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Sedation Permit Requirements for Dentists

The Board of Dentistry requires a permit for dentists to administer anything stronger than minimal sedation. The following chart provides a summary of permit categories and requirements. Complete sedation rules for Kentucky can be found in administrative regulation [201 KAR 8:550](#).

Sedation Permit Requirements	Moderate Sedation (pediatric)	Moderate Sedation (adult)	Deep Sedation / General Anesthesia (pediatric)	Deep Sedation / General Anesthesia (adult)
Submission of notarized sedation permit application and \$250 fee	✓	✓	✓	✓
Current certificate in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Current certificate in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)		✓		✓
Current certificate in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	✓		✓	
Training compliant with Moderate Sedation section of <i>ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students</i>		✓ or		
Advanced education program accredited by Commission on Dental Accreditation to administer and manage moderate sedation	✓	✓		
Advanced education program accredited by Commission on Dental Accreditation to administer and manage deep sedation/gen. anesthesia			✓	✓

Minimal sedation: minimally depressed level of consciousness produced by a pharmacological method that retains patient's ability to independently maintain an airway and respond normally to tactile stimulation and verbal command.

Moderate sedation: drug-induced depression of consciousness where patient responds purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. Intervention is not required to maintain patent airway and spontaneous ventilation is adequate.

Deep sedation: drug-induced depression of consciousness where patient cannot be easily aroused but responds purposefully to repeated or painful stimulation. Patient might require assistance in maintaining patent airway and spontaneous ventilation could be inadequate.

General anesthesia: drug-induced loss of consciousness where patient is not arousable, even by painful stimulation. Patient often requires assistance in maintaining patent airway and positive pressure ventilation could be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function.