

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Dental Board hereby adopts amendments to Chapter 10, “General Requirements,” Chapter 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene,” Chapter 12, “Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations,” Chapter 13, “Special Licenses,” Chapter 14, “Renewal,” Chapter 15, “Fees,” Chapter 20, “Dental Assistants,” Chapter 22, “Dental Assistant Radiography Qualification,” Chapter 25, “Continuing Education,” Chapter 29, “Sedation and Nitrous Oxide Inhalation Analgesia,” and Chapter 51, “Contested Cases,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments:

- Update the rules to reflect changes related to a new licensing database system. The new system will offer online filing of all applications (e.g., initial licensure, registration, renewals, reinstatements, reactivation, and continuing education courses) and complaints; license verification; and other electronic services that will increase access to Board services. The amendments eliminate collection of unnecessary application information, streamline the application process and provide for a paperless process.
- Combine fee information currently located in nine chapters into one chapter to make the rules more user-friendly and understandable. These amendments consolidate renewal and reinstatement information currently located in multiple chapters into one chapter for ease of reference.
- Provide that users of the online system will pay a service charge in addition to regular fees for Board services. Service charges are costs charged by external entities for the online system (e.g., fees charged to banks for credit card processing, e-payment fees payable to DAS-ITE and the Treasurer of State, and a DAS-ITE charge for Enterprise Authentication for each person who logs on to the system).
- Streamline the initial licensure process for applicants applying for a license within three months of the next renewal due date. Applicants applying close to a renewal cycle will pay the application fee and the renewal fee at the same time. Their licenses will be issued for a period of 24 months plus the amount of time remaining until the next renewal due date. This change will eliminate the need for applicants to submit two separate applications and fees within one three-month period. For example, under existing rules a dentist graduating in May 2012 who submits an application for an Iowa dental license will pay a \$200 application fee. Dental licenses are valid for a 24-month period and are renewed in even-numbered years. This newly licensed dentist must renew the license by August 31, 2012, and pay the renewal fee of \$315. This requires the submittal of two applications (one for initial licensure and one for the renewal application due by August 31, 2012) and two checks (a \$200 licensure application fee and a \$315 fee for renewal) within a very short period. These amendments allow the applicant in this example to submit one application and pay one combined fee of \$515 (a \$200 application fee plus the \$315 renewal fee due August 31, 2012). At the time the application for licensure is approved, the license would be issued and valid for a period of 27 months (24 months plus the 3 months remaining until the August 31, 2012, renewal). This change will impact only applicants who are applying within three months of a biennial renewal due date.
- Implement 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 438, regarding licensure by credentials. This recent statutory change directed the Board to establish by rule the regional clinical examinations that will be accepted for licensure by credentials. The amendments identify the following regional examinations as approved by the Board for purposes of applications for licensure by credentials: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB), and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA).

Notice of Intended Action for these amendments was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 16, 2012, as **ARC 0128C**. The amendments relating to application and renewal fees in rule 650—15.1(153) as published in the Notice were subsequently Adopted and Filed Emergency and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 13, 2012, as **ARC 0164C**.

A public hearing was held on June 5, 2012. There were no attendees at the public hearing and no written comments about the proposed amendments were received. These amendments have been modified since publication under Notice of Intended Action. Subparagraph 11.2(2)“e”(1) has been revised so that it matches the same language that occurs elsewhere in Chapter 11. Subparagraph 11.2(2)“e”(1) now reads as follows:

“(1) Successful passage of CRDTS. Evidence of having successfully completed in the last five years the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).”

In addition, minor technical corrections have been made.

Finally, the Adopted and Filed Emergency amendments to rule 653—15.1(153), which is renumbered herein as 653—15.3(153), are no longer shown as underscored text in this rule making since those amendments were incorporated into the Iowa Administrative Code and published in the June 13, 2012, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as explained above.

These amendments were adopted by the Board on July 12, 2012.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.33.

These amendments shall become effective September 12, 2012, at which time the Adopted and Filed Emergency amendments in **ARC 0164C** are hereby rescinded.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [amendments to Chs 10 to 15, 20, 22, 25, 29, 51] is being omitted. With the exception of the changes noted above, these amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 0128C**, IAB 5/16/12.

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