

CHAPTER 572
DENTAL LICENSURE, REGISTRATION,
RENEWAL, REACTIVATION AND REINSTATEMENT

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481—572.1(147,153) Applicant responsibilities. Applicants for licensure, permit, registration or qualification, including applicants for renewal, reactivation and reinstatement, bear full responsibility for complying with the provisions of this rule.

572.1(1) Applicants will make application on forms provided by the department and submit the required information and documentation, which includes the following:

a. Paying all applicable fees required by this chapter pursuant to 481—Chapter 571, which may also include fees charged by other agencies, organizations, or institutions to provide the information required to complete an application;

b. Providing evidence of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that included a hands-on component unless exempted by rule;

c. Providing a detailed statement disclosing and explaining any disciplinary actions, investigations, complaints, malpractice claims, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges;

d. Providing accurate, up-to-date, and truthful information, including but not limited to prior professional experience, education, training, examination scores, and disciplinary history; and

e. Signing and verifying the application as to the truth of the statements contained therein.

572.1(2) An application for a dental or dental hygiene license or faculty permit, including reactivation of a license, may be considered complete prior to completion of the criminal history background check on the applicant conducted by the division of criminal investigation (DCI) or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for purposes of review and consideration by the executive director, the committee, or the board. However, an applicant is required to submit an additional completed fingerprint packet and fee within 30 days of a request by the department if an earlier fingerprint submission has been determined to be unacceptable by the DCI or FBI.

572.1(3) If an applicant for license, permit, registration, or qualification applies within four months of the date of expiration, the applicant may pay the renewal fee in addition to the applicable application fees specified in 481—Chapter 571. Payment of the renewal fee at the time of application will result in the renewal of the license, permit, registration or qualification upon issuance.

572.1(4) Applicants must ensure that an application for initial license, permit, registration or qualification, or for reinstatement or reactivation of the same, is completed within 180 days from the date the application is received.

a. For purposes of establishing timely filing, the postmark on a paper submittal will be used, and for applications submitted online, the electronic timestamp of the date of payment will be deemed the date of filing. If the applicant does not submit all required materials within this time period, or if the applicant does not meet the requirements for the license, permit, registration, reinstatement or reactivation, the application will be considered incomplete.

b. If an application is considered incomplete, the applicant will need to submit a new application and pay all applicable fees for further consideration.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.2, 147.11, 272C.12 and 272C.12A and chapter 153.

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481—572.2(147,153) Review of applications.

572.2(1) Upon receipt of a completed application, the executive director as authorized by the board has discretion to:

a. Require additional information relating to the character, education, and experience of the applicant.

b. Authorize the issuance of the license, permit, or registration.

c. Refer the application to the committee for review and consideration for matters including but not limited to prior criminal history pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.15, chemical dependence, competency, physical or psychological illness, malpractice claims or settlements, or professional disciplinary history that are relevant in determining the applicant's qualifications.

572.2(2) Following review and consideration of an application referred by the executive director, the committee may:

- a. Authorize the executive director to issue the license, permit, registration, or qualification.
- b. Forward the application to the board for further review and consideration.

572.2(3) Following board review and consideration of an application, the board will:

- a. Authorize the issuance of the license, permit, registration or qualification; or
- b. Initiate other action in accordance with rule 481—572.22(147,153,272C).

572.2(4) The committee or board may require an applicant to appear for an interview as part of the application process.

572.2(5) The committee or board may defer final decision making on an application if there is a pending investigation or disciplinary action against an applicant who may otherwise meet the requirements for license, permit, registration or qualification, until such time as the matter has been resolved.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147, 153 and 272C.

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481—572.3(147,153) Licensure.

572.3(1) Applicants for licensure to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state who meet the requirements of this rule may be eligible for a license on the basis of examination or credentials.

a. Applicants who have held a license issued in another state, district or territory for one year or longer must apply for licensure by credentials.

b. Applicants who are licensed in another jurisdiction and who are unable to satisfy the requirements for licensure by examination or credentials may be eligible for licensure by verification pursuant to rule 481—572.7(272C).

