

**DENTAL BOARD[650]**

**Adopted and Filed**

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

These amendments were published under Notice of Intended Action in the November 28, 2012, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0473C**.

These 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. These amendments extend the same simplified process to dental assistant applicants.

A public hearing was held on January 8, 2013, and written comments were accepted through that date. No comments were received, and no one attended the public hearing. These amendments are identical to the amendments published under Notice.

The Iowa Dental Board adopted these amendments on January 31, 2013.

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.

These amendments will become effective on April 10, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

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).

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