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My year as president has been quite an eventful one. The board's staff completed the office's relocation to Baton Rouge at the end of 2018. With the move came several changes, but I believe the office is operating as it was prior to the move. We have overseen a streamlining of our complaint and disciplinary process. And the board has recently started its latest round of office inspections.

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As president, we are constantly reminded of the board's mission: to protect the public in Louisiana by regulating the profession of dentistry and dental hygiene. This is in the form of licensing as well as in investigating complaints received. Licensing is pretty straightforward; complaints, however, are another matter. Due to the innate complexity of complaints, we have streamlined the process to help both the public as well as the licensee. In reviewing the complaints and the procedures, we noted that a vast majority (over 90%) of our complaints are ultimately resolved with no action.

The changes implemented in 2018 follow those reforms of the past few years. The board now states unequivocally that it does not investigate claims of rude treatment or rude behavior by its licensees. I have shared the numbers and types of complaints received in my LDA Journal articles. And I have shared with you the notice letter requesting information the board sends to you upon receipt of a complaint. All of this is to promote a greater understanding of the board's complaint and disciplinary processes. Many licensees will never have a complaint lodged against them with the board. But for those who do, it may help their peace of mind to know the process along with the percentages of complaints resolved with no action.

Additionally, please keep in mind that the board's complaint files are confidential. The only disciplinary information ever released is agreed upon consent decrees or formal decisions. This confidentiality can mean that having a patient submit a complaint to the board may indeed work in your favor. In this day and age, social media can have an outsized impact

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on your practice. Patients may be quick to leave a negative review about you on Yelp or Facebook, and that can potentially harm you much more than a confidential complaint to the board. This is especially true when you consider that over 9 of 10 complaints are resolved with no action. You have no guaranteed opportunity to share your side of the incident with social media.

As mentioned above, we have recently started our latest round of CDC office inspections. Please do not be alarmed at receiving this inspection notice. We inspect all dental offices every three years to ensure their compliance with the CDC guidelines for infection control. For those dentists with an email address on file, we email an inspection notice. If you do not have an email address on file, we mail a paper notice. This notice contains a list of documents you should assemble ahead of time for the inspector. If you have your documentation ready for the inspector when he arrives, the inspection can be completed very quickly.

If you have any questions for the board about the disciplinary process or inspections or any other matter, I urge you to contact your board representative or the board staff.

I would like to remind everyone you are now required to upload your completed CE certificates directly into CE Broker. You may upload the records using a scanner and reporting them to the CE Broker website. If you have a smart phone, there is a CE Broker app that is quite easy to use. For those licensees renewing this year, you will be required to enter all CE taken into CE Broker. If your CE requirements are not met in CE Broker, you will be unable to renew your license either online or with a paper application. Should you need to remove a personal anesthesia permit, you should email the board office as soon as possible so that the permit removal can be reported to CE Broker to adjust your requirements. Please be aware that your BLS (and, if applicable, ACLS or PALS) must be reported under their own individual headings. If you upload your cards in the clinical section, then your CPR requirements will not be set to complete.

It has been extremely rewarding working with each board member. We have accomplished much this year despite the monumental task of the office move. I am confident that each of my fellow board members strive on a daily basis to make the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry the best regulatory agency it can be. I appreciate each of you and all of your hard work. It has been my immense pleasure to serve as your president.

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### §134. Prescription Monitoring Program

- A. Pursuant to R.S. 40:973(A), all dentists who have obtained a controlled dangerous substance license issued by the Board of Pharmacy shall automatically be enrolled in the Prescription Monitoring Program established in R.S. 40:1001 et seq.
- B. A prescriber or his delegate shall access and review the patient's record in the Prescription Monitoring Program and review the patient's record at least every ninety days if the patient's course of treatment continues for more than ninety days. The requirement established in this section shall not apply in the following instances:
  1. The drug is prescribed or administered to a hospice patient or to any other patient who has been diagnosed as terminally ill.
  2. The drug is prescribed or administered for the treatment of cancer-related chronic or intractable pain.
  3. The drug is ordered or administered to a patient being treated in a hospital.
  4. The Prescription Monitoring Program is inaccessible or not functioning properly due to an internal or external electronic issue. However, the prescriber or his delegate shall check the Prescription Monitoring Program once the electronic accessibility has been restored and note the cause for the delay in the patient's chart.
  5. No more than a single seven-day supply of the drug is prescribed or administered to a patient.
- C. Failure to comply with this rule shall constitute a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(6) and or 37:776(A)(24) and may subject the dentist to punishment, penalty, sanction or remediation as provided for in the Dental Practice Act.

