

CHAPTER 28**DENTAL ASSISTANTS — EDUCATION AND TRAINING***H.F. 131*

AN ACT relating to the required education and training for dental assistants.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 153.39, subsection 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

2. A person shall be registered upon the successful completion of education and examination requirements pursuant to paragraph “a” or “b”. ~~Education requirements shall be determined by the board by rule, and may be satisfied either through a formal series of classes or through job equivalency training, according to standards to be determined by the board. Education requirements shall be determined by the board by rule, according to standards to be determined by the board.~~

a. Successful completion of a course of study and examination approved by the board and sponsored by a board-approved postsecondary school.

b. Successful completion of on-the-job training and examination consisting of all of the following:

(1) Completion of on-the-job training as specified in rule.

(2) Successful completion of an examination process approved by the board. A written examination may be waived by the board pursuant to section 17A.9A, in practice situations where the written examination is deemed to be unnecessary or detrimental to the dentist’s practice.

The education requirements in paragraphs “a” and “b” may include possession of a valid certificate in a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Successful passage of an examination administered by the board, under paragraph “a” or “b”, which shall include sections regarding infection control, hazardous materials, and jurisprudence, shall also be required. The board shall establish continuing education requirements as a condition of renewing registration as a registered dental assistant, as well as standards for the suspension or revocation of registration.

Sec. 2. Section 153.39, subsection 3, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3. ~~Individuals employed as a dental assistant as of July 1, 2001, shall be registered with the board and receive a certificate of registration, and individuals~~ employed as a dental assistant after July 1, 2001 2005, shall have a ~~six-month~~ twelve-month period following their first date of employment after July 1, 2001 2005, to comply with the provisions of subsection 1.

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