

# AM I DUE FOR CE?

Dental License Renewal & CE Requirements — 6-State Quick Reference

Oklahoma · Missouri · Texas · Arkansas · Nebraska · Kansas



**How to use this guide:** Find your state, then your role (Dentist, Hygienist, or Assistant). The table shows your total CE hours, mandatory topics, online limits, and your renewal deadline. Always verify current requirements directly with your state dental board — requirements can change. **Learn Today offers board-approved courses in OK & MO. Call (918) 232-2836 · [LearnTodayDental.com](http://LearnTodayDental.com)**

## QUICK REFERENCE — Total CE Hours by State & License Type

State	Dentist Total Hrs	Hygienist Total Hrs	Assistant Total Hrs	Renewal Deadline	Cycle
Oklahoma	40 / 2 yrs	20 / 2 yrs	2 hrs infect. control / 2 yrs	Dec 31 annually	2-year reporting Jul–Jun
Missouri	50 / 2 yrs	30 / 2 yrs	None (basic) 16 / 5 yrs (EFDA)	Nov 30 (even yrs)	2-year period Dec–Nov
Texas	24 / 2 yrs	24 / 2 yrs	12 / 2 yrs (RDA)	Birth month (every 2 yrs)	2-year tied to birth month
Arkansas	50 / 2 yrs	40 / 2 yrs	2 hrs infect. control / 2 yrs	June 27 (every 2 yrs)	2-year period
Nebraska	30 / 2 yrs	30 / 2 yrs	None (unlicensed) Per permits (LDA)	Mar 1 (odd yrs)	2-year preceding period
Kansas	60 / 2 yrs	30 / 2 yrs	None	Dec 1 (by license #)	2-year Oct–Dec window

## O Oklahoma

**K** Oklahoma Board of Dentistry (OBD)

Deadline: Dec 31 each year  
Period: Jul 1, 2025 – Jun 30, 2027

Role	Total Hours Required	Mandatory Topics	Online / Self-Study Limit
Dentist (DDS/DMD)	40 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CPR/BLS — live, hands-on (AHA or equiv.) — every 2 yrs</li> <li>● Ethics — at least once per cycle</li> <li>● Newly licensed: 2-hr opioid prescribing class within 1st year</li> </ul>	Max 20 hrs online (of 40 total)
Dental Hygienist (RDH)	20 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CPR/BLS — live, hands-on (AHA or equiv.) — every 2 yrs</li> <li>● Ethics — at least once per cycle</li> </ul>	Max 10 hrs online (of 20 total)
Dental Assistant (DA)	2 hrs infection control / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 hrs infection control (required)</li> <li>● OMS assistants: 8 hrs total incl. 1 hr infection control</li> </ul>	No stated cap for DAs

### What Qualifies as Board-Approved CE

- ✓ ADA CERP or AGD PACE recognized courses
- ✓ Live in-person CE seminars & conferences
- ✓ Live interactive webinars (can ask/answer questions)
- ✓ Learn Today Dental Education board-approved courses
- ✓ BLS/CPR (live, hands-on) — counts toward total

### What Does NOT Count

- ✗ Online-only courses above the hourly cap (>20 hrs DDS / >10 hrs RDH)
- ✗ Practice management / financial / investment courses
- ✗ Professional org. business meetings (non-educational portions)

Reporting: CE Broker (cebroker.com) — as of Jul 1, 2025 **Late penalty:** \$1,000 fine (DDS) / \$500 (RDH) + makeup hours **Board:** [oklahoma.gov/dentistry](http://oklahoma.gov/dentistry)



# Missouri

Missouri Dental Board (MDB)

Deadline: Nov 30 of even-numbered years

Period: Dec 1, 2024 – Nov 30, 2026

Role	Total Hours Required	Mandatory Topics	Online / Self-Study Limit
Dentist (DDS/DMD)	50 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BLS/CPR — current certification required for licensure</li> <li>● No specific mandatory topic (all must be patient-related)</li> <li>● Up to 10 hrs may be management-related</li> </ul>	All 50 hrs may be home study/online
Dental Hygienist (RDH)	30 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BLS/CPR — current certification required for licensure</li> <li>● No specific mandatory topic (all must be patient-related)</li> <li>● Up to 5 hrs may be management-related</li> </ul>	All 30 hrs may be home study/online
Dental Assistant (DA)	No state CE req. for basic DA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EFDA permit holders: 16 hrs / 5-yr cycle + BLS (exp. Feb 28, 2028)</li> <li>● Online-only CE does NOT satisfy BLS requirement</li> </ul>	EFDA CE: all hrs may be online (except BLS)

