Washington

Total Hours 63
Renewal Cycle Annual
Renewal Deadline Licenses must be renewed every year on the practitioner's birthday.
Reporting Deadline The three-year continuing education reporting period for a dentist initially licensed in Washington in 2019 or later begins upon date of licensure and every three years thereafter.
Self-Study No minimum / No maximum
Live/In Person No minimum / No maximum
How Monitored Attestation and Audit
CE Entry None
Renewal Method Mail or Online:
https://www.doh.wa.gov/licensespermitsandcertificates/professionsnewreneworupdate/licenserenewals

CE Content Required
■ BLS or ACLS or PALS or emergency management (3 hours maximum)
■ Dentist opioid prescribing education (3 hours, required once)
■ Dentist suicide prevention education (3 hours, required once)
■ Health Equity Training (2 hours, see Washington Department of Health Equity Continuing Education website)
■ Washington Dental Jurisprudence Online Examination (1 hour maximum)
■ Washington Health Workforce Survey
https://www.doh.wa.gov/ForPublicHealthandHealthcareProviders/HealthcareProfessionsandFacilities/WashingtonHealthWorkforce/SurveyedProfessions

Credit calculation for online study: There is no limit to the number of hours of study that can be taken online, 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. Live interactive webinars are specifically indicated as allowable in WAC 246-817-440 (4)(a) of the rule. Full credit is allowed for live webinars and for recorded interactive webinars.

CE Content Accepted
Clinical Dentistry Techniques and Procedures
Dental Materials & Equipment
Ethics, Jurisprudence & Law
Infection Control/Waste Management
Medical Emergencies
Patient Management
Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Pain management
Practice management and billing practices (21 CE hours maximum)
Radiology
Risk management

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 Board of Dental Specialties
- 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

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.

- 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 Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology approved courses
- 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

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

- Attendance at local, state, national, or international continuing education courses, live interactive webinars, dental study clubs, postdoctoral education, and dental residencies.
- Self-study by various means, relevant to dentistry, without an instructor physically present. Self-study can be continuing education provided online or through the mail provided by a continuing education provider. Thirty minutes will count for every one hour completed for this activity.
- Self-study can be reading a book that contributes to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed dentist, or enhance services provided to patients. A two-page synopsis of what was learned written by the licensed dentist is required. Two hours of continuing education for each book and synopsis will be granted. A licensed dentist may not count more than six hours every three years for this activity.
- Teaching, presenting, or lecturing in a course, only if the presentation or lecture is created or authored by the dentist claiming the continuing education hours. A licensed dentist may not count more than twenty-one hours every three years in this activity.
- Direct clinical supervision of dental students and dental residents. A licensed dentist may not count more than twenty-one hours every three years in this activity.
- Publishing a paper in a peer review journal. A licensed dentist may count fifteen hours the year the paper is published and may not count more than a total of thirty hours every three years in this activity. A copy of the publication is required.
- Reading and critically evaluating any hypothesis-driven scientific journal article on a topic that has relevance to dentistry and is published in a peer-reviewed journal devoted to dentistry, medicine, or useful to dentistry. A licensed dentist may not count more than twenty-one hours every three years. Before completing this activity, the licensed dentist must complete at least four hours of education in evidence-based dentistry or medicine that includes journal article evaluation. The four-hour education may count toward the required sixty-three hour requirement. The four-hour education is a one-time requirement. A licensed dentist may not count more than four hours every three years. A licensed dentist may count one hour for each article that the dentist completes a "Critical Evaluation of a Journal Article" questionnaire. The questionnaire may be obtained from the commission. The completed questionnaire is required.
- Volunteer dental patient care. A licensed dentist may not count more than twenty one hours every three years; and the commission will accept a current certification or recertification from any specialty board approved and recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA), the American Board of Dental Specialties (ABDS), or other specialty board certification or recertification approved by the commission as sixty-two hours of continuing education. The commission will also accept the award of Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, Master of the Academy of General Dentistry, or the Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition Award as sixty-two hours of continuing education. The certification, recertification, or award must be obtained in the three-year reporting period.

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Anesthesia / Sedation Permit Renewal Requirements

Minimal Sedation by Inhalation: 7 hours of continuing education every 5 years.
Continuing education must be in one or more of the following subjects: Sedation; Physiology; Pharmacology; Inhalation analgesia; Patient evaluation; Patient monitoring; and Medical emergencies. In addition to required continuing education for each sedation level, the dentist must maintain a healthcare provider basic life support (BLS) or advanced cardiac life support (ACLS); hours do not count toward this requirement.

Minimal Sedation: 7 hours of continuing education every 5 years.
Continuing education must be in one or more of the following subjects: Sedation; Physiology; Pharmacology; Nitrous oxide analgesia; Patient evaluation; Patient monitoring; and Medical emergencies. In addition to required continuing education for each sedation level, the dentist must maintain a healthcare provider basic life support (BLS) or advanced cardiac life support (ACLS); hours do not count toward this requirement.

Moderate Sedation: 7 hours of continuing education every 5 years.
Continuing education must be in one or more of the following subjects: Venipuncture, Intravenous sedation, Physiology, Pharmacology, Nitrous oxide analgesia, Patient evaluation, Patient monitoring and Medical emergencies. In addition to required continuing education for each sedation level, the dentist must maintain a healthcare provider basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), or pediatric advanced life support (PALS) certification; hours do not count toward this requirement.

Moderate Sedation with Parenteral Agents - 14 hours of continuing education every 3 years,
Continuing education must be in one or more of the following subjects: Sedation, Physiology, Pharmacology, Nitrous oxide analgesia, Patient evaluation, Patient monitoring and Medical emergencies. In addition to required continuing education for each sedation level, the dentist must maintain a healthcare provider basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), or pediatric advanced life support (PALS) certification; hours do not count toward this requirement.

General Anesthesia and Deep Sedation - 18 hours of continuing education every 3 years.
Continuing education must be in one or more of the following subjects: General anesthesia, Conscious sedation, Physical evaluation, Medical emergencies, Pediatric advanced life support (PALS), Monitoring and use of monitoring equipment, Pharmacology of drugs and Agents used in sedation and anesthesia. In addition to required continuing education for each sedation level, the dentist must maintain a healthcare provider basic life support (BLS) or advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) certification; hours do not count toward this requirement.

Source: Dentist Frequently Asked Questions - Administration of Anesthetic Agents/Sedation
https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Dentist/FrequentlyAskedQuestions#heading25638

Sources
https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Dentist/ContinuingEducation

Washington Administrative Code WAC 246-817-440 Dentist continuing education requirements.

https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/Dentist/FrequentlyAskedQuestions

Contact
Dental Quality Assurance Commission, phone: 360-236-4700, fax: 360-236-2901, for questions regarding licensing and renewals: hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov

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