

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**CONCERNING THE 2011 RENEWAL AND**  
**CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (CE)**  
**FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

**LICENSE RENEWAL**

Licenses for dentists and dental hygienists **expire** on December 31, 2011 unless renewed. In order to renew, dentists and dental hygienists must meet the continuing education ("CE") requirements.

**CE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2011 RENEWAL**

**DENTISTS**

1. If licensed prior to 2010, completion of 32 CE hours.
2. If licensed in 2010, completion of 16 CE hours.
3. If licensed in 2011, CE hours are not required.
4. As part of the CE requirements, all dentists shall complete a course in basic life support approved by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association at least once every two years.
5. To receive CE credits, courses shall be taken from approved sponsoring organizations pursuant to section 16-79-142, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") or courses previously approved by the Board pursuant to section 16-79-143, HAR.

**DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

1. If licensed prior to 2010, completion of 20 CE hours.
2. If licensed in 2010, completion of 10 CE hours.
3. If licensed in 2011, CE hours are not required.
4. As part of the CE requirements, all dental hygienists shall complete a course in basic life support approved by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association at least once every two years.
5. To receive CE credits, courses shall be taken from approved sponsoring organizations pursuant to section 16-79-142, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") or courses previously approved by the Board pursuant to section 16-79-143, HAR.

### WAIVER OR MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS

The Board **MAY** waive or modify the CE requirements based on the following:

1. Full-time service in the armed forces of the United States;
2. An incapacitating illness documented by a licensed physician;
3. Being disabled and unable to practice dentistry or dental hygiene;
4. Being retired from practice and not performing any dental or dental hygiene services; or
5. Undue hardship or any other extenuating circumstances.

Licensees wishing to request a waiver or modification will need to MAIL in the renewal, fee and a statement which:

- Requests a waiver or modification of the CE requirements;
- Provides an explanation and documentation as to why you were unable to meet the CE requirements; and

### RANDOM AUDIT

In order to determine whether the CE requirements have been met, the Board conducts a random audit after renewals are submitted.

### REFERENCE

Subchapter 14, Chapter 16-79, Hawaii Administrative Rules

For a list of approved sponsoring organizations for CE, please read section 16-79-142, HAR. In addition, the Board has approved other CE courses from sponsoring organizations not listed in section 16-79-142, HAR. To find out if a course has been previously approved by the Board, please call the Board's office at (808) 586-2702.

### FORFEITURE OF LICENSE

Pursuant to section 16-79-3(c), HAR, the failure to timely renew a license, the failure to pay all applicable fees, the failure to complete the CE requirement, the dishonoring of any check upon first deposit, or the failure to comply with any other requirement provided by law, shall cause the license to be automatically forfeited.