572.3(2) Applications for licensure on the basis of examination or credentials must include the following:

a. Satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited dental or dental hygiene school.

(1) Applicants for dental license must have been issued a doctor of dental surgery (DDS) or doctor of medicine in dentistry (DMD) degree.

(2) Graduates of foreign dental schools who have not obtained a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school shall also satisfy the requirements of rule 481—572.4(153).

b. Certification by an authorized representative of the school that the applicant was a student in good standing while attending that school.

c. Evidence of successful passage of the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE). Applicants who have lawfully practiced dentistry or dental hygiene in another state, district or territory for five or more years are exempt from presenting this evidence.

d. Evidence of successful passage of a board-approved clinical examination pursuant to rule 481—572.14(147,153) and a statement of all other clinical examinations taken by the applicant with an indication of pass/fail for each.

(1) Applicants on the basis of examination must have successfully completed the clinical examination within five years of the date of application.

(2) Applicants who have lawfully practiced dentistry or dental hygiene in another state, district or territory for five or more years may be exempt from presenting this evidence.

e. Certification of all licenses issued to the applicant. The certification should include, at a minimum, the name, license number, status, expiration date, and an indication of whether the applicant has been subject to disciplinary action.

f. The applicable application fees, including the background check fee, as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

g. A completed packet to facilitate a criminal history background check by the DCI and FBI.

h. Evidence of successful completion of a jurisprudence examination pursuant to rule 481—572.15(147,153).

572.3(3) Applicants on the basis of credentials must also submit the following:

a. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 153.21, evidence that the applicant has met at least one of the following:

(1) Holds a license in another state, district, or territory under requirements substantially similar to those of this state, and has three consecutive years of lawful practice immediately prior to the date of application; or

(2) Has less than three consecutive years of practice immediately prior to the filing of the application and evidence of successful passage within the previous five-year period of a board-approved clinical examination pursuant to rule 481—572.14(147,153).

b. Results of a self-query of the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

572.3(4) The board or committee may also require such examinations as may be necessary to evaluate the applicant for licensure by credentials.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272C.12 and chapters 147 and 153.

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481—572.4(153) Graduates of foreign dental schools. If a graduate of a foreign dental school does not meet the educational requirements for a license by examination or credentials, and does not qualify for licensure by verification pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.12, the applicant must meet the requirements of this rule in addition to meeting the other requirements for licensure specified in rule 481—572.3(147,153).

572.4(1) Applications for licensure of graduates of foreign dental schools shall include the following:

a. Evidence of successful completion of dental education that is substantially equivalent to a DDS or DMD degree issued by an accredited school. The applicant may demonstrate this by meeting one of the following requirements:

(1) Successful completion of an undergraduate supplemental dental education program of at least two academic years at an accredited dental school and receipt of a dental diploma, degree or certificate substantially equivalent to a DDS or DMD degree;

(2) Successful completion of a postgraduate general practice residency program of at least one academic year at an accredited dental college; or

(3) Results of a formal evaluation of the applicant's foreign dental education by a board-approved professional credentialing organization. The results of the evaluation must indicate that the nonaccredited dental education completed was substantially equivalent to that of an accredited dental school.

b. A final, official transcript verifying graduation from the foreign dental school at which the applicant originally obtained a dental degree. If the transcript is written in a language other than English, an original, official translation will also be submitted.

c. Verification, when applicable, from the appropriate governmental authority that the applicant was licensed or otherwise authorized by law to practice dentistry in another country and that no adverse action was taken against the license.

d. The applicant will demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board an ability to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language. The applicant may demonstrate English proficiency by achieving a score sufficient to be rated in the highest level of ability on each section of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), or other evidence approved by the board.

572.4(2) An applicant for licensure who is a graduate of a foreign dental school shall comply with one of the following:

a. Has practiced dentistry in another state, district, territory or country within three years of the date of application; or

b. Has successfully completed a clinical examination or assessment within three years of the date of application to demonstrate ongoing clinical competency.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272C.12 and chapters 147 and 153.

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481—572.5(153) Dental assistant registration.

