

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY POLICY STATEMENT ON DISCIPLINING
CONTINUING EDUCATION DEFICIENCIES**

DENTIST

Should a licensed Tennessee dentist fail to obtain the required amount of continuing education during a biennial CE cycle, the following shall occur:

1. The licensee must pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$600 within thirty days of notification from the Board; and
2. The licensee must make up the amount of hours he or she is deficient. All deficient hours must be made up within ninety days of notification from the Board. If a licensee is deficient in hours for a particular category of required CE (i.e., chemical dependency hours or CPR hours), the licensee must make up the hours required for that particular category. If a licensee is deficient in CPR hours, such licensee must also provide proof within ninety days that he or she is currently certified in CPR.

CE make-up hours do not count toward the hour requirement for any CE cycle other than the one which was found to be deficient.

In the event a licensed Tennessee dentist fails for a second time to obtain the required amount of continuing education during a biennial CE cycle, such licensee must pay a \$1,200 civil penalty, and must also meet the requirements of number 2, above.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Should a licensed Tennessee dental hygienist fail to obtain the required amount of continuing education during a biennial CE cycle, the following shall occur:

1. The licensee must pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$300 within thirty days of notification from the Board; and
2. The licensee must make up the amount of hours he or she is deficient. All deficient hours must be made up within ninety days of notification from the Board. If a licensee is deficient in hours for a particular category of required CE (i.e., chemical dependency hours or CPR hours), the licensee must make up the hours required for that particular category. If a licensee is deficient in CPR hours, such licensee must also provide proof within ninety days that he or she is currently certified in CPR.

CE make-up hours do not count toward the hour requirement for any CE cycle other than the one which was found to be deficient.

In the event a licensed Tennessee dental hygienist fails for a second time to obtain the required amount of continuing education during a biennial CE cycle, such licensee must pay a \$600 civil penalty, and must also meet the requirements of number 2, above.

REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT

Should a registered Tennessee dental assistant fail to obtain the required amount of continuing education during a biennial CE cycle, the following shall occur:

1. The licensee must pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$150 within thirty days of notification from the Board; and
2. The licensee must make up the amount of hours he or she is deficient. All deficient hours must be made up within ninety days of notification from the Board. If a licensee is deficient in hours for a particular category of required CE (i.e., chemical dependency hours or CPR hours), the licensee must make up the hours required for that particular category. If a licensee is deficient in CPR hours, such licensee must also provide proof within ninety days that he or she is currently certified in CPR.

CE make-up hours do not count toward the hour requirement for any CE cycle other than the one which was found to be deficient.

In the event a registered Tennessee dental assistant fails for a second time to obtain the required amount of continuing education during a biennial CE cycle, such licensee must pay a \$300 civil penalty, and must also meet the requirements of number 2, above.

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