

**Board of Dental Examiners
Policy on Computing Required Continuing Education Credits**

For Mandatory Continuing Education Requirements effective July 1, 2006

Adopted: October 11, 2006

The Vermont legislature enacted continuing education requirements for Dentists. The law becomes effective as of July 1, 2006. The relevant part of the statute reads: 26 V.S.A. § 810(c) reads: “In order to be eligible for renewal, an applicant shall document completion of no fewer than 30 hours of board-approved continuing professional education which shall include emergency office procedures courses during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal. This provision shall apply only to renewals after an applicant’s initial two years of practice in Vermont.”

The current licensing period began October 1, 2005. It ends on September 30, 2007. The portion of the current licensing period in which the continuing education requirement applies is only 15 of the 24 months of the two-year licensing period. To implement the intent of the law, the Board interprets this statute to require, on a pro rated basis, 18 hours of continuing education for renewals coming at the end of September 2007. Continuing education taken after October 1, 2005 which otherwise meets Board requirements will be accepted by the Board for the September 2007 renewal.

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