

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 Iowa Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 11, "Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene," and Chapter 20, "Dental Assistants," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments specify the appeal procedure for denial of licensure or registration.

These amendments are subject to waiver at the sole discretion of the Board in accordance with 650—Chapter 7.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before March 3, 2009. Such written comments should be directed to Jennifer Hart, Executive Officer, Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687. E-mail may be sent to Jennifer.Hart@iowa.gov.

Also, there will be a public hearing on March 3, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Board Conference Room, 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 and advise of specific needs.

These amendments were approved at the January 15, 2009, regular meeting of the Iowa Dental Board.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.3, 147.4 and 147.29.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 650—11.10(147) as follows:

~~650—11.10(147) Licensure denied~~ **Denial of licensure—appeal procedure.** ~~An applicant who has been denied licensure by the board may appeal the denial and request a hearing on the issues related to the licensure denial by serving a notice of the appeal and request for hearing upon the executive director not more than 30 days following the date of the mailing of the notification of licensure denial to the applicant or not more than 30 days following the date upon which the applicant was served notice if notification was made in the manner of service of an original notice. The hearing and subsequent procedures shall be considered a contested case hearing and shall be governed by the procedures outlined in 650—Chapter 51.~~

11.10(1) Preliminary notice of denial. Prior to the denial of licensure to an applicant, the board shall issue a preliminary notice of denial that shall be sent to the applicant by regular, first-class mail. The preliminary notice of denial is a public record and shall cite the factual and legal basis for denying the application, notify the applicant of the appeal process, and specify the date upon which the denial will become final if it is not appealed.

11.10(2) Appeal procedure. An applicant who has received a preliminary notice of denial may appeal the notice and request a hearing on the issues related to the preliminary notice of denial by serving a request for hearing upon the executive director not more than 30 calendar days following the date when the preliminary notice of denial was mailed. The request is deemed filed on the date it is received in the board office. The request shall provide the applicant's current address, specify the factual or legal errors in the preliminary notice of denial, indicate if the applicant wants an evidentiary hearing, and provide any additional written information or documents in support of licensure.

11.10(3) *Hearing*. If an applicant appeals the preliminary notice of denial and requests a hearing, the hearing shall be a contested case and subsequent proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with 650—51.20(17A). License denial hearings are open to the public. Either party may request issuance of a protective order in the event privileged or confidential information is submitted into evidence.

a. The applicant shall have the ultimate burden of persuasion as to the applicant’s qualification for licensure.

b. The board, after a hearing on license denial, may grant the license, grant the license with restrictions, or deny the license. The board shall state the reasons for its final decision, which is a public record.

c. Judicial review of a final order of the board to deny a license, or to issue a license with restrictions, may be sought in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 17A.19.

11.10(4) *Finality*. If an applicant does not appeal a preliminary notice of denial, the preliminary notice of denial automatically becomes final and a notice of denial will be issued. The final notice of denial is a public record.

11.10(5) *Failure to pursue appeal*. If an applicant appeals a preliminary notice of denial in accordance with 11.10(2), but the applicant fails to pursue that appeal to a final decision within six months from the date of the preliminary notice of denial, the board may dismiss the appeal. The appeal may be dismissed after the board sends a written notice by first-class mail to the applicant at the applicant’s last-known address. The notice shall state that the appeal will be dismissed and the preliminary notice of denial will become final if the applicant does not contact the board to schedule the appeal hearing within 14 days after the written notice is sent. Upon dismissal of an appeal, the preliminary notice of denial becomes final.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.3, 147.4 and 147.29.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 650—20.8(147,153) as follows:

~~650—20.8(147,153) **Registration denied** Denial of registration—appeal procedure. An applicant who has been denied registration by the board may appeal the denial and request a hearing on the issues related to the registration denial by serving a notice of the appeal and request for hearing upon the executive director not more than 30 days following the date of the mailing of the notification of registration denial to the applicant or not more than 30 days following the date upon which the applicant was served notice if notification was made in the manner of service of an original notice. The hearing and subsequent procedures shall be considered a contested case hearing and shall be governed by the procedures outlined in 650—Chapter 51. The board shall follow the procedures specified in 650—11.10(147) if the board proposes to deny registration to a dental assistant applicant.~~

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.3, 147.4 and 147.29.