

Title 30: Professions and Occupations
Part 2301: Regulations Adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners
Chapter 1:

RULE 1.41 BOARD REGULATION NUMBER 41--CONTINUING EDUCATION

Purpose: To Establish Continuing Education Requirements of Dentists and Dental Hygienists.

1. Applicability

- A. Continuing dental education (CDE) ensures that dentists and dental hygienists maintain and enhance professional competence as well as stay abreast of best practices and industry developments.
- B. The following are exempt from biennial CDE requirements:
 - (1) Licensees enrolled in full-time post-graduate specialty training;
 - (2) Licensees' first biennial renewal period; and
 - (3) Licensees with an inactive license for the renewal period during which the license was inactive.

2. Biennial Requirements

- A. For purposes of this regulation, the biennial renewal period is:
 - (1) January 01st of even year through December 31st of odd year for dentists and
 - (2) January 01st of odd year through December 31st of even year for dental hygienists.
- B. Licensed dentists must complete (40) hours of Board-approved CDE per biennial renewal period.
- C. Licensed dental hygienists must complete twenty (20) hours of Board-approved CDE per biennial renewal period.
- D. Licensed dentists who prescribe, administer, or dispense any controlled substance within the State of Mississippi, or who proposes to do so, must complete (3) hours of Board-approved CDE per biennial renewal period regarding the prescribing of opioids.

3. Method of Delivery

- A. CDE hours may be obtained by in-person attendance or through virtual, correspondence, or otherwise non-in-person method(s).
- B. Non-in-person CDE must include a post-study examination.

4. Board-approved Continuing Dental Education (CDE) includes:

- A. Dental or dental hygiene educational courses approved by the following:
 - (1) American Dental Association (ADA)
 - (2) Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)
 - (3) Mississippi Dental Association (MDA)
 - (4) Mississippi Dental Society (MDS)
 - (5) National Dental Association (NDA)
 - (6) National Dental Hygienists' Association (NDHA)
 - (7) Mississippi Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA)
 - (8) American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA)
 - (9) American Association of Dental Boards (AADB)
 - (10) Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

- B. Attendance of official meetings of the organizations listed in Section 4.(a).
- C. Attendance of official meetings of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners or its committees. Licensees may earn up to four (4) hours per meeting.
- D. Certifications obtained pursuant to Board Regulation 45 – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Hours applied per biennial renewal period may not exceed:
 - (1) CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) – eight (8) hours;
 - (2) ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) – sixteen (16) hours; and
 - (3) PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) – sixteen (16) hours.

- E. Administration and calibration of American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) clinical licensure examinations.
 - (1) Dentists administering ADEX-Dental may earn up to seven and one-half (7.5) hours per one (1) day of examination.
 - (2) Dentists and dental hygienists administering ADEX-Dental Hygiene may earn up to six (6) hours per one (1) day of examination and three (3) hours per one-half (1/2) day of examination.
 - (3) Dentists calibrating ADEX-Dental may earn up to three (3) hours per ADEX-Dental component calibrated.
 - (4) Dentists and dental hygienists calibrating ADEX-Dental Hygiene may earn up to three (3) hours.

- F. Dentists successfully completing an ADA-recognized specialty Board re-certification examination may earn up to twenty (20) hours.
- G. Instruction of Board-approved CDE.

- (1) Instructors shall receive the same credit for the course as participants.
- (2) An instructor may only apply credit for a course taught once per biennial renewal period.

