

## Continuing Medical Education for Licensure Reregistration

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Fifty-four 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

**California**—All general internists and family physicians who have a patient population of which over 25% are 65 years of age or older shall complete at least 20% of all mandatory continuing education hours in a course on geriatric medicine or the care of older patients.

All physicians and surgeons shall complete a mandatory continuing education course in the subjects of pain management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients (one-time requirement of 12 credit hours, to be completed by December 31, 2006). Physicians practicing in pathology or radiology specialty areas are exempt from this requirement.

**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 a 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.

**Pennsylvania**—Regulation on amount of Category 1 hours required is currently being drafted.

**Washington Osteopathic**—Other certificates accepted as equivalent include current certification of CME from medical practice academies and original certification or recertification within 6 years by a specialty board.

**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	ACOG, AAFP	
Alaska	34 2 yrs	17	17	AMA PRA, ABMS, AOA, APA	
Arizona	40 2 yrs	20		ABMS, GME	40 hours within 2-year timeframe
Arizona DO	40 2 yrs	20	20		Category 1-A only
Arkansas	20 1 yr	20	20	AMA PRA	
California*	100 4 yrs	25	100	AMA PRA, AAFP, CMA, CAFP	Pain management/geriatric medicine (see note)
California DO	150 3 yrs	50	90	AMA PRA, AAFP, CMA, CAFP, AOA	60 hours Category 1-A or 1-B pain management/geriatric med
Colorado	none				
Connecticut	none				
Delaware	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA PRA, AOA	
DC	none				
Florida*	40 2 yrs	20	40		HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, TB, end of life palliative care, medical error
Florida DO	40 2 yrs	20	20 (AOA)		HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, risk management, FL rules/laws, managed care, 2 hrs prevention of medical errors
Georgia	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA PRA, AOA, AAFP, ACOG, ACEP	
Guam	100 2 yrs	50	50	AMA PRA, AOA, AAFP, ACOG, ACEP	
Hawaii	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA PRA	
Hawaii DO	none				
Idaho	none				
Illinois	150 3 yrs	50	60	AMA PRA, AOA	
Indiana	none				
Iowa	40 2 yrs	20	40		Child/dependent adult abuse
Kansas	50 1 yr	50	20	AMA PRA, ABMS, GME, AOA	
Kentucky	60 3 yrs	20	30	AMA PRA	HIV/AIDS; course must be approved by Kentucky Cabinet for Hlth Svcs
Louisiana	20 1 yr	20	20	AMA PRA	One-time Board Orientation course
Maine	100 2 yrs	50	40	AMA PRA, ABMS, AAFP	
Maine DO	100 2 yrs	50	40		
Maryland*	50 2 yrs	25	50		(see note)
Massachusetts	100 2 yrs	50	40	AMA PRA, GME	Study board reqs; risk mgmt
Michigan	150 3 yrs	50	75		
Michigan DO	150 3 yrs	50	60		60 hours Category 1-A or 1-B
Minnesota	75 3 yrs	25	75	AOA, MOCOMP	
Mississippi	40 2 yrs	20	40	ABMS, AOA, AAFP, ACOG	
Missouri	50 2 yrs	25	30	AAFP	
Montana	none				
Nebraska	50 2 yrs	25	50	AMA PRA	
Nevada	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA PRA	ethics (2 hrs), 20 hrs in specialty
Nevada DO	35 1 yr	35	10		

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New Hampshire	150 3 yrs	50	60	AMA PRA, ABMS	Credits reported to NH Med Soc
New Jersey	none				
New Mexico	75 3 yrs	25	75	AMA PRA, ABMS, AAFP, ACOG, USMLE	
New Mexico DO	75 3 yrs	25	75	AMA PRA, 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	60		
North Dakota	20 1 yr	20	20	AMA PRA, AOA, AAFP	
Ohio	100 2 yrs	50	40	AMA PRA	All CME must be certified by the OSMA or OOA
Oklahoma	60 3 yrs	20	60	AMA PRA, 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*	100 2 yrs	50	*	Regulations being drafted	Regulations being drafted
Pennsylvania DO	100 2 yrs	50	20	Regulations being drafted	20 hrs 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	40 2 yrs	20	40	AAFP	
Tennessee DO	40 2 yrs	20	40		
Texas	24 1 yr	24	12	AMA PRA	Of 12 hrs category 1, at least 1 hr in ethics/prof. responsibility
Utah	40 2 yrs	20	40	AMA PRA	
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 PRA, ABMS, AAFP, ACOG	
Washington DO*	150 3 yrs	50	60	AMA PRA, AOA, others (see note)	
West Virginia	50 2 yrs	25	50	AMA PRA, ABMS (partial)	2 hrs end-of-life pain management
West Virginia DO	32 2 yrs	16	16	Board-recognized equivalent	2 hrs end-of-life management
Wisconsin	30 2 yrs	15	30	AMA PRA	
Wyoming	none (pending)				

**ABMS**—certification or recertification by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties; **AMA PRA**—American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award; **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

\* Refer to introductory text to this table for more information on this state's regulations.

**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.**