### §306. Requirements of Applicants for Dental Licensure by Credentials

- A. – A.2. ...
3. currently possesses a nonrestricted license in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2);
- 4.a. – 5. ...
6. has not failed any clinical licensure examination a total of three or more times. This number includes the accumulation of all examinations taken regardless of the testing agency. This number excludes failures of clinical examinations taken prior to an applicant's final year of dental school. A make-up examination counts as an examination. This prohibition may be overcome if the applicant meets all of the other requirements of this Rule, including the successful completion of an initial licensure examination that included procedures on a live patient, and:
  - a. has been actively practicing with an unrestricted dental license for 5 years in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2), has not had any discipline by the dental board in any state, and meets in person with the full board, and thereafter a majority of the full board votes to overcome this prohibition; or
  - b. following the last failure of a clinical licensure examination, completes a dental post-doctoral program of a minimum of one year which is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education, meets in person with the full board, and thereafter a majority of the full board votes to overcome this prohibition.
- A.7. – C.

### §706. Requirements of Applicants for Licensure by Credentials (Hygienists)

- A. – A.2. ...

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3. currently possesses a nonrestricted license in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2);
  - 4.a. – 5. ...
  6. has not failed any clinical licensure examination a total of three or more times. This number includes the accumulation of all examinations taken regardless of the testing agency. A make-up examination counts as an examination. This prohibition may be overcome if the applicant meets all of the other requirements of this Rule, including the successful completion of an initial licensure examination that included procedures on a live patient, and has been actively practicing with an unrestricted license for 5 years in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2), has not had any discipline by any dental board and meets in person with the full board, and thereafter the full board votes with a majority to overcome this prohibition;
- A.7. – B. ...

### **§1505. Personal Permit Renewals** Repealed

### **§1607. Exemptions**

- A. Continuing education requirements, other than the three hour opioid management course listed in §1611(A)(3), shall not apply to:
- A.1. – D. ...

### **§1611. Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists**

- A. Unless exempted under §1607, each dentist shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education during each renewal period for the renewal of his/her license to practice dentistry by taking courses approved as set forth in §1615 in the following amounts:
1. 20 hours of personally attended clinical courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental services to patients;
  2. 10 hours of clinical courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental services to patients that may be done in person, online or via correspondence; if done online or via correspondence the courses must require the successful completion of a written examination at the conclusion of the course.
  3. Three of the 30 hours listed in part 1 and 2 must include an opioid management course which includes training on drug diversion, best practice prescribing of controlled substances or appropriate treatment for addiction. Successful completion of this three hour requirement once during a dentist's career shall satisfy this requirement in full. A dentist can become exempt from this requirement by submitting to the board a certification form attesting that he has not prescribed, administered, or dispensed a controlled dangerous substance during the entire renewal period.
- B. Continuing education ordered as a result of disciplinary matters shall not serve as credit for mandatory continuing education unless specifically authorized in a consent decree or in an order issued by the board.
- C. Past and present dentist members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry are allowed four hours of continuing dental education credit for each meeting of the American Association of Dental Examiners attended by said past or present dentist member.
- D. No credit will be given for activities directed primarily to persons preparing for licensure in Louisiana. E. Dentists who are on staffs of hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations may receive continuing education credit for those continu-

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ing education courses provided by said hospital.

