

NOTICE REGARDING THE 2023 RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

On November 21, 2022, the Board of Dentistry (“Board”) voted to grant a blanket waiver allowing for acceptance of all continuing education (“CE”) courses completed through virtual means due to undue hardship from the pandemic, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) §16-79-147. This exemption will only be applied towards the required CE course hours for the biennial renewal period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

All CE hours will still need to be in the approved categories pursuant to HAR §16-79-141, and shall be taken from approved sponsoring organizations pursuant to HAR §16-79-142, or courses previously approved by the Board pursuant to HAR §16-79-143. Included, is the required Basic Life Support (“BLS”) for Healthcare Providers course sponsored by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, which may be completed through virtual means during the biennial renewal period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

A dentist administering general anesthesia or moderate sedation shall be required to complete the Advanced Cardiac Life Support (“ACLS”) course or if treating pediatric patients, the Pediatric Advanced Life Support (“PALS”) course; provided that both courses shall be completed if the dentist is treating pediatric patients and minors thirteen years or older. The ACLS and/or the PALS course may be completed through virtual means during the biennial renewal period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

For further information, please see:

- HAR § 16-79-141 (continuing education categories);
- HAR § 16-79-142 (approved sponsoring organizations);
- HAR § 16-79-143 (requirements for approval by the board);
- HAR § 16-79-144 (biennial renewal); and
- HAR § 16-79-147 (waiver or modification of requirements).