

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Board of Dentistry



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Board of Dentistry Licensing Accommodations due to COVID-19

Continuing Education

During the teleconference Board Meeting held on Friday, April 3, 2020, the Board approved to waive the 50% online continuing education restriction for the current CE cycle. For the upcoming renewal, 100% of continuing education may be obtain online during the time period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Following the renewal, the 50% online CE allowance will go back into effect. For additional CE information, please visit the Board website at https://www.llr.sc.gov/bod/ce.aspx.

Utilization of CE Broker tracking system <u>will not</u> be mandatory for the upcoming renewal. Licensees are encouraged to activate their free CE Broker account and begin to gain familiarization with the system. The Board office is working closely with CE Broker to address several concerns brought to the Board's attention. Expanded information on how to utilize CE Broker and course reporting is currently being developed and will be posted to the Board website in the coming months. Licensees will be sent additional notification once information has been posted.

Dental Resident Limited License

In response to postponed examinations, the Board, during the teleconference Board Meeting held on Friday, April 3, 2020, approved the temporary creation of a Dental Resident Limited License for residencies starting in 2020. The limited license will allow a resident to practice dentistry under certain parameters outlined by the Board. The limited license will be valid for a year. Applications are currently being developed and will be posted to the Board website shortly.

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is working closely with state officials regarding the recent travel restrictions and state closures. At this time, the public is restricted from entering the LLR Kingstree Building. However, the board staff is working remotely and will assist you as quickly as they can. Licensees and other members of the public needing assistance are encouraged to visit the Board website at www.llr.sc.gov or contact the Board office at 803-896-4599 or at contact.dentistry@llr.sc.gov. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate updates via email and Board website.

Sincerely,

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