

HOW TO GET CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS FOR BLS CPR CERTIFICATION

DENTAL BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (BLS)

The California Dental Board credits 4-hours of continuing education units for the American Heart Association BLS Provider certification.

A copy of your American Heart Association BLS Provider card is all you need to receive 4-hours of CEU's from the California Dental Board.

An individual provider number is NOT necessary.

You may contact the California Dental Board directly at **916-263-2300**, or by email at dentalboard@dca.ca.gov

https://www.dbc.ca.gov/licensees/dds/cont_ed.shtml

To complete the continuing education requirements as outlined in [Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1016 and 1017](#) for renewal of a license or permit, the following conditions must be met:

- The provider offering the courses must be a Continuing Education (CE) Registered Provider licensed by the Board, or a provider approved by the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE). **Each individual course is not approved by the Board.**
- Completion of the mandatory courses:
 - **1. Basic Life Support (BLS) course provided by the American Red Cross (ARC), American Heart Association (AHA), or a provider approved by PACE or CERP. A maximum of 4 credits will be awarded for completion of this course.**
 - Online courses will not be accepted for the BLS requirement. The course must include a live, in-person skills practice session, a skills test and a written examination.
 - 2. California Infection Control* – This course must be 2-units and be taken through a Registered Provider approved by the Board to offer this mandatory course.
 - 3. California Dental Practice Act* – This course must be 2-units and be taken through a Registered Provider approved by the Board to offer this mandatory course.

*** In order for the mandatory course certificates to be accepted by the Board, you must ensure that you have taken the course from an approved mandatory course provider. To identify if a provider is approved to teach the mandatory courses, please see the section titled, Mandatory Course Provider Lookup.**

- No more than 50% of the total required units may be taken as non-live or correspondence courses.
 - Interactive courses such as live video conferencing, live webinar, live lecture and live workshop demonstrations may be considered as a live course.
- No more than eight (8) units per day can be applied to the total unit requirement.
- Licensees are required to retain certificates of course completion that were issued to him/her at the time he/she attended a continuing education course for a period of three (3) renewal periods.
- Dental licensees renewing for the first time are exempt from continuing education requirements.