572.5(1) Applications for dental assistant registration must include the following:

a. Evidence of board-approved education and training. Education and clinical training may be satisfied by meeting one of the following:

(1) Clinical experience as a dental assistant trainee until competency is achieved as determined by the supervising dentist;

(2) Clinical experience as a dental assistant in another state, district or territory within five years prior to the date of application and competency is verified by the supervising dentist; or

(3) Graduation from an accredited dental assisting program.

b. The application fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

c. Evidence of successful completion of board-approved examination in the areas of infection control, hazardous materials, and jurisprudence as specified in rules 481—572.15(147,153) and 481—572.16(147,153), and dental radiography, if the applicant is also applying for a qualification in dental radiography.

d. Evidence of meeting the requirements of rule 481—572.6(136C,153) if the applicant intends to engage in dental radiography.

572.5(2) A dental assistant who is licensed or registered in another jurisdiction but who is unable to satisfy the requirements for registration in this rule may be eligible to apply for registration by verification pursuant to rule 481—572.7(272C).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.34, 153.39 and 272C.12.

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481—572.6(136C,153) Dental radiography qualification.

572.6(1) Applicants for a radiography qualification must also be a dental assistant pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 153 or hold an active license issued by the board of nursing.

572.6(2) Applications for dental radiography qualification must include the following:

a. Evidence of successful completion, within the previous five years, of education and clinical training in the area of dental radiography. The education and clinical training may be satisfied by meeting one of the following:

(1) Completion of on-the-job training in dental radiography until competency is achieved as determined by the supervising dentist;

(2) Practice as a dental assistant in another state that included clinical experience taking dental radiographs within the previous five years;

(3) Graduation from an accredited dental assisting program; or

(4) Certification from the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) that includes dental radiography and was issued within five years of the date of application.

b. The application fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

c. Evidence of successful completion a board-approved examination in the area of dental radiography in accordance with rule 481—572.16(147,153).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 136C.3 and 153.39.

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481—572.7(272C) Licensure or registration by verification. Applicants may be eligible for licensure or registration by verification pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.12. Applicants are required to hold a current license or registration in the same profession in at least one other jurisdiction that has a scope or practice that is substantially similar to that of Iowa.

572.7(1) Applications must include the following:

a. The applicable application fees, including the background check fee for applicants of a dental or dental hygiene license, as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

b. For dental or dental hygiene applicants, a completed packet to facilitate a criminal history background check.

c. A verification form, completed by the licensing authority in the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's license or registration, verifying that the applicant's license or registration in that jurisdiction

complies with the requirements of Iowa Code section 272C.12. The completed verification form must be sent directly from the licensing authority to the board.

d. Evidence of successful completion of a board-approved jurisprudence examination, pursuant to rule 481—572.15(147,153).

e. Copies of a complete criminal record, if the applicant has a criminal history.

f. A copy of the relevant disciplinary documents, if another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against the applicant.

g. A written statement from the applicant detailing the scope of practice in the other state.

h. Copies of relevant laws setting forth the scope of practice in the other state.

572.7(2) If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against an applicant, the board will determine whether the cause for the disciplinary action has been corrected and the matter has been resolved. If the board determines the disciplinary matter has not been resolved, the board will neither issue nor deny a license or registration until the matter is resolved. A person who has had a license or registration revoked, or voluntarily surrendered a license or registration, in another jurisdiction is ineligible for licensure or registration by verification.

572.7(3) If an applicant is currently the subject of a complaint, allegation, or investigation relating to unprofessional conduct pending before any regulating entity in another jurisdiction, the board will neither issue nor deny a license or registration until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved.

572.7(4) Applicants who satisfy all requirements for a license or registration under this rule except for passing the jurisprudence examination may be issued a temporary license or registration in accordance with the following:

a. A temporary license or registration is valid for a period of three months.

b. A temporary license or registration may be renewed once for an additional period of three months if the applicant has not failed the jurisprudence examination.

c. A temporary licensee or registrant shall display the board-issued license or registration renewal card that indicates the license or registration is temporary, which will satisfy the requirements in rule 481—574.2(147,153).

d. The temporary licensee or registrant must submit proof of passing the jurisprudence examination before the temporary license or registration expires. When the temporary licensee or registrant submits proof of passing the jurisprudence examination, the temporary license or registration will convert to a standard license or registration and be assigned an expiration date consistent with standard licenses or registrations.

e. If the temporary licensee or registrant does not submit proof of passing the jurisprudence examination prior to the expiration of the temporary license or registration, the temporary licensee or registrant must cease practice until a standard license or registration is issued.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272C.12.

