

§5-1-13. Special Volunteer License Continuing Education Requirements.

13.1. Each dentist or dental hygienist licensed as a volunteer shall complete continuing education biennially.

13.2. Approved Providers.

(a) The Continuing Education course must be offered by a Board approved provider.

(b) The Board approves any course or program sponsored by the providers as set forth in section 5.1.10.2 (b) of this rule.

13.3. Record Keeping, Reporting, & Monitoring:

(a) It is the responsibility of each dentist and dental hygienist to maintain accurate records relating to continuing education courses he or she has successfully completed.

(b) The records and information pertaining to each year shall be maintained for a period of six (6) years.

(c) A licensee shall report all continuing education courses on the form provided by the Board.

(d) The Board shall randomly audit the continuing education records maintained by each dentist and dental hygienist.

(e) Each dentist and dental hygienist shall submit to the Board by February 1, 2010, and every two years thereafter documentation of satisfactory completion of the required hours of continuing education during the previous two years.

13.4. Criteria

(a) The Board may not give continuing education credit for identical courses taken during the same continuing education reporting period.

(b) A volunteer licensee shall have a minimum of four (4) hours of continuing education, which shall include at least two (2) hours related to infection control.

(c) A current certification for a comprehensive basic life support course for a health care provider that includes: resuscitation on an adult, child, and infant; two-person rescuer; barrier mask or bag for ventilation; foreign body airway obstruction; and automated external defibrillation. A CPR certificate shall be obtained through the American Heart Association health care provider course, the American Red Cross professional rescuer course, or an equivalent course. Certification shall be required each continuing education period, and such certification may be counted as continuing education credits.

13.5. Categories of Credit. The licensee may select areas of study within the following categories, not to exceed the maximum number of hours in each category.

(a) Educational and scientific courses - One hundred percent (100%) of the requirement may be obtained by Educational and scientific courses given by permanent or Board-approved biennial

sponsors.

(b) Supervised self-instruction - Fifty percent (50%) of the requirement may be obtained in this category. Supervised self-instruction shall include a testing mechanism supplied by a permanent or Board approved biennial sponsor. The licensee shall complete a test and demonstrate a level of comprehension before the Board will award credit. Tests shall be graded by the sponsor and results returned to the licensee. Supervised self-instruction includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) Graded audio/video courses;
- (2) Graded correspondence courses; and
- (3) Graded computer courses.

(c) Compliance: Compliance with this rule is required for all volunteer licensees seeking license renewal beginning February 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter.

13.6. Penalties for Violation.

(a) The Board may not renew the license of any licensee who fails to meet the requirements of this section within six (6) months from the date the licensee is found to have not fulfilled the continuing education requirements of the Board.

(b) A false statement on a renewal form or continuing education reporting form constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action against the licensee as set forth in W. Va. Code §30-4-20.