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**CHANGES TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS  
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Please note the following continuing education hours must be completed during the 2013-2014 licensing period for the license renewal period beginning January 1, 2015.

Continuing Education Requirements for Dentists and Dental Hygienists Licensees:

12 AAC 28.400(a)(1) is amended to read:

- (1) completion of at least **32** contact hours of continuing education; and

12 AAC 28.400(b)(1) is amended to read:

- (1) completion of at least **20** contact hours of continuing education.

Approved Continuing Education Courses:

The introductory language of 12 AAC 28.410(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided in (c) of this section, and subject to the limits set out in (g) and(h) of this section, only the following courses will be accepted as continuing education under 12 AAC 28.400 – 12 AAC 28.420, and only if participation in those courses is verifiable and the subject matter **contributes to the professional knowledge and development of the practitioner or enhances the ability to provide services to the patient.**

12 AAC 28.410 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

**(g) Courses in practice/risk management are limited to three hours per licensing period.**

**(h) No more than two credit hours may apply for at least two hours of volunteer service in a dental related setting.**