

Bureau of Professional Licensing

Dentistry FAQ

1. How long is a Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant license issued for?

An initial license is valid for 3 years from the date of initial licensure.

2. When can I renew my license? How do I renew my license?

Licensees can begin to renew their licenses approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of their current license.

Licensees will be sent a renewal notification to their address on record approximately 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. Remember to notify the Department in writing of any address change (this includes e-mail address changes). It is a licensee's responsibility to renew his or her license on time. Failure to receive the renewal notification, or to notify the Department of an address change, does not exempt a licensee from renewing their license on time.

Licensees are required to renew their license(s) by using the online renewal system at www.michigan.gov/miplus using a debit or credit card.

3. Do I need to submit proof of my continuing education?

An applicant for renewal is not required to submit proof of completion of their CE hours. However, an applicant for renewal shall retain documentation of meeting the requirements for a period of 4 years from the date of applying for license renewal. If selected for audit, a licensee is required to submit copies of their documentation confirming the completion of the CE requirements.

4. There have been changes to the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules that require licensees and individuals seeking licensure to complete training to identify victims of human trafficking. When does this take effect?

Beginning with the 2020 renewal cycles, and all renewal cycles thereafter, licensees must have completed training in identifying victims of human trafficking that meet the standards established in Administrative Rule 338.11123

Beginning January 6, 2022, individuals seeking licensure must have completed training to identify victims of human trafficking prior to obtaining a license.

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Licensees, or individuals seeking licensure, must complete training to identify victims of human trafficking only one time. The Department may select and audit a sample of individuals and request documentation of proof of completion of training.

- 5. There have been changes to the Administrative Rules that requires all individuals who are licensed to prescribe or dispense controlled substances or individuals who are seeking a controlled substance license to complete training in opioids and controlled substance awareness. When does this take effect?**

Beginning with the 2022 renewal cycles, and all renewal cycles thereafter, controlled substance licensees must have completed training in opioids and controlled substance awareness that meets the standards established in Administrative Rule 338.3135.

Beginning September 1, 2019, individuals seeking a controlled substance license must have completed training in opioids and controlled substance awareness prior to obtaining a license.

Controlled substance licensees, or individuals seeking a controlled substance license must complete training in opioids and controlled substance awareness only one time. The training must have been offered after January 4, 2019. The Department may select and audit a sample of individuals and request documentation of proof of completion of training.

- 6. How do I file a complaint against a health care professional?**

Information on how to [File an Allegation Against a Health Care Licensee](#) can be located on the Bureau of Professional Licensing's website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

- 7. Where can I find a copy of the administrative rules pertaining to Dentistry?**

You may view the current Dentistry [Administrative Rules](#) and proposed revisions, if applicable, on the website www.michigan.gov/bpl.

- 8. A new rule was added to the [Public Health Code - General Rules](#) the requires licensees complete implicit bias training. When does this take effect?**

The requirement applies to licensees that renew on or after June 1, 2022. The training requirement also applies to all new applications for licensure received on or after June 1, 2022. For specific details or questions regarding the requirement please view the [Implicit Bias Training FAQs document](#) located on the [website](#).

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9. I am a general dentist can I use Botox injections and dermal fillers in my practice?

This question presents a scope of practice issue that is not directly addressed in the Michigan Public Health Code or administrative rules. In order for a Michigan licensed dentist to use Botox injections and dermal fillers as a dental treatment, the dentist must be properly trained in its use, and must be acting within their scope of practice. The “practice of dentistry” allows a dentist to treat a patient for disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury or a physical condition of the teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaw, and their dependent tissues. Any use of Botox injections or dermal fillers must be directly related to what is included in the “practice of dentistry.”

It would not be appropriate for a licensed dentist to use Botox injections or dermal fillers for cosmetic purposes unrelated to the treatment of a disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or a physical condition of the teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaw, and their dependent tissues.

A licensee who fails to satisfy the above requirements would be in violation of the Public Health Code and their license would be subject to disciplinary action including sanctions by the Board of Dentistry Disciplinary Subcommittee.