

This is an amendment to 16.5.1 NMAC, Sections 8 and 10, effective 4/21/2026.

16.5.62.8 HOURS REQUIRED: ~~[15 hours of continuing education in addition to the 45 hours required for the dental hygiene license, a maximum of fifty percent of the required 15 hours can be on line, webinars or self-study are required during each triennial renewal cycle as defined in 16.5.1 NMAC. Continuing education received after submission of renewal materials but prior to actual expiration date may be used for the requirements of the next renewal cycle. Continuing education requirements are pro-rated at 20 hours per full year of the initial licensing period. Initial licenses issued for less than a full year do not require continuing education for the first renewal.]~~ Fifteen hours of continuing education in addition to the 45 hours required for the dental hygiene license are required during each triennial renewal cycle as defined in 16.5.1 NMAC. Continuing education received after submission of renewal materials but prior to actual expiration date may be used for the requirements of the next renewal cycle. Continuing education requirements are pro-rated at 20 hours per year for individuals licensed for less than three years. Initial licenses issued for less than a full year require 20 hours of continuing education for the first renewal.
[16.5.62.8 NMAC - N, 5/30/2021; A, 4/21/2026]

16.5.62.10 VERIFICATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION: The board will select renewal applications for verification of continuing education. Audit requests will be included with the renewal notice and those selected individuals will be asked to submit proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements. Continuing education records may be audited by the board at any time. The records identified in Subsection F of 16.5.1.15 NMAC are considered acceptable forms of documentation. Continuing education records must be maintained for ~~[one year following the renewal cycle in which they are earned.]~~ four years.
[16.5.62.10 NMAC - N, 5/30/2021; A, 4/21/2026]