

**DENTAL BOARD[650]****Notice of Intended Action**

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene,” and Chapter 15, “Fees,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments correct a cross reference in the rules applicable to dental hygiene licensure by credentials and streamline the initial registration process for dental assistants applying for registration within three months of the next renewal due date. Dental assistant applicants applying close to a renewal cycle will pay the application fee and the renewal fee at the same time. Their registrations 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. Similar rule amendments were adopted for the initial licensure and renewal for dentists and dental hygienists. The proposed amendments extend the same simplified process to dental assistant applicants.

Written comments about the proposed amendments will be accepted through January 8, 2013. Comments should be directed to Melanie Johnson, Executive Director, Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687; or by e-mail to [Melanie.Johnson@iowa.gov](mailto:Melanie.Johnson@iowa.gov).

A public hearing will be held on January 8, 2013, at 10 a.m. at the office of the Iowa Dental Board located at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any person who plans to attend the public hearing and who may have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board office and indicate what specific assistance is needed.

These proposed amendments were approved at the October 25, 2012, meeting of the Dental Board.

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

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 153.33 and 153.39.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subparagraph **11.6(2)“e”(1)** as follows:

(1) Passed an examination approved by the board in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.34(1) and administered by a regional or national testing service. The clinical examinations approved by the board are specified in 650—subrule ~~12.4(5)~~ 12.3(5).

ITEM 2. Amend subrules 15.3(13) and 15.3(14) as follows:

**15.3(13)** *Dental assistant registration only application.* ~~The fee for an application for registration as a registered dental assistant is \$40.~~

*a. Application fee.* The application fee for dental assistant registration is \$40.

*b. Initial registration period and renewal period.* If an applicant applies within three months or less of a biennial renewal due date, the applicant shall pay the renewal fee along with the registration application fee. A dental assistant registration shall not be issued for a period less than three months or longer than two years and three months. Thereafter, a registrant shall pay the renewal fee as specified in 650—15.4(153).

**15.3(14)** *Combined application—dental assistant registration and qualification in radiography.* ~~The fee for a combined application for both registration as a registered dental assistant and radiography qualification is \$60.~~

a. *Application fee.* The application fee for a combined application for both registration as a registered dental assistant and radiography qualification is \$60.

b. *Initial combined registration and radiography qualification period and renewal period.* If an applicant applies within three months or less of a biennial renewal due date, the applicant shall pay the renewal fee along with the combined registration/radiography qualification application fee. A dental assistant registration and radiography qualification shall not be issued for a period less than three months or longer than two years and three months. Thereafter, the applicant shall pay the renewal fee as specified in 650—15.4(153).