

S.C. Board of Dentistry Renewal information for 2017 – 2019

You are required to renew your license in order to continue practicing in this state as a dentist, dental specialist, dental hygienist, instructor or dental/orthodontic technician in South Carolina. Online renewal will be available October 3, 2016 through 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2016 without late fees. After December 31, 2016, late renewals will be available online through 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2017.

A renewal notice will be sent to you containing your userid. When renewing, use the following web link: <https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/OnlineRenewals/>. Once online, you can obtain your password, which will allow you to access online renewal services.

Continuing Education requirements: As a pre-requisite for biennial renewal of a practitioner's license, (1) All dentists shall complete a minimum of fourteen (14) continuing education hours per year or twenty-eight (28) continuing education hours over two (2) years; dental hygienists shall complete a minimum of seven (7) continuing education hours per year or fourteen (14) over two (2) years; dental/orthodontic technicians shall complete a minimum of four (4) continuing education hours per year or eight (8) continuing education hours over two (2) years, in order to be eligible for re-licensure or re-registration. Upon licensure by examination of this State, dentists, specialists, dental hygienists, instructors and dental/orthodontic technicians shall be exempt from continuing education requirements for the first re-licensure period. The Board will not maintain copies of your CE documentation. A random audit may be conducted at the end of the renewal period requiring proof of CE's completed.

New Change: Dental Practice Act - SC Code of Regulations 39-5 and 39-10 - Amended and Passed May 27, 2016

SC Code of Regulation 39-5 (F) (1) (a) and 39 (F) (1) (b) were amended:

(a) All licensed dentists and dental hygienists must have at least two (2) hours of their required continuing education dedicated to sterilization and infection control.

(b) It is the responsibility of all dentists to ensure that their auxiliary staff who may be exposed to blood and other body fluids require and provide two (2) hours biennially of continuing education on sterilization and infection control and maintain records of such training.

SC Code of Regulation 39-10 (A) (1) and 39-10 (A) (2) were amended:

(1) All dental practices shall conform to and comply with the current recommendations and guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) relating to infection control practices for dentistry and/or dental offices.

(2) It is the responsibility of all dentists and dental hygienists licensed by the State and all other personnel who are utilized by a licensed dentist who assist in a dental practice and may be exposed to body fluids such as blood or saliva to maintain familiarity with these recommendations and guidelines.

Full wording of regulations is posted on the Dental Board website under "Laws/Policies" at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry.

Please visit the Board's webpage at www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/dentistry/ for additional information.