- F. Dentists will be awarded three clinical credit hours for successful completion of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course "C", Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers as defined by the American Heart Association or the Red Cross Professional Rescue Course. When being audited for compliance with cardiopulmonary resuscitation course completion, a photocopy of the CPR card evidencing successful completion of the course for each year shall be appended to the form.
- G.1. Dentists who successfully complete certification courses in advanced cardiac life support continuing education will be awarded up to 16 hours of clinical continuing dental education. However, dentists completing the shorter recertification course in advanced cardiac life support will be awarded 3 hours of clinical continuing dental education.
- G.2. ...
- H. In order to renew permits for the administration of deep sedation or moderate sedation, each licensee shall complete an in person adult sedation course of a minimum of twelve hours pertinent to the level of their sedation permit no less than once every four years. If the permit has a pediatric certification, then the aforementioned twelve hours must address pediatric sedation. If the holder of a permit with a pediatric certification sedates persons above the age of 12 as well as persons below the age of 13, the permit holder must take both the adult and the pediatric sedation courses for a total of 24 in person hours. If the holder of the permit with a pediatric certification sedates only persons below the age of 13, and signs a certification to that effect, then only the 12 hour in person pediatric sedation course is necessary. These hours will count towards the requirement of §1611(A)(1). The CPR, ACLS, and PALS courses required in §§1503 and 1504 do not count toward the requirements set forth in this Section. Recertification for deep sedation or general anesthesia as required by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons every five years shall satisfy this requirement.
- I. Dentists successfully completing the calibration training for the administration of the clinical licensing examination administered by the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) may be awarded up to 20 hours of clinical continuing education per each renewal period.
- J. Louisiana licensed dentists shall be eligible for three hours of clinical continuing education for treating a donated dental service patient (pro bono) from a Louisiana State Board of Dentistry approved agency. The maximum number of hours will be no more than six in any two year biennial renewal period, and verification of treatment from the agency is mandatory in order to obtain these continuing education credits.

### **§1613. Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dental Hygienists**

- A. Unless exempted under §1607, each dental hygienist shall complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education during each renewal period for the renewal of his/her license to practice dental hygiene by taking courses approved as set forth in §1615 in the following amounts:
  - 1. 12 hours of personally attended clinical courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental or dental hygiene services to patients;
  - 2. 8 hours of clinical courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental or dental hygiene services to patients that may be done in person, online or via correspondence; if done online or via correspondence the courses must require the successful completion of a written examination at the conclusion of the course.
- B. Continuing education ordered as a result of disciplinary matters shall not serve as credit for mandatory continuing education unless specifically authorized in a consent decree or in an or-

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der issued by the board.

- C. Dental hygienists are allowed continuing education credit for courses sponsored and/or approved for dentist's continuing education.
- D. Past and present dental hygiene members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry are allowed four hours of continuing dental hygiene education credit for each meeting of the American Association of Dental Examiners attended by said past or present dental hygiene member.
- E. No credit will be given for activities directed primarily to persons preparing for licensure in Louisiana.
- F. Dental hygienists who are on staffs of hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations may receive continuing education credit for those continuing education courses provided by said hospital.
- G. Dental hygienists will be awarded three clinical credit hours for successful completion of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course "C," Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers as defined by the American Heart Association or the Red Cross Professional Rescue Course. When being audited for compliance with cardiopulmonary resuscitation course completion, a photocopy of the CPR card evidencing successful completion of the course for each year shall be appended to the form.
- H. Dental hygienists who successfully complete a continuing education course as set forth in §710, Administration of Local Anesthesia for Dental Purposes, will be awarded 72 hours of clinical continuing dental hygiene education. However, these hours may not be carried over to a subsequent renewal period and will count only toward the renewal of their license during the period in which they attended the course.
- I. Dental hygienists successfully completing the calibration training for the administration of the clinical licensing examination administered by the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) may be awarded up to 12 hours of clinical continuing education per each renewal period.
- J. Louisiana licensed dental hygienists shall be eligible for two hours of clinical continuing education for treating a donated dental service patient (pro bono) from a Louisiana State Board of Dentistry approved agency. The maximum number of hours will be no more than four in any two year biennial renewal period, and verification of treatment from the agency is mandatory in order to obtain these continuing education credits.

### §1709. Examination of Dentists

A.1. – E. ...

- F. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary or any examination manual of any of the testing agencies listed in Subsection C of this Section, no candidate for licensure in the state of Louisiana will be granted same if said candidate has failed any clinical licensing examination for a total of three times. This number includes the accumulation of all examinations taken regardless of the testing agency. This number excludes failures of clinical examinations taken prior to an applicant's final year of dental school. A make-up examination counts as an examination. This prohibition may be overcome if the applicant meets all of the other requirements of this Rule, including the successful completion of one of the examinations listed on part C of this Rule, and:
  - 1. has been actively practicing with an unrestricted dental license for 5 years in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2), has not had any discipline by the dental board in any state, and meets in person with the full board, and thereafter a majority of the full board votes to overcome this prohibition; or

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2. following the last failure of a clinical licensure examination, completes a dental post-doctoral program of a minimum of one year which is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education, meets in person with the full board, and thereafter a majority of the full board votes to overcome this prohibition.

