

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
**CERTIFICATION**  
**FOR NITROUS OXIDE MONITORING**

**Licensed Dental Hygienists and Expanded Duty Dental Assistants (EDDA)** - provided they meet Nitrous Oxide course and testing requirements - may apply for certification to *Monitor Nitrous Oxide*.

NOTE: Dental Assistants must qualify as EDDA by showing proof as an “Expanded Duty Dental Assistant” in accordance with Board Regulation 39-13 which is by graduation from an ADA approved program or by proof of two (2) years continuous full-time employment as a chairside dental assistant.

1. Complete in full the **SC Application for Certification for Monitoring Nitrous Oxide form**.
2. Submit with application a **\$25.00 fee** (check or money order) payable to LLR-Board of Dentistry. There are NO REFUNDS of fees.
3. Submit verification by certificate of successful completion from an approved course in nitrous oxide monitoring within the past three (3) years or proof of having been certified in another state to monitor nitrous oxide within the past three (3) years.  
Applicants who have been certified in another state: Must present academic credentials for review of the course for course approval by the Board, including a course outline and a copy of certificate.  
Other applicants: The Board will not be able to accept a score from a school without the SC Application for Certification for Monitoring Nitrous Oxide having been made to the Board.
4. Submit proof of certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) within the past three (3) years.
5. Copy of social security card
6. Copy of current driver’s license or picture ID
7. Must successfully complete the State Board Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Examination.

NOTE: You must have met all requirements to be issued a Certificate to Monitor Nitrous Oxide. Remember an application for this certification must be on file before scores from the nitrous oxide test will be released to you.

**Nitrous Oxide Courses:**

Currently, the State Board of Dentistry has approved nitrous oxide monitoring courses at the **Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Dental Medicine**, Charleston, SC, **Midlands Technical College**, Columbia, SC, **Greenville Technical College**, Greenville, SC, **Tri-County Technical College**, Pendleton, SC, **York Technical College**, Rock Hill, SC, **Trident Technical College**, Charleston, SC, **Florence-Darlington Technical College**, Florence, SC, **Aiken Technical College**, Aiken, SC, and **Horry-Georgetown, Conway, SC**. Applicants should contact the appropriate school for course application and information.

**CPR courses:**

CPR courses approved by the Board include American Red Cross “Community CPR”, American Red Cross “CPR for the Professional Rescuer”, American Heart Association “Heartsaver CPR”, and American Heart Association “BLS Healthcare Provider”. Also approved are HSI courses “CPR and AED for the Community and Workplace” and “CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer.” Additional courses can be from American Safety & Health Institute, Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI), Health Education Safety Council, and ProTrainings LLC dab ProCPR.

**Make-up tests:**

An applicant who failed the examination may retake the exam up to two (2) more times within a year of their first failure by application to the Board with a fee of \$25.00 per exam. You must make application on Board form to retake the exam and all to schedule your exam no later than one week prior to the exam. An applicant who fails to achieve a passing grade on the examination after three (3) attempts must complete another Board-approved course in nitrous oxide monitoring before being eligible to apply again.

**Make-up test dates:**

Make-up test dates are the second Wednesday of each month.

**Process time for certification:**

- Applications are worked in the order that they are received. An application cannot be worked unless the application form is complete and has the fee attached.
- Incomplete application forms and those with no fee will be returned.

**Avoid discipline for all:** Please make your dental practice aware that certification cannot be issued without all requirements and documents being submitted, not just a course completion. That is grounds for possible disciplinary action.

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