

This is an amendment to 16.5.44 NMAC, Sections 8, 9 and 10, effective 4/21/2026.

**16.5.44.8 HOURS REQUIRED:** ~~[36 hours of continuing education, a maximum of 12 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 12 hours per year for individuals certified for less than three years.]~~ Thirty six hours of continuing education 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 12 hours per year for individuals certified for less than three years. Initial certifications issued for less than a full year require 12 hours of continuing education for the first renewal.

[16.5.44.8 NMAC - N, 1/9/2012; A, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.44.9 COURSES REQUIRED:** Continuing education coursework must contribute directly to the practice of expanded function dental auxiliary. The following courses are required for certification renewal:

**A.** as further defined in 16.5.1.16 NMAC, a course in infection control techniques and sterilization procedures per renewal period;

~~**B.** proof of current certification in basic life support (BLS) or cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) accepted by the American heart association, the American red cross, or the American safety and health institute (ASHI); cannot be a self study course; and~~

~~**C.** 12 hours in restorative dentistry.]~~

**B.** ethics and jurisprudence. Proof of completion of a course in ethics or jurisprudence that includes topics related to the New Mexico dental health care act and board rules;

**C.** proof of current basic life support (BLS) or cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification accepted by the American heart association, the American heart association (AHA), the American red cross (ARC), or the American safety and health institute/health and safety institute (ASHI/HSI); cannot be a self-study course; and

**D.** 12 hours in restorative dentistry.

[16.5.44.9 NMAC - N, 1/9/2012; A, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.44.10 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 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.

[16.5.44.10 NMAC - N, 1/9/2012; A, 4/21/2026]