

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 20, “Dental Assistants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment modifies the requirements for training in expanded functions if an applicant is from a state that does not require dental assistants to be registered. Registration is not required in all states, and currently the Board’s rule requires Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) certification or a minimum of two years of clinical experience as a registered dental assistant. Dental assistants who have more than two years of clinical experience but were not registered in another state must either wait two years after becoming registered in Iowa or another state or submit a rule waiver for approval to start expanded function training sooner. The proposed amendment would permit an applicant with at least two years of dental assisting experience in a state where registration is not required to be eligible for expanded function training.

Written comments about the proposed amendment will be accepted through June 5, 2013. Comments should be directed to Melanie Johnson, Executive Director, Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687, or by e-mail to Melanie.Johnson@iowa.gov.

A public hearing will be held on June 5, 2013, at 3 p.m. at the office of the 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 amendment. 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 advise of specific needs.

The proposed amendment was approved at the March 28, 2013, telephonic meeting of the Dental Board.

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

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 153.38 and 153.39.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 650—20.15(153) as follows:

650—20.15(153) Expanded function training approval. Expanded function training shall be eligible for board approval if the training is offered through a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or another program prior-approved by the board, which may include on-the-job training offered by a dentist licensed in Iowa. Training must consist of the following:

1. An initial assessment to determine the base entry level of all participants in the program. At a minimum, participants must ~~be~~ meet one of the following:

- Be currently certified by the Dental Assisting National Board, or
- ~~must have~~ Have two years of clinical dental assisting experience as a registered dental assistant, or
- Have two years of clinical dental assisting experience as a dental assistant in a state that does not require registration;

2. A didactic component;

3. A laboratory component, if necessary;

4. A clinical component, which may be obtained under the personal supervision of the participant’s supervising dentist while the participant is concurrently enrolled in the training program; and

5. A postcourse competency assessment at the conclusion of the training program.