



Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

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Oral Conscious Sedation

Alabama Administrative Code 270-X-2-.21 (Board Rule)

Licensees,

Due to a number of recent inquiries regarding the revised OCS rule that will become effective **Friday, June 14, 2024**, we wanted to ensure that everyone understands how it will effect both new permits and existing permits.

- **NEW OCS APPLICANTS**: Dentists applying for a new OCS permit must meet all of the revised standards effective June 14, 2024. This includes 16 hours of OCS training, ACLS certification, appropriate monitoring equipment, and having a Facility Inspection completed prior to the issuance of an OCS permit.
- **EXISTING OCS PERMITS**: Dentists that currently hold an active OCS permit must meet the revised standards (e.g., ACLS, monitoring equipment) prior to renewing their OCS permit in 2025 or, at the latest, September 30, 2025. Existing permit holders will NOT have a Facility Inspection, nor have to show an additional 16 hours of training in OCS. (Note: the Board has recently published a revised CE board rule that will allow pediatric dentists to submit PALS certification in lieu of an ACLS certification for renewal!)

You can review the revised OCS board rule at:

<https://dentalboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/APA3-270-X-2-.21-Oral-Conscious-Sedation.pdf>

Should you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please contact board staff members for assistance.

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