H. Other courses or activities specifically approved by the Board for CDE credit on an individual basis.

5. Request for Board-approval of CDE

- A. The Board may specifically approve other courses or activities for CDE credit on an individual basis.
- B. Persons and/or organizations seeking Board-approval for CDE credit shall submit the following information for Board consideration at least ten (10) working days prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting:
 - (1) Detailed course syllabus identifying information and/or training that will be covered;
 - (2) A proposed date, location, and maximum occupancy for the course;
 - (3) Method of delivery of information and/or training;
 - (4) Credentials and/or professional qualifications of instructor(s); and
 - (5) Proposed number of hours of CDE to be awarded.
- C. Even if CDE is delivered at an ADA-accredited dental, dental hygiene, or dental assisting teaching institution, the course must be approved by an organization listed in Section 4.(A.) above or by the Board on a course-by-course basis.
- D. Board-approval status shall be clearly notated on course brochures and certificates of completion.
 - (1) CDE approved by the Board on a course-by-course basis shall include the date that the Board granted approval.
 - (2) CDE approved by an organization listed in Section 4.(a.) above shall include the approving organization.

6. Reporting, Record Keeping, and Audits

- A. Each licensee shall certify his or her compliance with the continuing education requirements in this regulation upon biennial license renewal.
- B. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, continuing education and/or remedial education hours required by a Board disciplinary order shall not be used to satisfy the CDE requirements prescribed by this regulation.
- C. Each licensee is responsible for submitting proof of completion for each Board-approved CDE course and/or activity to the continuing education tracking system.

D. Each licensee shall maintain a record of Board-approved CDE courses and/or activities completed for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of completion.

- (1) Records shall include the date, location, number of credit hours, and certificates of attendance/ successful course completion.
- (2) Records shall be made available for review at any time by the Board, any member of the Board, and/or any designated agent of the Board.
- (3) When a Board member or any designated agent of the Board shall conduct any authorized investigation, any and all continuing education records will be reviewed and/or audited for compliance with this regulation.
- (4) When any licensee is noticed to appear before the Board to show cause why that licensee's dental or dental hygiene license should not be suspended, revoked, or have other action taken against it, the licensee may be required to present proof of compliance with this Regulation.

E. The Board shall conduct a random audit of a representative sample of licensees after each biennial renewal period to ensure compliance with this regulation.

7. Non-Compliance and Penalties

A. Failure to comply with this regulation, including but not limited to the following, is grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including revocation of license:

- (1) False certification of the number of hours of Board-approved CDE completed;
- (2) Failure to complete the required number of hours of Board-approved CDE; and
- (3) Failure to respond and/or cooperate with the Board or Board's designee following notification of selection for CDE audit.

B. Non-compliance with this regulation may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the following schedule of penalties:

- (1) 1st Offense: Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) fine or Non-disciplinary Letter of Concern contingent upon licensee meeting compliance.
- (2) 2nd Offense: One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) fine
- (3) 3rd Offense: Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) fine
- (4) 4th Offense: Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) fine and one (1) month suspension of license.
- (5) 5th Offense: Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) fine and six (6) month suspension of license.

8. Requirement for Change in Status: Inactive to Active

- A. “Active” and “inactive” status shall have the same meanings as in Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-19 and 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2301, R. 1.49 (Board Regulation No. 49).
- B. Any dentist or dental hygienist with an inactive license requesting a change to active status must obtain twenty (20) hours or ten (10) hours, respectively, of Board-approved CDE within the twelve (12) months prior to requesting active status.
- C. Any dentist or dental hygienist with an inactive license requesting a change to active status must successfully complete the Board’s Jurisprudence examination.
- D. Hours obtained for certification in CPR, pursuant to Board Regulation No. 45, may not be applied toward meeting this requirement.

9. Requirement for Reinstatement

- A. Any dentist or dental hygienist requesting reinstatement of a voided license must obtain twenty (20) hours or ten (10) hours, respectively, of Board-approved CDE within the twelve (12) months prior to requesting licensure reinstatement.
- B. Any dentist or dental hygienist requesting reinstatement of a revoked license must obtain twenty (20) hours or ten (10) hours, respectively, of Board-approved CDE within the twelve (12) months prior to requesting licensure reinstatement.
- C. Any dentist or dental hygienist requesting reinstatement of a voided or revoked license must successfully complete the Board’s Jurisprudence examination.
- D. Hours obtained for certification in CPR, pursuant to Board Regulation No. 45, may not be applied toward meeting this requirement.

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