### What Qualifies as Board-Approved CE

- ✓ ADA CERP or AGD PACE recognized courses
- ✓ All courses directly related to patient care & clinical skills
- ✓ Home study with post-test and certificate
- ✓ BLS/CPR (in-person hands-on) — counts toward total
- ✓ Learn Today CPR/BLS courses (for EFDA permit renewal)

### What Does NOT Count

- ✗ Online-only BLS/CPR — does NOT satisfy BLS requirement
- ✗ Courses not directly related to patient treatment

Reporting: MOPRO online system (as of Jan 2025) **Late penalty:** License expires; late renewal requires extra CE **Board:** [pr.mo.gov/dental](http://pr.mo.gov/dental) | MOPRO online system



# Texas

TX State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE)

Deadline: Birth month (every 2 years)

Period: Varies by individual — check [tsbde.texas.gov](http://tsbde.texas.gov)

Role	Total Hours Required	Mandatory Topics	Online / Self-Study Limit
Dentist (DDS/DMD)	24 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 16 hrs must be technical/scientific (clinical)</li> <li>● Human trafficking prevention (HHSC-approved) — each renewal</li> <li>● 4 hrs opioid/pain mgmt. (DEA registrants) — each renewal</li> <li>● Jurisprudence assessment — every 4 years (separate from CE)</li> </ul>	Max 8 hrs self-study (of 24 total)
Dental Hygienist (RDH)	24 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 16 hrs technical/scientific (clinical)</li> <li>● Human trafficking prevention — each renewal</li> <li>● Jurisprudence assessment — every 4 years</li> </ul>	Max 8 hrs self-study (of 24 total)
Dental Assistant (RDA)	12 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 6 hrs in-person or live interactive webinar</li> <li>● Human trafficking prevention — each renewal</li> <li>● BLS/CPR required for RDA registration</li> </ul>	Max 6 hrs self-study (of 12 total)

### What Qualifies as Board-Approved CE

- ✓ TSBDE-approved provider courses (verify provider list)
- ✓ ADA CERP or AGD PACE recognized (most accepted)
- ✓ Live interactive webinars (must be able to ask/answer questions)
- ✓ PALS / ACLS — counts toward CE (dentists with sedation permits)
- ✓ Risk management, HIPAA, ethics — up to 8 hrs

### What Does NOT Count

- ✗ OSHA courses — do NOT count toward the 24-hr requirement
- ✗ CPR/BLS — does NOT count toward CE hours in TX
- ✗ Practice finance courses
- ✗ Jurisprudence assessment hours (separate requirement)

Reporting: TSBDE Online Licensing System — paper apps ended Sep 1, 2024 **Late penalty:** No grace period; penalty fee added for 1–90 days late **Board:** [tsbde.texas.gov](http://tsbde.texas.gov)

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## Arkansas

AR State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE)

Deadline: June 27 (every 2 years)  
Period: Verify with ASBDE (501-682-2085)

Role	Total Hours Required	Mandatory Topics	Online / Self-Study Limit
Dentist (DDS/DMD)	50 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 1 hr infection control — each renewal</li> <li>● CPR at Healthcare Provider level — required</li> <li>● DEA registrants: 8-hr opioid/substance use course (one-time)</li> </ul>	All hrs may be home study (with post-test)
Dental Hygienist (RDH)	40 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 1 hr infection control — each renewal</li> <li>● CPR at Healthcare Provider level — required</li> </ul>	All hrs may be home study (with post-test)
Dental Assistant (RDA)	2 hrs infection control / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 hrs infection control — each renewal</li> <li>● CPR at Healthcare Provider level — required</li> </ul>	No stated cap

### What Qualifies as Board-Approved CE

- ✓ Any course directly related to patient care and clinical skills
- ✓ ADA/AGD-approved course providers
- ✓ Home study with post-test and certificate
- ✓ CPR at Healthcare Provider level — required (not counted toward hours)

### What Does NOT Count

- ✗ Courses not related to patient care or dental practice management
- ✗ CPR courses not at Healthcare Provider level

