

What Are the Requirements to Renew My License?

License Expiration

The license and/or permit expiration date is determined by the individual's birth month and year. A license and/or permit expires on the last day of the individual's birth month. If an individual's birth year is an odd-numbered year, the expiration year is an odd-numbered year. An individual born in an even-numbered year will have a license that expires in an even-numbered year.

Mandatory Courses for Licensees

- A board-approved two-unit course on the responsibilities and requirements of prescribing Schedule II opioids (dentist-only requirement)
- A board-approved two-unit course on infection control
- A board-approved two-unit course on the Dental Practice Act
- A basic life support class that meets the requirements of the dental board. A maximum of four units can be earned for the class.
- *Reduction to 30 units required for license renewal for retired dentists who are only in uncompensated practice.*

A dentist with one of these permits must complete specified coursework. The units count as part of the 50 total required for license renewal.

- General anesthesia – must complete 24 units in general anesthesia and advanced cardiac life support courses.
- Moderate sedation — 15 units in moderate sedation and medical emergencies courses.
- Pediatric endorsement for general anesthesia or moderate sedation permit – Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and airway management certificate or other training from board-approved C.E. providers in pediatric life support and airway management.
- Oral conscious sedation – 7 units in oral conscious sedation courses.
- A dentist who prescribes and administers vaccines must complete each licensure renewal period 1 unit on vaccine administration, prevention and management of adverse reactions and maintenance of vaccine records. An approved provider for this course includes the Centers for Disease Control as well as any board-approved CE provider.
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Limitation on units earned

No more than 25 units may be taken through correspondence or non-live courses. No more than 10 units may be earned from courses deemed of primary benefit to the licensee.

For more information please visit <https://www.cda.org/resource-library/resources/dental-practice/continuing-education-requirements-and-faq/>

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