

CHAPTER 22
DENTAL ASSISTANT RADIOGRAPHY QUALIFICATION
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650—22.1(136C,153) Qualification required. A person who is not otherwise actively licensed by the board shall not participate in dental radiography unless the person holds a current registration certificate or active nursing license and holds an active radiography qualification issued by the board, and a dentist provides general supervision.
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650—22.2(136C,153) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Dental radiography*” means the application of X-radiation to human teeth and supporting structures for diagnostic purposes only.

“*Radiography qualification*” means authorization to engage in dental radiography issued by the board.

650—22.3(136C,153) Exemptions. The following individuals are exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

22.3(1) A student enrolled in an accredited dental, dental hygiene, or dental assisting program, who, as part of the student’s course of study, applies ionizing radiation.

22.3(2) A person registered as a dental assistant trainee pursuant to 650—Chapter 20, who is engaging in on-the-job training in dental radiography and who is using curriculum approved by the board for such purpose.

650—22.4(136C,153) Application requirements for dental radiography qualification. Applications for dental radiography qualification must be filed on official board forms and include the following:

22.4(1) Evidence of one of the following requirements:

a. The applicant is a dental assistant trainee or registered dental assistant with an active registration status;

b. The applicant is a graduate of an accredited dental assisting program; or

c. The applicant is a nurse who holds an active Iowa license issued by the board of nursing.

22.4(2) The fee as specified in 650—Chapter 15.

22.4(3) Evidence of successful completion, within the previous two years, of a board-approved course of study in the area of dental radiography. The course of study must include application of radiation to humans pursuant to Iowa Code section 136C.3 and may be taken by the applicant:

a. On the job while under trainee status pursuant to 650—Chapter 20, using board-approved curriculum;

b. At a board-approved postsecondary school; or

c. From another program prior-approved by the board.

22.4(4) Evidence of successful completion of a board-approved examination in the area of dental radiography.

22.4(5) Any additional information required by the board relating to the character, education, and experience of the applicant as may be necessary to evaluate the applicant’s qualifications.

650—22.5(136C,153) Examination requirements. An applicant for dental assistant radiography qualification shall successfully pass a board-approved examination in dental radiography.

22.5(1) Examinations approved by the board are those administered by the board or board’s approved testing centers or, if taken after January 1, 1986, the Dental Assisting National Board Dental Radiation Health and Safety Examination.

22.5(2) A score of 75 or better on the board examination shall be considered successful completion of the examination. The board accepts the passing standard established by the Dental Assisting National Board for applicants who take the Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety Examination.

22.5(3) Information on taking the examination may be obtained by contacting the board office at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687.

22.5(4) A dental assistant must meet such other requirements as may be imposed by the board's approved dental assistant testing centers.

22.5(5) A dental assistant who fails to successfully complete the examination after two attempts will be required to submit, prior to each subsequent examination attempt, proof of additional formal education in dental radiography in a program approved by the board or sponsored by a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

650—22.6(136C,153) Penalties.

22.6(1) Any individual except a licensed dentist or a licensed dental hygienist who participates in dental radiography in violation of this chapter or Iowa Code chapter 136C shall be subject to the criminal and civil penalties set forth in Iowa Code sections 136C.4 and 136C.5.

22.6(2) Any licensee who permits a person to engage in dental radiography or a registrant who engages in dental radiography contrary to this chapter or Iowa Code chapter 136C shall be subject to discipline by the board pursuant to 650—Chapter 30.

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