### §1711. Examination of Dental Hygienists

A.1. - E.

- F. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary or any examination manual of any of the testing agencies, no candidate for licensure in the state of Louisiana will be granted same if said candidate has failed any clinical licensing examination for a total of three times. This number includes the accumulation of all examinations taken regardless of the testing agency. A make-up examination counts as an examination. This prohibition may be overcome if the applicant meets all of the other requirements of this Rule, including the successful completion of an initial licensure examination that included procedures on a live patient, has been actively practicing with an unrestricted license for 5 years in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2) and meets in person with the full board, and thereafter the full board votes with a majority to overcome this prohibition.

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### §1511. Required Facilities, Personnel and Equipment for Sedation Procedures

A.1. - A.7.c ...

- d. adequate equipment for the establishment of an intravenous infusion;

A.7.e. - B.5. ...

RULE PUBLISHED AS NOTICE OF INTENT ON AUGUST 20, 2018 AND  
TENTATIVELY EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2018

### §701. Authorized Duties

A. - G. ...

1. No entity may employ dental hygienists to provide treatment for patients of record under general supervision other than:
  - a. a public institution that has supervision by a Louisiana licensed dentist;
  - b. a nonprofit entity that meets the statutory, regulatory and program requirements for grantees supported under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. §254b or its successor) and that has supervision by a Louisiana licensed dentist;
  - c. a school that has supervision by a Louisiana licensed dentist, or
  - d. an office owned by a dentist or group of dentists licensed in Louisiana.
2. ...
3. No duly licensed and registered dentist shall supervise a dental hygienist for more than five consecutive business days or for more than 20 total days in any calendar year. These limits do not apply to a hygienist working at a school or public institution.

4. - 6. ...

## MANDATORY ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORTING THROUGH CE BROKER

Beginning immediately all licensees **must** report their continuing education through CE Broker. You may use the service to keep track of your own hours on an ongoing basis as well as be certain whether your requirements have been met.

Every licensee is entitled to a basic account at **no charge**. Entities may report their course attendance directly to CE Broker on your behalf, and you may upload your own certificates received. Once your CE requirements are reported to have been met through CE Broker, you will **NOT** be subject to the CE audit during the next year.

For more information or to create an account, please visit [cebroker.com/la/account\\_options](http://cebroker.com/la/account_options).

### 2019 Board Meeting Dates

March 15, 2019  
May 17, 2019  
August 16, 2019  
December 7, 2019

### 2019-2020 RENEWAL FEES

#### LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

**All renewal fees include the mandatory well-being program fee**

2019-2020 biennial dental license	\$590
2019-2020 biennial dental license (for licensees whose initial dental license was issued during calendar year 2018)	\$295
2019-2020 biennial dental hygiene license	\$230
2019-2020 biennial dental hygiene license (for licensees whose initial dental hygiene license was issued during calendar year 2018)	\$115

*Delinquent fees will be assessed to all license renewals not completed by December 31, 2018 (if renewing online) or postmarked by December 31, 2018 (if using a paper renewal form).*

#### PERSONAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT RENEWAL FEES

Renewal of personal nitrous oxide permit	\$50
Renewal of personal moderate sedation permit	\$200
Renewal of personal general anesthesia permit	\$200

*You will **only** pay a renewal fee for the highest level of **personal** anesthesia permit you hold.*



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### LICENSES

#### ***What do I need to post in my office?***

All Louisiana licensees holding either a dental or a dental hygiene license must display their licenses in full and open view for all patients to observe. You must post both your original license **and** all current renewal certificates of your license and any anesthesia permits.

#### ***I opened up a second office. Can I get another original license to display in my new office?***

NO. The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry issues only **one** original license. You may display copies of any and all licenses and current renewal certificates in the additional offices. The board no longer mails renewal certificates. You will print your renewal certificate from the licensee login page of the board's website after you have renewed your license.

