

S.C. Board of Dentistry Renewal information for 2019 – 2021

Dentist, Dental Specialist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Instructor or Dental/Orthodontic Technician only: You are required to renew your license on or before December 31, 2018, in order to continue practicing in South Carolina without late fees. Online renewal will be available through 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2018. After that date, late renewals will be available online through 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2019.

Restricted Volunteer Dentist, Volunteer Dental Specialist, or Volunteer Dental Hygienist only: You are required to renew your license on or before December 31, 2018, in order to continue practicing in South Carolina. Online renewal will be available through 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2018. Late renewals will be available online through 11:59 P.M. on February 28, 2019. There is no renewal fee; however, you must renew.

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 will be exempt from continuing education requirements for the first re-licensure period. Only send CE documentation when requested by the Board. A random audit may be conducted at the end of the renewal period requiring proof of CEs completed.

Infection Control requirements:

- (a) All licensed dentists and dental hygienists must have at least two (2) hours of their required continuing education be 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.

Opioid course (PMP) requirements:

Section 40-15-145 requires:

As part of the biennial continuing education required by the Board or pursuant to law, including Regulation 39-5, South Carolina Code of State Regulations, a dentist authorized pursuant to state and federal law to prescribe controlled substances shall complete at least two (2) hours of continuing education every two (2) years related to approved procedures of prescribing and monitoring controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV of the schedules provided for in Sections 44-53-210, 44-53-230, and 44-53-250.

In the next few days, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail to assist you in renewing your license online that will include your USERID. The online renewal is available twenty-four (24) hours a day. For security reasons, passwords are no longer on the renewal notice. If you do not know your password, go to the "Recover/Reset My Password" web link, <https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/SSO/Login/RecoverPass>, and a link to reset your password will be emailed to you. You **must** have a current email address on file with the Board to be able to reset your password. If you do not have a current email address on file with the Board, please email the Board at Contact.Dentistry@llr.sc.gov with your name, license number, birth year and current email address before attempting to renew your license. **A current email address must now be kept on file with the Board at all times.**

If you do not receive your courtesy renewal notice by October 1, 2018, you may go to <https://eservice.llr.sc.gov/OnlineRenewals/> to request your USERID and PASSWORD and renew online.

Please visit the Board's webpage at www.llronline.com/POL/dentistry/ for additional information.