



ATTENTION DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSEES:

In the course of conducting continuing education (CE) audits of licensee records for license renewal compliance, it has been discovered that some of the CE providers offering the required courses in Infection Control (IC) and the Dental Practice Act (DPA) may not have the proper approval from the Dental Board of California (DBC) pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 1016(b)(1). Although these providers may have been approved to offer continuing education courses, they may not have been approved to provide the required continuing education courses outlined above.

Any required course in Infection Control or the Dental Practice Act taken *on or after July 1, 2017*, must be a DBC-approved course in Infection Control or California Dental Practice Act. Otherwise, those CE hours will not be accepted toward your license renewal.

If the CE required courses in IC and DPA is not approved appropriately by the DBC, it will result in a non-renewal of your license or permit pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 1017(b). The CE hours completed to make up the deficiency will be applied to the renewal you are being audited for and not applied to the current renewal period. *It is the licensee's responsibility* to verify whether the required course of choice has proper approval from the DBC by searching the BreEZe website under License Search at: www.breeze.ca.gov

1. Under "License Search" select "Search by Board/Bureau Name" and choose "Dental Board of California".

2. "Under License/Registration Type" choose "Registered CE Provider Permit."
3. Under "Organization Name" type in the exact name of the chosen provider along with the City or County, if known.
4. Choose "Search".
5. When the providers name is listed, click on the provider name for further details about their approval status.
6. Their license details will indicate if they are approved as DPA or IC registered providers under "Qualification" individually or under "Specialty" as "Biennial Reporting".

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you.

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