

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners

RULE CITATION: All Rules

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, September 9, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE: This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

For both rules, in (a) and (c), when does the two calendar year period begin to run?

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: September 1, 2022

1 21 NCAC 16I .0206 is adopted as published in 36:22 NCR 1799-1800 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 16I .0206 CONTINUING EDUCATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH**

4 (a) Every two calendar years, each dental hygienist shall complete one clock hour of continuing education on
5 substance abuse and mental health. To count toward this requirement, the course shall be:

6 (1) designed to address relevant issues for dental professionals, including substance abuse, chemical
7 dependency, impairment, and mental health disorders; and

8 (2) offered by a Board-approved sponsor as set out in Rule .0202(b) of this Section.

9 (b) The continuing education requirement set out in Paragraph (a) of this Rule may be completed through a self-study
10 course that satisfies Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this Rule. The dental hygienist shall pass a test administered by
11 the self-study course sponsor and obtain a certificate of completion from the sponsor.

12 (c) Every two calendar years, a dental hygienist may apply one clock hour of a course meeting the requirements of
13 this Rule toward the total number of continuing education hours required pursuant to Rule .0201(a) of this Section.

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15 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-223; 90-225.1;*
16 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*

1 21 NCAC 16R .0206 is adopted as published in 36:22 NCR 1800 as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 16R .0206 CONTINUING EDUCATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH**

4 (a) Every two calendar years, each dentist shall complete one clock hour of continuing education on substance abuse
5 and mental health. To count toward this requirement, the course shall be:

6 (1) designed to address relevant issues for dental professionals, including substance abuse, chemical
7 dependency, impairment, and mental health disorders; and

8 (2) offered by a Board-approved sponsor as set out in Rule .0202(b) of this Section.

9 (b) The continuing education requirement set out in Paragraph (a) of this Rule may be completed through a self-study
10 course that satisfies Subparagraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this Rule. The dentist shall pass a test administered by the self-
11 study course sponsor and obtain a certificate of completion from the sponsor.

12 (c) Every two calendar years, a dentist may apply one clock hour of a course meeting the requirements of this Rule
13 toward the total number of continuing education hours required pursuant to Rule .0201(a) of this Section.

14 (d) The substance abuse and mental health continuing education requirement shall not replace or substitute for the
15 controlled substance continuing education requirement set out in Rule .0201(b) of this Section.

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17 *History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-31.1;*

18 *Eff. October 1, 2022.*