

NOTICE REGARDING EXTENSION OF WAIVER ACCEPTING VIRTUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION (“CE”)

Effective January 22, 2024

On January 22, 2024, the Board of Dentistry (“Board”) voted to grant an extension to its previous blanket waiver allowing for acceptance of all continuing education (“CE”) courses completed through virtual means due to continued undue hardship from the pandemic, pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) §16-79-147(b)(5). This exemption will only be applied towards the required CE course hours for the biennial renewal period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. **However, all virtual CEs for this waiver extension must be conducted in real-time.**

Additionally, the blanket waiver does **NOT** include the skills-portion of Basic Life Support (“BLS”), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (“ACLS”), or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (“PALS”) courses. Therefore, the skills-portion of BLS, ACLS, and PALS courses must be taken **in-person** to meet the CE requirement. Licensees are reminded that, pursuant to HAR §16-79-141(a)(2)(B), all BLS, ACLS, and PALS courses must be sponsored by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross to qualify.

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.

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.

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).