent and component and affiliates
- National Dental Hygiene Association and their constituent and component and affiliates
- State and Federal government agencies (e.g. dental division, military dental division)
- United States Department of Education accredited hospital, college, university, or community college

The ADA attempts to keep this information current based on information from state dental boards and state dental associations. Individuals seeking dental licensure renewal should consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for the complete and most recent continuing education requirements, dental licensure renewal information, procedures, forms and fees.

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

- 20 CE credits maximum for an individual self-study course (home study, on-line, correspondence, audio or video). All such courses must include a test, which the licensee shall pass to obtain credit.
- 5 CE credits maximum for non-clinical practice-related courses.
- Completion of Part II of the National Board Examination for dentists or the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination for dental hygienists.
- Completion of the CDCA Diagnosis, Oral Medicine, Radiology and Comprehensive Treatment Planning examination for dentists or the CDCA Dental Hygiene Comprehensive examination for dental hygienists, or other Board approved clinical competency examination.
- Completion of continuing education requirements for maintaining certification of ADA-recognized board specialties.
- 20 CE credits maximum per renewal cycle as an instructor of continuing education courses that satisfy criteria in 234 CMR 8.04. (2 CE hours = 1 hour of instruction for first presentation of the program; no CE credit for repeat presentations).
- 10 CE credits maximum for a faculty appointment for teaching at a CODA-accredited dental school, a dental hygiene program or dental assisting program.
- 10 CE credits maximum for a research appointment at a CODA-accredited dental school, dental hygiene program or dental assistant program or other research institution. Documentation of the research conducted by the licensee shall be provided, upon request, to the Board and may include: Results of research conducted; Publications authored by the licensee and published in a professional scientific journal; Presentation of research studies at professional conferences; or a written statement by the licensee's supervisor of the research, estimated number of hours and a description of the licensee's role in research.
- 20 CE credits maximum for papers, publications and scientific presentations in the following categories:
  10 CE credits maximum for each original scientific paper authored by the licensee and published in a scientific professional journal.
  2 CE credits for every hour of presentation of a paper, essay or formal lecture to a recognized group of fellow professionals,
- 8 CE credits maximum for Table Clinics and Scientific Exhibits. The original presentation of a table clinic or scientific exhibit at a professional meeting will provide a maximum of two hours of CEUs per clinic or exhibit.
- 5 CE credits maximum for attending a multi-day professional conference.
- 5 CE credits maximum for pro bono services provided in public health settings, including direct patient care and oral health education programs. (1 CE credit = 1 hour of service) If requested by the Board, the dentist must submit documentation from the dental facility director or person responsible for the program or institution attesting to the licensee's participation, including the date(s), location(s), and number of hours of service.

Anesthesia / Sedation Permit Renewal Requirements
if the licensee has an anesthesia permit then the licensee must maintain continuous certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support commensurate with the level of anesthesia permit obtained.

Source
https://www.mass.gov/service-details/continuing-education-for-dentistry

For details on how to earn CEUs for each licensure cycle, including mandatory CEUs, please refer 234 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 8.00: Continuing Education

Contact Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry phone: 800-414-0168 or 617-973-0971 fax: 617)-973-0980 or e-mail: dentistry.admin@state.ma.us

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