Should your original license be lost or stolen, you must complete an affidavit of lost license and pay a fee for a new original license to be created. Please contact the board office for an affidavit. If you simply want an additional original to display in a new office, we will **not** issue it.

#### ***When do I have to renew my license?***

Licensees whose last names (when they were originally licensed) begin with the letters A through L renew in odd years and will not renew their licenses until December 31, 2019.

Licensees whose last names (when they were originally licensed) begin with the letters M through Z renew in even years and must renew their licenses by December 31, 2018.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***I have to renew my license this year. What is the due date?***

December 31, 2018. If you renew online, your transaction must be completed by 11:59 PM (Central Time), December 31, 2018. If you renew with the paper form, it must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. Any license renewal applications completed after that date will be assessed a delinquent fee.

### ***What happens if I allow my license to lapse or I do not renew it?***

If your Louisiana dental or dental hygiene license lapses due to non-renewal, you may not practice dentistry or dental hygiene in Louisiana. Persons who practice with a lapsed license are subject to disciplinary action.

If you are practicing in another state and wish to give up your Louisiana license, please be aware that should you wish to reactivate your license in the future, you will have to apply to reinstate your license.

### ***What happens to my license after the expiration date?***

Licenses expire December 31, 2018. After that date, you will receive a certified mail notice informing you of your possible oversight. If we receive no response from you or if you notify the board of your non-renewal intentions, your license will be revoked at the March 2019 board meeting.

## ANESTHESIA (DENTISTS)

### ***What is the difference between a personal permit and an office permit?***

The personal permit states that the dentist is qualified to administer the indicated level of anesthesia. The office permit states that the premises and equipment where that level of anesthesia is being administered are in compliance with board requirements. You may not administer anesthesia unless you have a personal permit, **and** the location where you are administering the anesthesia has an office permit for that level of anesthesia (or higher).

Every dentist in a group practice who intends to administer anesthesia must have his/her own personal anesthesia permit. Only one office permit is required for the office. Dentists may administer any level of anesthesia for which they have a personal permit in any office where there is a current office permit for that same level (or higher).

### ***I'm moving to a new office. Can I use my same office permit at the new location?***

NO. Office permits are specifically for the office listed on the permit certificate and **are not transferable**. You must apply for a new office permit at the new location. You may find applications for anesthesia permits on our website.

Nitrous oxide office permits are issued by the board upon approval of your submitted application. Office inspections are not required prior to issuance of the permit. These offices are inspected routinely in the normal course of board business.

Moderate sedation and general anesthesia office permits **require an office inspection prior to approval and issuance of the permit**. You must allow adequate time for the processing of these applications.

***I want to hire a CRNA or other third-party anesthesia provider to administer anesthesia to my dental patients. Do I need to notify the board or will my permit allow the provider to administer anesthesia in my office?***

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As of January 2016 there is longer a separate third party anesthesia provider office permit required. ALL sedations, whether performed by a properly permitted dentist or a CRNA or other qualified third party, may only be performed in offices where there currently exists an office permit. As long as there exists an office permit for the level of sedation being performed, any CRNA or other applicable third party provider may administer anesthesia. The dentist is responsible for ensuring the third party provider is qualified to administer anesthesia safely to the dentist's patients.

### ***Do I have to renew my anesthesia permit(s)?***

YES. Personal anesthesia permits expire with the dentist's license and must be renewed.

A personal anesthesia permit is renewed with the dentist's license for an additional fee. If you renew your license online, the total fee listed includes the applicable personal anesthesia permit renewal fee. Your personal anesthesia permit will be listed on the lower left of your dental license renewal certificate.

Office permits currently renew automatically with the dentist's license. There is no renewal fee for office permits. You may print these directly from the website once your license renewal has been processed.

### ***I don't want to pay the personal anesthesia permit renewal fee. How can I give up my permit so that I don't have to pay the renewal fee?***

You must notify the board office in writing (email, postal mail, or fax) that you intend to give up your anesthesia permit. **If you administer anesthesia without a personal permit, you are in violation of the board's rules.**

If you intend to renew your dental license online, you must inform the board office in writing that you are giving up your personal anesthesia permit **prior** to renewing your license online. Once we have received that information and removed your permit information from our database, you may then log in online to renew your dental license.

If you intend to renew your dental license with a paper form, you may indicate on the form that you would like to give up your anesthesia permit(s).