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481—572.8(153) Resident license.

572.8(1) A dentist or dental hygienist seeking permission to practice as a resident, intern or graduate student at an accredited teaching or educational institution offering advanced education courses may apply for a resident license in lieu of a permanent license.

572.8(2) Applicants for a resident license are exempt from providing evidence of current CPR certification. Applications for resident license must include the following:

a. Evidence from the dean or designated administrative officer of the accredited school confirming enrollment as a resident, intern or graduate student.

b. A signed written statement that includes the anticipated date of completion of the program from a dentist who holds an active Iowa license or faculty permit, who proposes to exercise supervision and direction over said applicant.

c. Satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited school of dentistry, dental hygiene, or other school approved by the board or license registration committee as authorized by the board.

d. The appropriate fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

e. Clinical experience or assessment as evidenced by one of the following:

(1) The applicant has practiced clinically in another state, district, territory or country within three years of the date of application; or

(2) The applicant has successfully completed a clinical examination or assessment within three years of the date of application to demonstrate ongoing clinical competency.

572.8(3) If approved, a resident license shall allow the licensee to serve as a resident, intern, or graduate student under the supervision of a licensed or permitted faculty member at an accredited school or program approved by the board.

a. A resident license will expire on the expected date of completion of the resident training program as reported on the application.

b. If a licensee leaves the institution during the anticipated term of the resident license, the license shall be considered null and void. The director of the resident training program should notify the board within 30 days of the licensee's terminating from the program.

c. A resident license may be extended past the original expected completion date of the training program at the discretion of the board or the license and registration committee as authorized by the board. A licensee who wishes to extend the expiration date of the license shall submit an extension application that includes the following:

(1) A statement explaining the need for an extension;

(2) The fee in the amount specified in 481—Chapter 571; and

(3) A statement from the director of the resident training program attesting to the progress of the resident; the new expected date of completion; and whether any warnings have been issued, investigations conducted or disciplinary actions taken, whether by voluntary agreement or formal action.

d. The director of the resident training program should report any warnings that have been issued, investigations conducted or disciplinary actions taken, whether by voluntary agreement or formal action.

e. A resident licensee who changes resident training programs, including the pursuit of another postgraduate degree, shall apply for a new resident license and include a statement from the program director documenting the applicant's progress.

572.8(4) No examination or continuing education will be required for this license.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.22.

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481—572.9(153) Dental college and dental hygiene program faculty permits.

572.9(1) The board may issue a faculty permit entitling the holder to practice dentistry or dental hygiene as a faculty member within an accredited school or program and affiliated teaching facilities in lieu of a permanent license.

572.9(2) Applications for a faculty permit shall include the following:

a. Evidence from the dean or designated administrative officer of the accredited school confirming the employment of the applicant as faculty member who is not licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in Iowa.

b. The nonrefundable application fees, including the fingerprint packet and background check fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

c. Information regarding the professional qualifications and background of the applicant, including evidence of having graduated from an accredited school or other program approved by the board or the license and registration committee as authorized by the board.

d. A completed packet to facilitate the criminal history background check by the DCI and FBI.

e. If the applicant is licensed by another jurisdiction, the applicant shall furnish evidence from the licensing board of that jurisdiction that the applicant is licensed in good standing and has not been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action.

f. The results of a self-query of the NPDB.

g. Evidence of successful completion of a jurisprudence examination pursuant to rule 481—572.15(147,153).

h. Clinical experience or assessment as evidenced by one of the following:

(1) The applicant has practiced clinically in another state, district, territory or country within three years of the date of application; or

(2) The applicant has successfully completed a clinical examination or assessment within three years of the date of application to demonstrate ongoing clinical competency.

