

## Continuing Education for License Renewal

The Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners does not have authority to approve courses for continuing dental education for the renewal of licensure or certificate. The licensee is responsible for selecting continuing dental education courses which meet the requirement in Arizona Administrative Code (AAC).

The licensee should first look at the definition of “recognized continuing dental education” found in AAC Title 4, Chapter 11, Article 1 which states:

"Recognized continuing dental education" means a program whose content directly relates to the art and science of oral health and treatment, provided by a recognized dental school as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1201(18), recognized dental hygiene school as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1201(17), or recognized dentist school as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1201(19), or sponsored by a national or state dental, dental hygiene, or dentist association, American Dental Association, Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA CERP) or Academy of General Dentistry, Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD PACE) approved provider, dental, dental hygiene, or dentist study club, governmental agency, commercial dental supplier, non-profit organization, accredited hospital, or programs or courses approved by other state, district, or territorial dental licensing boards.

If the courses meet the above criteria, the Board will accept the course as recognized continuing dental education.

If you sponsor or give a course, and you have determined that you meet the criteria as stated in the definition of “Recognized continuing dental education” you must provide “Document of attendance” as defined in AAC Title 4, Chapter 11, Article 1 which states:

“Documentation of attendance” means documents that contain the following information:

- Name of the sponsoring entity;
- Course title;
- Number of credit hours;
- Name of speaker; and
- Date, time and location of the course.

You should also be aware of some other definitions related to continuing education for license renewal:

“Study club” means a group of at least five Arizona licensed dentists, dental hygienists, or denturists who provide written course materials or a written outline for a continuing education presentation that meets the requirements of Article 12.

(Article 12 is the Continuing Dental Education and Renewal Requirements. The Dental Board does not register, or track study clubs.)

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“Credit hour” means one clock hour of participation in a recognized continuing dental education program.