**Reporting:** ASBDE — contact board for reporting details **Late penalty:** License lapses; reinstatement requires additional steps **Board:** [healthy.arkansas.gov/boards/dental-examiners](http://healthy.arkansas.gov/boards/dental-examiners)

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## Nebraska

NE DHHS / Board of Dentistry

Deadline: Mar 1 of odd-numbered years  
Period: CE earned before Mar 1, 2025 → next deadline Mar 1, 2027

Role	Total Hours Required	Mandatory Topics	Online / Self-Study Limit
Dentist (DDS/DMD)	30 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 2 hrs infection control — each cycle</li> <li>● Sedation permit holders: min. 6 hrs sedation-related CE</li> <li>● Opioid prescribers: 3 hrs opioid CE (incl. 0.5 hr PDMP)</li> </ul>	Max 10 hrs home study (of 30 total)
Dental Hygienist (RDH)	30 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 2 hrs infection control — each cycle</li> </ul>	Max 10 hrs home study (of 30 total)
Dental Assistant (LDA)	No stated CE req. for unlicensed DA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LDA with expanded function permits: follow board CE rules</li> <li>● Nitrous monitoring: CPR certification required (no hrs req.)</li> </ul>	—

### What Qualifies as Board-Approved CE

- ✓ ADA / state association meetings and programs
- ✓ University/college-sponsored dental CE courses
- ✓ CPR/BLS certification or recertification — counts toward total
- ✓ Home study with testing mechanism (post-test required)
- ✓ Presenting CE programs (limited credit)
- ✓ Volunteer activities (e.g., Mission of Mercy)

### What Does NOT Count

- ✗ Home study above the 10-hr cap
- ✗ Home study without a testing mechanism (unless abstract submitted)
- ✗ Non-dental topics unrelated to patient care

**Reporting:** NE DHHS licensure portal **Late penalty:** License lapses; reinstatement required **Board:** [dhhs.ne.gov/licensure](http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure) | (402) 471-2115

# Kansas

Kansas Dental Board (KDB)

Deadline: Dec 1 (odd-year license = odd year; even = even year)

Period: Oct 1 – Dec 1 of your license number year

Role	Total Hours Required	Mandatory Topics	Online / Self-Study Limit
Dentist (DDS/DMD)	60 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 2 hrs ethics</li> <li>● CPR/BLS (hands-on) — counts up to 4 hrs toward total</li> <li>● Specialists: 40 of 60 hrs must be in specialty area</li> </ul>	No cap — all hrs may be online/self-study
Dental Hygienist (RDH)	30 hrs / 2 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Min. 1 hr ethics</li> <li>● CPR/BLS (hands-on) — counts up to 4 hrs toward total</li> <li>● Extended Care Permit II holders: min. 6 hrs special needs care</li> </ul>	No cap — all hrs may be online/self-study
Dental Assistant (DA)	No CE requirements for DAs in Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No CE required for any level of DA</li> <li>● Nitrous monitoring: CPR required (no CE hours specified)</li> </ul>	—

### What Qualifies as Board-Approved CE

- ✓ ADA CERP or AGD PACE recognized courses
- ✓ State/national dental association meetings
- ✓ University-sponsored dental CE courses
- ✓ CPR/BLS (hands-on portion required) — up to 4 hrs credit
- ✓ Self-study and online courses — no cap in KS

### What Does NOT Count

- ✗ Non-dental topics not related to clinical dental knowledge
- ✗ CPR courses without hands-on component

Reporting: KDB online portal — CE audit only (not submitted annually) Late penalty: License lapses; retain CE records for audit Board: dental.ks.gov

## What Almost Always Counts as CE (All 6 States)

✓ ADA CERP or AGD PACE recognized courses	Accepted by all 6 boards. Always verify provider is listed.
✓ Live in-person CE seminars & conferences	State/national dental association meetings, university-sponsored courses.
✓ Live interactive webinars	Must allow real-time Q&A.; Most states accept in place of in-person.
✓ CPR/BLS — live, hands-on	Required by most states. Counts toward CE total in OK, MO, NE, KS. Does NOT count in TX.
✓ Learn Today board-approved courses	OBD-approved in Oklahoma. We come to your office — eligible for state CE credit.
✓ OSHA compliance training	Generally counts as CE (except TX — does not count toward the 24-hr TX requirement).

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