



Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. My dental hygiene license expires this month, but they just passed a new rule for renewing every two years. Do I still have to renew now?

Yes, you will still need to follow the expiration date on your printed license. The new license will reflect the recent change.

2. With the new nitrous rules that went into effect May 1, 2018. Do I need to have additional training?

No, as a dental hygienist you still have to follow the same guidelines as before regarding training. You can not turn off or on the nitrous, but you can MONITOR and RECORD.

3. Can I as a hygienist apply Sodium Diamine Fluoride?

Yes, currently the FDA classification of SDF is a fluoride. Therefore all assistants, dental hygienists, and dentists can apply.

4. I have a new patient scheduled today and the doctor is out of the office/unable to see the new patient. Can I reschedule for the exam and see the patient today?

No, the patient must be seen by the supervising dentist within twelve (12) months. If they are a new patient- you cannot see without the dentist.

5. My hygiene license expires 12/18. How many CE hours do I need?

You will need 12 hours of CE. The new rule will not go into effect for you until AFTER you renew and pay the additional fee for the two (2) year license.

6. I just renewed my license in August 2018. Why does it only give me 1 year for the expiration?

The new rule goes into effect September 1, 2018. If you renew after that date it will reflect 2 years and the 24 hour CE requirement.

7. The assistant doesn't need to be trained in polishing and sealants, right?

There is a lot of confusion about this rule. After the Sunset Bill went into effect it did take the registration process away from assistants in regards to Coronal polishing and Sealant placement. As of March 10, 2018, the Dental Board put rules in place that an assistant has to be trained by CODA approved 8 hour course in sealant placement and coronal polishing. Other requirements

are: 1). Graduate from an assisting program, 2). Received certification of completion by the specified Dental Assisting National Board and approved by the board. 3). The delegated duty MAY NOT be billed as a prophylaxis.

8. Can I renew my CPR online?

No. You must have a course with a demonstration of skills and a written evaluation. (Sec 247.004)

9. Since we now have to have 24 hours of CE (after 9/1/18) can they be online or do they have to be technical?

a). At least 16 hours of coursework may either be technical or scientific as related to clinical care.

b). Up to 8 hours of coursework may be in risk management (i.e record-keeping, ethics, etc.)

c). Up to 8 hours self- study. Examples are video course, audio courses, and reading courses.

10. What courses won't count towards my CE credits?

Courses in Finance, OSHA and CPR hours, Jurisprudence assessment,

11. What if I have several hours of extra CE credit?

Each licensee may carry forward CEs earned in the prior renewal period. A max of 24 hours may be carried forward.

12. How often is HIPAA required?

HIPAA course/exam is required every 2 years. You can go onto the Texas Board Approved course at hipaaexam.com

13. I renewed my license and it only gave me 1 year until it expires. Is it wrong?

No, you were selected randomly for the staggered renewal process. You will pay the one (1) year renewal fee and have the 12 CE hours to earn prior to your next renewal.

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