

1. The course is offered in a subject matter and in a format permissible pursuant to the provisions of this section;

2. The course is conducted by a qualified instructor or discussion leader; and

3. The course is at least one hour in length.

(g) Applications for pre-approval of continuing education programs must be submitted by the program sponsor on the form provided by the Board at least 45 days prior to the date the continuing education program is to be offered. Incomplete applications shall be returned to the sponsor and may result in a failure to grant prior approval of the program. Although failure to obtain prior approval shall not preclude acceptance of the program, there shall be no assurance that the Board will grant approval retroactively.

(h) A licensee may select from any of the areas of study listed below, except that for purposes of obtaining continuing education credits towards the mandatory requirement the licensee may not exceed the maximum number of hours permitted in each category for each biennial period.

1. Educational and scientific courses:

i. A licensee may obtain all of the required continuing education hours in this category.

ii. The following shall satisfy the entire continuing education requirement (40 hours) for a biennial registration period:

(1) Completion of an accredited one-year dental residency program; or

(2) Attendance at, or completion of, an approved advanced education program leading to specialty certification in endodontics, oral surgery, oral pathology, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics or public health.

iii. A maximum of six hours of continuing education credit shall be given to a student or an instructor for basic C.P.R. courses.

iv. A maximum of 10 hours of continuing education credit shall be given for videotape, audiotape or correspondence courses. The course must include a written post-test in order to be eligible for credit, and such test shall be retained by the licensee as an additional record of completion of the course.

v. A maximum of seven hours of continuing education credit shall be given for practice management/managed care courses.

2. Papers, publications and scientific presentations:

i. A licensee may obtain a maximum of 20 hours of continuing education credit in this category.

ii. A maximum of 10 hours of continuing education credit shall be given for each original scientific paper

authored by the licensee and published in a refereed journal. At the discretion of the Board, these 10 hours may be divided among all co-authors.

iii. For each original presentation of a paper, essay or formal lecture to a recognized group of fellow professionals, the presenter shall receive two hours of continuing education credit for every hour of presentation.

3. Teaching and research appointments:

i. A licensee involved in teaching or research activities at least one full day or the equivalent of one full day per week per academic year and who holds at least a part-time faculty or research appointment shall receive four hours of continuing education credit annually for each full day or two hours annually for each half day.

ii. A licensee may obtain a maximum of 20 continuing education credit hours in this category in a biennial period.

4. Table clinics and scientific exhibits:

i. A licensee may obtain a maximum of eight continuing education hours in this category.

ii. The original presentation of a table clinic or scientific exhibit at a professional meeting will provide a maximum of one hour of continuing education credit per clinic or exhibit for each two hours of presentation.

(i) Those licensees who complete 20 hours of continuing education credit in accordance with the requirements for parenteral conscious sedation and/or general anesthesia permit holders pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.2 and 8.3 shall be given credit for all 20 hours towards fulfilling the general requirement for professional continuing education under this section so long as the credits otherwise comply with the provisions of this section.

(j) A maximum of seven continuing education credits completed by a licensee in excess of the requirement as herein provided may be credited to the subsequent registration period.

(k) Any continuing education courses directed or ordered by the Board as a remedial measure shall not be eligible to fulfill the general mandatory continuing education requirement.

(l) The Board may, in its discretion, waive all or a portion of the requirements for continuing dental education on an individual basis for reasons of hardship such as illness or disability or other good cause. Any licensee seeking a waiver of the continuing education requirement must apply to the Board in writing and set forth with specificity the reasons for requesting the waiver. The licensee also shall provide the Board with such additional information as it may reasonably request in support of the application.

New Rule, R.1993 d.413, effective August 16, 1993.
 See: 25 N.J.R. 1344(a), 25 N.J.R. 3837(b).
 Amended by R.1994 d.621, effective December 19, 1994.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 1948(a), 26 N.J.R. 5032(b).
 Amended by R.1998 d.165, effective April 6, 1998.
 See: 29 N.J.R. 5046(b), 30 N.J.R. 1293(a).
 Rewrote the section.

13:30-8.19 (Reserved)**13:30-8.20 (Reserved)****13:30-8.21 Divestiture of interest in professional corporations by disqualified licensees**

(a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings unless the context indicates otherwise:

1. "Board" means the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry.

2. "Disqualify" means to prohibit a licensee from engaging in professional practice and from deriving income from that practice as a result of a revocation, permanent surrender, with or without prejudice, or active suspension of licensure of one year or more. As used in this section, a licensee shall not be deemed disqualified if he or she is permitted to practice dentistry in a limited fashion, is the subject of an order of suspension which is stayed or if the duration of a suspension is less than one year.

3. "Divest" means to relinquish interest of all shares or equity interest in a professional corporation.

4. "Licensee" means any person licensed by the Board to engage in the practice of dentistry.

5. "Professional practice" means that activity which is defined as "practicing dentistry" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:6-19.

6. "Professional corporation" means a corporation comprised of one or more persons, each of whom is duly licensed by the Board, which has been organized pursuant to the Professional Service Corporation Act (N.J.S.A. 14A:17 et seq.) for the purpose of engaging in professional practice.

(b) A licensee disqualified pursuant to Board order shall divest his or her interest in each professional corporation for which the holding of a license issued by the Board is a prerequisite. The licensee shall complete such divestiture within 90 days of the entry of the Board order and shall furnish proof of divestiture to the Board.

(c) If all shareholders of a professional corporation are disqualified pursuant to Board order, the employees of the professional corporation shall cease to engage in professional practice in the professional corporation until the professional corporation is restructured in membership and in a format authorized to engage in professional practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 14A:17-13.

(d) Transfer of any shares or equity interest to a member of the licensee's immediate family shall not be deemed a divestiture as required in (b) above unless:

1. The immediate family member held an interest in the professional corporation prior to the licensee's disqualification; and

2. The immediate family member was actively engaged in the practice of dentistry within the professional corporation prior to the licensee's disqualification.

New Rule, R.1998 d.286, effective June 1, 1998.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 516(d), 30 N.J.R. 2049(a).