

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

Effective January 26, 2026

On January 26, 2026, the Board of Dentistry ("Board") voted to extend the blanket waiver allowing for the acceptance of of Continuing Education ("CE") through virtual means.

The current waiver allows 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, 2026 to December 31, 2027.

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).
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