## ANESTHESIA (HYGIENISTS)

### ***I plan on getting my nitrous oxide permit. Does that mean I may administer local anesthesia, too?***

NO. There is no anesthesia hierarchy for hygienists. Nitrous oxide permits and local anesthesia permits are separate permits with different qualifications and applications. You must apply for them separately.

### ***I plan on getting my nitrous oxide permit, but my employing dentist does not use nitrous oxide in his/her dental practice. May I still administer nitrous oxide?***

NO. You will **not** be allowed to administer nitrous oxide unless you are in an office where the dentist holds a personal nitrous oxide permit **AND** the office has an office nitrous oxide permit.

### ***I'm working under general supervision. May I administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide while the dentist is out?***

NO. Hygienists may only administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide under direct supervision.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***My license is up for renewal this year. Do I have to report the CE courses I took over the past two years? Do I have to send my certificates?***

You MUST report all CE courses you completed during the past two years through CE Broker prior to renewing your license. You will not be able to renew your license until your requirements in CE Broker are listed as “complete.”

Reporting your CE through CE Broker will allow you to keep track of your requirements and whether or not you have met them. Additionally, some CE providers automatically report course attendance to CE Broker on your behalf as long as you include your Louisiana license number when attending your courses.

All licensees are entitled to a free basic account with CE Broker, but there are additional paid options you may wish to consider. Please visit the Continuing Education page of the board’s website for additional information on CE Broker.

***I just got my license. Do I still have to meet CE requirements?***

If this is the first time you are renewing your dental license, you must complete 3 hours of opioid management before you may renew. Dentists are exempt from **most** CE requirements for the year in which they received their initial license excluding this opioid management requirement. They must still complete CE for the second year of their license term, and all regular requirements are reduced by one-half. **ALL NEW DENTISTS IN THEIR FIRST RENEWAL MUST COMPLETE 3 HOURS OF OPIOID MANAGEMENT CE PRIOR TO RENEWING THEIR LICENSE FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

Hygienists who received their initial license during calendar year 2018, you are exempt from CE requirements. Hygienists who received their initial license in 2017 and are renewing in 2018 must complete one-half of their standard requirement.

***I’m a dentist. Do I have to take any special CE this year before I renew?***

Due to 2017 legislation, all dentists who prescribe opioids in Louisiana are required to complete 3 hours of CE regarding opioid management. This CE is clinical in nature, and it may be completed online. The CE page of the board’s website contains several links to approved opioid management courses. CE Broker also has several courses listed. **The board will collect the proof of your opioid management CE from CE Broker. Do NOT send these certificates to the board office.**

Some dentists may qualify for an exemption if they do not prescribe opioids in Louisiana. To apply for this exemption, you must submit a notarized affidavit which can be found on the Continuing Education page of the board’s website. **This affidavit must be returned to the board office no later than mid-December so the flag can be lifted on the opioid requirement in CE Broker. If CE Broker’s records indicate you have not completed your CE, you will NOT be allowed to renew your license.**

If you have not completed the required 3 hours AND do not qualify for an exemption, you will NOT be able to renew your license.

***How many continuing education hours do I need to complete? What are the specific requirements?***

As of January 2018, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry no longer accepts any non-clinical hours for continuing education credit. All hours must be clinical in nature.

All dentists must complete 30 hours of clinical CE, and 20 of those hours must be personally attended.

All hygienists must complete 20 hours of clinical CE, and 12 of those hours must be personally attended.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

\*Licensees renewing in 2018 may complete EITHER the old requirements (40 hours for dentists and 24 hours for hygienists) OR the new requirements.

### ***Are webinar CE courses considered personally attended?***

NO. "Personally attended" means that you are physically in the room where the course is taking place. Live streaming webinars are NOT considered personally attended.

### ***Do I have to complete any CE to maintain my dental anesthesia permit?***

Dentists holding personal permits for moderate sedation or general anesthesia are required to maintain certification in ACLS and/or PALS.

As of January 2018, every FOUR YEARS, dentists holding an adult moderate sedation or general anesthesia personal permit must complete 12 personally attended hours related to adult sedation.

Every FOUR YEARS, dentists holding a pediatric moderate sedation or general anesthesia personal permit must complete 12 personally attended hours related to pediatric sedation.