572.9(3) A faculty permit shall expire on August 31 of every even-numbered year and may be renewed on a biennial basis. The faculty permit will be valid so long as the holder remains a faculty member at an accredited school in Iowa.

572.9(4) A faculty permit may be renewed in accordance with rule 481—572.20(147,153,272C) and 481—Chapter 573.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.37.

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481—572.10(147,153) Requirements for issuance and renewal of a local anesthesia permit. To administer local anesthesia, a dental hygienist shall hold a current permit pursuant to 481—Chapter 576.

572.10(1) Applicants for local anesthesia permits are exempt from providing evidence of current CPR certification. Applications for a local anesthesia permit must include the following:

- a. The fee for a local anesthesia permit as specified in 481—Chapter 571; and
- b. Evidence that the applicant meets one of the following requirements:

(1) Successful completion, within the previous 36 months, of formal training in the administration of local anesthesia that includes training in block and infiltration anesthesia at an accredited school or other training program approved by the dental hygiene committee;

(2) Successful completion, within the previous 36 months, of a clinical examination in the administration of local anesthesia by a testing center approved by the board in accordance with rule 481—572.14(147,153); or

(3) For applicants who completed training or examination more than 36 months prior to application, evidence of formal training in the administration of local anesthesia and a statement attesting to ongoing practice within the previous 36 months in the administration of local anesthesia in another state or jurisdiction that authorizes a dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia.

572.10(2) The permit shall expire on August 31 of every odd-numbered year. To renew the permit, the dental hygienist must submit a timely application for renewal with evidence of holding an active Iowa dental hygiene license and submit the renewal fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

572.10(3) Failure to meet the requirements for renewal prior to November 1 following the permit's expiration will cause the permit to lapse and become invalid.

572.10(4) A permit that has lapsed may be reactivated upon the permit holder's application for reactivation, payment of the reactivation fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571, and evidence of a current Iowa dental hygiene license. A permit that has been lapsed for more than 36 months may be reinstated if the applicant also submits evidence of satisfying the requirements of paragraph 572.10(1)“b.”

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10 and 147.80 and chapter 153.

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481—572.11(153) Requirements for issuance or renewal of a moderate sedation or general anesthesia permit. Pursuant to 481—Chapter 579, dentists who wish to utilize moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia in Iowa must possess a current permit issued by the board.

572.11(1) Applications for moderate sedation or general anesthesia permits must include the following:

a. The fee specified in 481—Chapter 571.

b. To qualify for a moderate sedation permit, evidence of having successfully completed approved education and training, which includes the following:

(1) A minimum of 60 hours of instruction and management of at least 20 patients, or an accredited residency program that includes formal training and clinical experience in moderate sedation;

(2) Rescuing patients from a deeper level of sedation than intended, including managing the airway, intravascular or intraosseous access, and reversal medications;

(3) For a dentist who intends to administer moderate sedation to pediatric or American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) III or IV patients, an accredited residency program that includes formal training in anesthesia and clinical experience in managing pediatric or ASA III or IV patients; and

(4) Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification.

c. To qualify for a general anesthesia permit, evidence of having successfully completed the following education and training:

(1) An accredited advanced education program that provides training in moderate sedation, deep sedation and general anesthesia;

(2) A minimum of one year of advanced training in anesthesiology and related academic subjects beyond the undergraduate dental school level at an accredited advanced education program;

(3) Formal training in airway management; and

(4) Current ACLS certification.

572.11(2) Prior to issuance of a new permit, all facilities where the applicant intends to provide sedation services must have passed inspection by the board or designated agent pursuant to 481—Chapter 579.

572.11(3) The applicant may be required to complete a peer review evaluation or comply with any additional requirements deemed necessary to determine competency in the administration of moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia, if requested by the board or the Anesthesia Credentials Committee (ACC), prior to issuance of a permit.

572.11(4) Applications for a moderate sedation or general anesthesia permit will be reviewed by the ACC or the board as deemed necessary to ensure compliance with this rule and 481—Chapter 579. Following review of an application, the ACC or the board may take action, in accordance with rule 481—572.22(147,153,272C).

