

## Continuing Medical Education for Licensure Reregistration

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Fifty-one boards require anywhere from 12 hours (Alabama) to 50 hours (several states) of continuing medical education (CME) per year for license reregistration. Some states also mandate CME content, such as HIV/AIDS, risk management, or medical ethics. In addition, many states also require that a certain percentage of CME be category 1, as measured, for example, through the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award.

### **Additional Notes for Specific Licensing Jurisdictions**

**Florida**—Physicians may complete a 1-hour CME course on end-of-life and palliative health care in lieu of the required 1-hour CME course on HIV/AIDS, provided the physician completed the HIV/AIDS course in the immediately preceding biennium (2-year licensure term).

Physicians may complete a 1-hour CME course on end-of-life and palliative health care in lieu of the required 1-hour CME course on domestic violence, provided the physician completed the domestic violence course in the immediately preceding biennium (2-year licensure term).

**Maryland**—Partial CME credit is offered for ABMS certification, select peer review, serving as an intervenor or monitor on a physician rehabilitation committee or professional committee, and serving as a preceptor for resident physicians or medical students in LCME-accredited schools. For first license renewal, CME requirement is waived, but licensee must have completed an approved orientation program.

**Table 14**  
**State Medical/Osteopathic Board Regulations on Continuing Medical Education for Licensure Reregistration**

State	Required Number of CME Hours per Year(s)	Average Hours per Year	AMA/AOA/AAFP/ACOG Category 1 Hours Required	Certificates Accepted as Equivalent*	State-mandated CME Content/ Additional Notes
Alabama	24 2 yrs	12	24	AMA, ACOG, AAFP	
Alaska	34 2 yrs	17	17	AMA, ABMS, AOA, APA	
Arizona	40 2 yrs	20		ABMS, GME	
Arizona DO	20 1 yr	20	20		20 hours Category 1-A only
Arkansas	20 1 yr	20	20		
California	100 4 yrs	25	100	AMA, AAFP, CMA, CAFP	
California DO	150 3 yrs	50	60	AMA, AAFP, CMA, CAFP, AOA	60 hours Category 1-A or 1-B
Colorado	none				
Connecticut	none				
Delaware	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA, AOA	
DC	none				
Florida	40 2 yrs	20	40		HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, TB
Florida DO	40 2 yrs	20	20		HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, risk management, FL rules/laws, managed care
Georgia	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA, AOA, AAFP, ACOG, ACEP	
Guam	100 2 yrs	50	25		
Hawaii	100 2 yrs	50	40	AMA	
Idaho	none				
Illinois	150 3 yrs	50	60	AMA	
Indiana	none				
Iowa	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA, AOA, GME	Child/dependent adult abuse
Kansas	50 1 yr	50	20	AMA, ABMS, GME, AOA	
Kentucky	60 3 yrs	20	30		HIV/AIDS; course must be approved by Kentucky Cabinet for Hlth Svcs
Louisiana	none				
Maine	100 2 yrs	50	40	AMA, ABMS, AAFP	
Maine DO	100 2 yrs	50	40		
Maryland	50 2 yrs	25	50		(see note)
Massachusetts	100 2 yrs	50	40	GME	Study board reqs; risk mgmt
Michigan	150 3 yrs	50	75	AMA	
Michigan DO	150 3 yrs	50	60		60 hours Category 1-A or 1-B
Minnesota	75 3 yrs	25	75	AMA, AOA, MOCOMP	
Mississippi	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA, ABMS, AOA, AAFP, ACOG	
Missouri	25 1 yr	25		AAFP	
Montana	none				
Nebraska	none				
Nevada	40 2 yrs	20	40		ethics (2 hrs), 20 hrs in specialty
Nevada DO	35 1 yr	35	35		
New Hampshire	150 3 yrs	50	60	AMA, ABMS	
New Jersey	none				
New Mexico	75 3 yrs	25	75	AMA, ABMS, AAFP, ACOG, USMLE	

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New Mexico DO	75 3 yrs	25	75	AMA, ABMS, AAFP, ACOG, USMLE	Active membership in AOA may replace 75 hours of CME
New York	none				infection control, child abuse
North Carolina	150 3 yrs	50	0		
North Dakota	20 1 yr	20	20	AMA, AOA, AAFP, MOCOMP	
Ohio	100 2 yrs	50	40		All CME must be certified by the OSMA or OOA
Oklahoma	150 3 yrs	50	60	AMA, ABMS	
Oklahoma DO	16 1 yr	16	16		16 hrs of Category 1, 1 hr of which must be CME on prescribing controlled substances (every 2 yrs)
Oregon	none				
Pennsylvania	none				150 hrs of CME every 3 years required by state insurance agency
Pennsylvania DO	100 2 yrs	50	20		20 hrs of Category 1-A or 1-B
Puerto Rico	60 3 yrs	20	40		
Rhode Island	60 3 yrs	20	60		HIV universal precautions/ blood-borne pathogens
South Carolina	40 2 yrs	20	40	ABMS, AOA, ACOG equivalent	
South Dakota	none				
Tennessee	none				
Tennessee DO	50 2 yrs	25	50		
Texas	24 1 yr	24	12		Of 12 hrs category 1, at least 1 hr in ethics/prof. responsibility
Utah	40 2 yrs	20	40		
Vermont	none				
Vermont DO	30 2 yrs	15			At least 12 of 30 hours must be osteopathic med education
Virgin Islands	40 1 yr	40	25		
Virginia	60 2 yrs	30	30		Of category 1, 15 hrs must be interactive
Washington	200 4 yrs	50		AMA, ABMS, AAFP, ACOG	
Washington DO	150 3 yrs	50	60		
West Virginia	50 2 yrs	25	50	AMA, ABMS (partial)	
West Virginia DO	32 2 yrs	16	16	Board-recognized equivalent	2 hrs end-of-life management
Wisconsin	30 2 yrs	15	30		
Wyoming	none				

**ABMS**—certification or recertification by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties; **AMA**—American Medical Association; **AOA**—American Osteopathic Association; **AAFP**—American Academy of Family Practice; **ACOG**—American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; **APA**—American Pediatric Association; **CMA**—California Medical Association; **CAFP**—California Academy of Family Physicians; **CME**—continuing medical education; **FLEX**—Federation Licensing Examination; **GME**—graduate medical education; **MOCOMP**—Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; **OSMA**—Ohio State Medical Association; **USMLE**—United States Medical Licensing Association

**Note:** All information should be verified with the licensing board; medical licenses are granted to those physicians meeting all state requirements—at the discretion of the board.