

Local Anesthesia Administration By Dental Hygienists State Chart

State & Year Implement	Supervision Required	Block and/or Infiltration	Education Required	Exam Required	Implement Language in Statute or Rules	Legal Requirements for Local Anesthesia Courses?
AK 1981	General	Both	Specific	Yes – WREB and local anesthetic exam	Statute	16 didactic 8 clinical 8 lab
AZ 1976	Direct	Both	Approved	Yes-WREB and local anesthetic exam	Statute	36 hrs for local and N20
AR 1995	Direct	Both	Approved And Accredited	No	Statute	16 didactic 12 clinical
CA 1976	Direct	Both	Approved	Yes	Rules	No
CO 1977	General	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	12 didactic 12 clinical
CT 2005	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	20 didactic 8 clinical
DC 2004	Direct	Both	Board Approved	Yes	Rules	32 hours total
HI 1987	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Exam given by course	Statute	39 didactic and clinical
ID 1975	General	Both	Accredited	Yes –Clinical	Statute	No
IA 1998	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	Must be conducted by an accredited RDH or DDS school
IL 2000	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	24 didactic 8 clinical
IN 2008	Direct				Rules Pending	
KS 1993	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	12 hrs total
KY 2002	Direct	Both	Specific	Yes –Written exam given by course	Statute	32 hour didactic 12 hours clinical
LA 1998	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes	Rules	72 total hours
MA 2004	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes	Statute	35 Total; No Less than 12 hours clinical

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ME 1997	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes	Rules	60 hrs total
MD 2009	Direct	Infiltration	Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending
MN 1995	General	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	No
MO 1973	Direct	Both	Accredited/ Board approved	Yes	Rules	No
MI 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited and Specific	Yes – State or regional board-administered written exam (NERB)	Statute	15 didactic 14 clinical
MT 1985	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB local anesthetic exam or successful completion of clinical & written LA regional or state board exam	Statute	No
ND 2003	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	Course must include clinical and didactic components, but there are no specific hourly requirements.
NE 1995	Direct	Both	Approved	No	Statute	12 didactic 12 clinical
NH 2002	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – NERB local anesthesia exam	Statute	20 didactic 12 clinical
NV 1982	Direct/General	Both	Approved	No	Rules	No
NM 1972	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – WREB local anesthesia exam	Statute	24 didactic 10 clinical
NJ 2008	Direct	Both	Accredited/Board Approved	Yes – NERB local anesthesia	Rules Pending	20 didactic 12 clinical Including a minimum of 20 hours monitored administration of local anesthesia
NY 2001	Direct	Infiltration	Accredited	No	Statute	30 didactic 15 clinical & lab
OH 2006	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Written regional or state exam.	Statute	15 didactic 14 clinical

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OK 1980	Direct	Both	Approved	No – Exam given by course	Rules	20 ½ hours
OR 1975	General	Both	Accredited	No	Rules	No
RI 2005	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes-NERB	Statute	20 didactic 12 clinical
SC 1995	Direct	Infiltration	Approved	Yes	Statute	Information not available
SD 1992	Direct	Both	Accredited Approved	No	Statute	No
TN 2004	Direct	Both	Accredited Approved	Yes	Rules	24 Didactic 8 Clinical
UT 1983	Direct	Both	Approved	Yes – WREB exam in anesthesiology (local)	Statute	No
VT 1993	Direct	Both	Accredited	Yes – Board administered	Statute	24 hrs total
VA 2006	Direct	Both *Only on patients over age 18	Accredited	Yes-accredited program Board of another jurisdiction accepted	Statute	36 didactic-clinical
WA 1971	Direct	Both	Approved	No	Statute	No
WI 1998	Direct	Both	Accredited	No	Statute	10 didactic 11 clinical
WV 2003	Direct	Both	Pending	NERB local anesthesia exam or equivalent state or regional exam	Statute	12 didactic 15 clinical
WY 1991	Direct	Both	Approved	Yes = in state. No= out of state DH certified in local	Rules	No

Key: Accredited----Course must be provided within a CODA accredited DH program or an institution housing a CODA program
 Approved----Course must be approved by the state licensing agency
 Specific-----Course is specified in law. Data compiled from 51 practice acts/rules
 Direct Supervision --- means the dentist must be present.
 General Supervision – means dentist need not be present.



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