

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 5 DENTISTRY (DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, ETC.)**  
**PART 44 EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY, CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
**REQUIREMENTS**

**16.5.44.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care.  
[16.5.44.1 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.2 SCOPE:** The provisions of Part 44 of Chapter 5 apply to all expanded function dental auxiliary with current expanded function dental auxiliary certification who are applying to renew their certificate.  
[16.5.44.2 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Part 44 of Chapter 5 is promulgated pursuant to the Dental Health Care Act, Section 61-5A-16 NMSA 1978 (1996 Repl. Pamp.).  
[16.5.44.3 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.5.44.4 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 9, 2012, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.5.44.5 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.6 OBJECTIVE:** To establish the requirements for the renewal of expanded function dental auxiliary certificates.  
[16.5.44.6 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.7 DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]

**16.5.44.8 HOURS REQUIRED:** 36 hours of continuing education, a maximum of 12 hours can be on-line, webinars or self-study, are required during each triennial renewal cycle as defined in 16.5.1 NMAC. Continuing education received after submission of renewal materials but prior to actual expiration date may be used for the requirements of the next renewal cycle. Continuing education requirements are pro-rated at 12 hours per year for individuals certified for less than three years.  
[16.5.44.8 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.9 COURSES REQUIRED:** Continuing education coursework must contribute directly to the practice of expanded function dental auxiliary. The following courses are required for certification renewal:

- A. as further defined in 16.5.1.16 NMAC, a course in infection control techniques and sterilization procedures per renewal period;
- B. proof of current certification in basic life support (BLS) or cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) accepted by the American heart association, the American red cross, or the American safety and health institute (ASHI); cannot be a self-study course; and
- C. 12 hours in restorative dentistry.

[16.5.44.9 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.10 VERIFICATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION:** The board will select renewal applications for verification of continuing education. Audit requests will be included with the renewal notice and those selected individuals will be asked to submit proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements. Continuing education records may be audited by the board at any time. The records identified Subsection F of 16.5.1.15 NMAC are considered acceptable forms of documentation. Continuing education records must be maintained for one year following the renewal cycle in which they are earned.  
[16.5.44.10 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**16.5.44.11 EMERGENCY DEFERRAL:** A certificate holder who is unable to fulfill the continuing education requirements may apply to the board for an emergency deferral of the requirements due to extenuating

circumstances as defined in 16.5.1.7 NMAC. Deferrals of up to four months may be granted by a designee of the board.

[16.5.44.11 NMAC - N, 01/09/12]

**HISTORY OF 16.5.44 NMAC: [RESERVED]**