

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
RULE 150-3-.10 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER LICENSES. AND NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") proposes a new Rule to Georgia Board of Dentistry Rules: Rule 150-3-.10 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER LICENSES. (hereinafter "proposed rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Dentistry's web page at <http://gbd.georgia.gov/>.

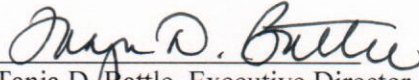
A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM on January 22, 2016 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received prior to January 12, 2016. Written comments should be addressed to Executive Director of the Georgia Board of Dentistry at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 FAX: 678-717-6435. You may email your comments to [tbattle@dch.ga.gov](mailto:tbattle@dch.ga.gov).

The proposed rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Dentistry at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:35 AM on January 22, 2016 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Dentistry has the authority to adopt the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-40, 43-11-46, 43-11-46.1.

At its meeting on December 11, 2015, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-9. The formulation and adoption of these amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of dentistry.

For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000. This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 21st day of December, 2015.

  
Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director  
Georgia Board of Dentistry

Posted: December 21, 2015

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE OF THE GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
RULE 150-3-.10 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER LICENSES.**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to permit volunteer licensees an alternative method to satisfy the requirements for continuing education.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to offer two options for compliance with continuing education requirements for volunteer dentists and dental hygienists.

**PROPOSED RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
RULE 150-3-.10 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER LICENSES.**

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**RULE 150-3-.10 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER LICENSES.**

(1) A dentist licensed to practice in the State of Georgia as a volunteer shall maintain and furnish to the Board, upon request, official documentation of having completed a minimum of forty (40) hours of continuing education during each biennium. Official documentation shall be defined as documentation from an approved provider that verifies a licensee's attendance at a particular continuing education course. Official documentation of course attendance must be maintained by a dentist for at least three (3) years following the end of the biennium during which the course as taken.

(a) A dentist holding a volunteer license in the State of Georgia may complete his or her continuing education requirements in the manner described in Rule 150-3-.09; or alternatively, a dentist holding a volunteer license may complete his or her continuing education requirements in the manner described in this Rule. Should a dentist holding a volunteer license choose to meet his or her continuing education requirements in the manner described in this Rule, all forty (40) hours of continuing education must be clinical.

(b) A dentist holding a volunteer license in the State of Georgia may complete up to thirty (30) hours of continuing education per biennium by providing uncompensated dental care at a public agency or institution, not-for-profit agency, not-for-profit institution, non-profit corporation or not-for-profit association which provides dentistry services to indigent patients. Such continuing education credits will be applied toward the dentist's clinical continuing education requirements and shall be credited at the rate of one (1) hour of continuing education for every hour of indigent dental care the dentist provides, but shall be subject to the following criteria:

1. All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year renewal period;

2. All appropriate medical/dental records must be kept;

3. Dentists shall at all times be required to meet the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice in Georgia;

4. The Board shall have the right to request the following:

(i) Documentation from the organization indicating that the dentist provided the dental services;

(ii) Documentation from the organization that it provided medical and/or dental services to the indigent and/or those making up the underserved populations;

(iii) Notarized verifications from the organization documenting the dentist's agreement not to receive compensation for the services provided;

(iv) Documentation from the organization detailing the actual number of hours spent providing said services; and

(v) Documentation from the dentist and/or organization verifying the services provided.

(c) Should a dentist licensed in the State of Georgia as a volunteer choose to satisfy a portion of the requirement of forty (40) hours of continuing education by providing uncompensated dental care as

provided for in (1)(b), the dentist must complete the remaining continuing education, which must be clinical, from a provider satisfying the requirements described in Rule 150-3-.09.

(d) Four credit (4) hours for successful completion of the CPR course required by Georgia law and may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements per renewal period.

(2) A dental hygienist licensed to practice as a volunteer in the State of Georgia shall maintain and furnish to the Board upon request, official documentation of having completed a minimum of twenty-two (22) hours of continuing education during each biennium. Official documentation shall be defined as documentation from an approved provider that verifies a licensee's attendance at a particular continuing education course. Official documentation of course attendance must be maintained by a dentist for at least three (3) years following the end of the biennium during which the course was taken.

(a) A dental hygienist holding a volunteer license in the State of Georgia may complete his or her continuing education requirements in the manner described in Rule 150-5-.05; or alternatively, a dental hygienist holding a volunteer license may complete his or her continuing education requirements in the manner described in this Rule. Should a dental hygienist holding a volunteer license choose to meet his or her continuing education requirements in the manner described in this Rule, all twenty-two (22) hours of continuing education must be scientific, in the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or to the community.

(b) A dental hygienist holding a volunteer license in the State of Georgia may complete up to fifteen (15) hours of continuing education per biennium by providing uncompensated dental care at a public agency or institution, not-for-profit agency, not-for-profit institution, non-profit corporation, or not-for-profit association which provides dentistry services to indigent patients. Such continuing education credits will be applied toward the dental hygienist's scientific continuing education requirements, and shall be credited at the rate of one (1) hour of continuing education for every hour of indigent dental care the dental hygienist provides, but shall be subject to the following criteria:

1. All credit hours must be received during the two (2) year renewal period;

2. Dental hygienists shall at all times be required to meet the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice in Georgia;

3. The Board shall have the right to request the following:

(i) Documentation from the organization indicating that the dental hygienist provided the dental services;

(ii) Documentation from the organization that it provided medical and/or dental hygiene services to the indigent and/or those making up the underserved populations;

(iii) Notarized verifications from the organization documenting the dental hygienist's agreement not to receive compensation for the services provided;

(iv) Documentation from the organization detailing the actual number of hours spent providing said services; and

(v) Documentation from the dental hygienist and/or organization verifying the services provided.

(c) Should a dental hygienist licensed in the State of Georgia as a volunteer choose to satisfy a portion of the requirement of twenty-two (22) hours of continuing education by providing uncompensated dental care as provided for in (2)(b), the dental hygienist must complete the remaining continuing education, which must be scientific, from a provider satisfying the requirements described in Rule 150-5-.05.

(d) Four credit (4) hours for successful completion of the CPR course required by Georgia law and may be used to satisfy continuing education requirements per renewal period.

Authority: O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-40, 43-11-46, 43-11-46.1.