

Important information for dental hygienists who renew their license this year.

Due to the current Public Health Emergency and the difficulty in fulfilling CE requirements because of course cancellations, the Governor and the Board of Dental Health Care/ Dental Hygienists Committee have made temporary provisions to allow dental professionals an expanded time frame to meet CE requirements for re-licensure.

Licensees who are renewing this year need to proceed with renewal but may request a grace period of up to 6 months to complete CE requirements if needed, per conditions stipulated in the notice.

<http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/Dental%20Board%20-Public%20Notice-%20CE's.pdf>

This includes a 3 month grace period for proof of CPR re/certification from the time the public service emergency is lifted.

http://www.rld.state.nm.us/uploads/files/DHC_Public%20Notice%20-%20Suspension%20of%20CPR%20Certification.pdf

As a reminder, the rules allow 30 hours per triennial period for online course "A maximum of 30 credits per triennial period will be allowed in the category of on-line, webinar, or self-study. 16.5.1.15.C.4.

An online webinar that is LIVE, meaning its happening in real time and the participant can interact with the presenter in real time, then it is considered 'live in person CE' and there is no limit on hours, meaning it can count toward the 45 hours for RDH licensure renewal and 60 hours for Collaborative Practice Hygienist licensure renewal. **(This is considered physically being present for a course.)** However, make sure to acquire a certificate or some sort of documentation stating the day, time, presenter name, CE credit, sponsor and a designation that it was a LIVE webinar...this is standard documentation that the professional must retain if they get audited.

If someone uses a webinar that they have not attended in real time and it was recorded later or replayed at a later date, then it counts as a standard online or self study. (30 hour/triennial limit)

Please refer to the Board of Dental Health Care website to view the rules 16.5.1 regarding continuing education requirements, including approved providers and topics; and the posted Public Notices for health professionals for further information during the Public Health Emergency.

http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/Dental_Health_Care.aspx

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