If the dentist administers anesthesia to both adult and pediatric patients, 24 hours are required (12 for the adult sedation course and 12 for the pediatric sedation course).

These hours can count toward the 30 hours requirement.

### ***Must I send my anesthesia CE certificates to the board?***

NO Your CE requirements including anesthesia requirements must be reported to CE Broker, **not the board office.**

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS OR NAME

### ***How can I update my change of address or name with the Board?***

Licensees now have the option of logging in to the Board's website on the "Licensee Login" of the Board's website at [www.lsb.org](http://www.lsb.org) to make changes to their home and mailing addresses as well as which hygienists or dentists they are affiliated with.

You are not required to use the licensee login to update your information; all licensees may still use the change forms on the "Forms" page for all information changes. Changes by telephone are **not** accepted.

## DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS

### ***Does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry regulate or certify dental assistants?***

NO. The board does not regulate dental assistants.

The board provides a certificate confirmation for expanded duty dental assistants only after they have submitted proof of completion of a board approved EDDA course, board approved radiology course, a copy of the acceptable current CPR card, the EDDA certificate confirmation application, and the \$100 application fee. EDDAs may not perform expanded duties in the dental office until they receive their certificate confirmation from the board office. The EDDA application may be found on the "Forms" page of the board's website at [www.lsb.org](http://www.lsb.org).

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

*I have hired a registered/certified dental assistant. Isn't that the same thing as an EDDA? So can I just allow my new employee to perform the expanded duties?*

NO. The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry does not recognize the registered or certified dental assistant as equivalent to the EDDA. Dental assistants may not perform expanded duties in the dental office until they receive a certificate confirmation from the board office after meeting the board requirements.

### PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

*Are there any reporting requirements for dentists to the PMP?*

Reporting to the PMP is required only for dentists **dispensing** controlled substances.

“**Administering**” means the direct application of a drug to the body of a patient by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means.

“**Dispensing**” means the actual preparation and delivery of a controlled substance to the patient. Most dentists write prescriptions and the pharmacy then actually **dispenses** the controlled substance. Therefore, writing a prescription is **NOT** dispensing. Only those dentists who **dispense more than a forty-eight hour supply of controlled substances** to patients prior or subsequent to performing an actual procedure on a patient must report to the PMP.

This does **NOT** affect your ability to prescribe controlled substances. The PMP is for the reporting of **dispensed** controlled substances only. If you are registered as a **dispenser**, you **MUST** report to the PMP no later than the next business day following the date of dispensing.

## ***NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LICENSEES***

Effective January 2018, only **clinical** continuing education will be accepted. The total number of CE hours due will be reduced, but non-clinical courses will **NOT** be accepted. Additionally, dentists holding moderate or general anesthesia personal permits will have different requirements.

Dentists must complete **30** clinical hours of CE every two years. **20** hours must be personally attended. Hygienists must complete **20** clinical hours of CE every two years. **12** hours must be personally attended.

### ***NEW ANESTHESIA PERMIT RENEWAL CE REQUIREMENTS (DENTISTS ONLY)***

**Adult** moderate sedation or general anesthesia personal permit:

12 hours personally attended adult sedation course every FOUR years pertinent to level of permit held

**Pediatric** moderate sedation or general anesthesia personal permit:

12 hours personally pediatric sedation attended every FOUR years pertinent to level of permit held

*Dentists sedating both pediatric and adult patients must complete 24 personally attended hours every four years. These hours can count toward your 30 hour CE requirement.*

## **EMAIL NOTIFICATION**

The board has begun notifying licensees of office inspections and nominating meetings via email. If you have not yet done so, please provide your current email address to the board office so that you may receive these notices.

## CONGRATULATIONS 2017-2018 DENTAL LICENSEES

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Dr. Donna Bridge	Dr. Amirah Jackson	Dr. Sarah Peoples
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### LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY OFFICE RELOCATION

The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry office has moved to Baton Rouge effective January 1, 2018. The new telephone number is 225-219-7330; however, the 504-568-8574 telephone number is still active and will connect you to our office.

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**As of October 20, 2016, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry began accepting the ADEX clinical examination for dental hygiene licensure by examination. The ADEX examination is currently administered by CITA and CDCA (formerly NERB).**



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*You may download the latest copy of the Louisiana Dental Practice Act from our website.*

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