572.11(5) Moderate sedation and general anesthesia permits will expire on August 31 of every even-numbered year. A permit may be renewed by submitting an application for renewal, maintaining an active Iowa dental license or faculty permit, and complying with the following:

a. Payment of the renewal fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571;

b. Evidence of current ACLS or PALS certification; and

c. Evidence of a minimum of six hours of continuing education in the area of sedation. These hours may also be applied toward the renewal of a dental license or faculty permit.

572.11(6) Failure to renew the permit prior to November 1 following its expiration will cause the permit to lapse and become invalid for practice. Permits that have lapsed may be reactivated upon submission of a new application in compliance with this rule. Applications for reactivation of a lapsed permit within six months may be administratively approved, so long as the application satisfies the requirements of this rule.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10, 147.11 and 272C.3 and chapter 153.
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481—572.12(153) Temporary permit.

572.12(1) The board may issue a temporary permit authorizing the permit holder to practice dentistry or dental hygiene on a short-term basis in Iowa at a specific location or locations to fulfill an urgent need, serve an educational purpose, or provide volunteer services. A temporary permit is not meant as a way to practice before a permanent license is granted or as a means to practice because the applicant does not fulfill the requirements for permanent licensure. A temporary permit may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

a. The board may issue a temporary permit for a specified period up to six months.

b. A person may be issued no more than two temporary permits to fulfill an urgent need or serve an educational purpose unless the request is prior-approved by the board.

c. If the permit expires, the need changes or the permit holder wishes to continue in short-term assignments in other Iowa locations, the permit holder will be required to apply for a new temporary permit or seek permanent licensure, except when volunteering dental services in accordance with this rule.

d. A temporary permit to provide volunteer services is restricted to free clinics or dental clinics for nonprofit organizations as described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Temporary permit holders will not receive compensation for dental services provided.

572.12(2) Applications for a temporary permit to fulfill an urgent need or serve an educational purpose must include the following:

a. Satisfactory evidence of graduation with a DDS or DMD degree for applicants seeking a temporary permit to practice dentistry, or satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited dental hygiene school for applicants seeking a temporary permit to practice dental hygiene.

b. The fee for a temporary permit to fulfill an urgent need or serve an educational purpose as specified in 481—Chapter 571.

c. Certification from the state board of dentistry, or equivalent authority, from a state in which the applicant has been licensed and practicing for at least three years immediately preceding the date of application. Applicants who have been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action may not be eligible for a temporary permit.

d. Evidence that at least one license was issued on the basis of clinical examination.

e. A request from those individuals or organizations seeking the applicant's services that establishes, to the board's satisfaction, justification for the temporary permit, the dates the applicant's services are needed, and the location or locations where those services will be delivered.

572.12(3) Applications for temporary permits to provide volunteer services must include the following:

a. The name, address, and contact information of the applicant; the location of the free clinic or dental clinic for a nonprofit organization; and the dates on which the volunteer services will be provided.

b. A certification of license (or substantially similar document) from the appropriate licensing board of the applicant's primary jurisdiction.

c. A detailed statement disclosing any pending disciplinary actions or criminal charges against the applicant.

d. A statement from the applicant seeking the temporary permit that the applicant will practice only in a free dental clinic or dental clinic for a nonprofit organization and that the applicant will not receive compensation directly or indirectly for providing dental services.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.19.

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481—572.13(153) Retired volunteer license.

572.13(1) Upon application and qualification, the board may issue a retired volunteer license to a dentist or dental hygienist who has retired from the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene to enable the dentist or dental hygienist to provide volunteer dental or dental hygiene services without remuneration. A person holding a retired volunteer license must comply with the following:

a. Cannot charge a fee or receive compensation in any form from any person or third-party payer, including but not limited to an insurance company, health plan, or state or federal benefit program.

b. Cannot prescribe, administer, or dispense prescription drugs and all controlled substances.

c. Comply with all rules and regulations governing the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene except those related to the payment of fees, license renewal, and continuing education.

572.13(2) Applicants for a retired volunteer license are exempted from providing evidence of current CPR certification. Applications for retired volunteer licenses must include the following:

a. Satisfactory evidence that the applicant has retired from practice; and

b. Satisfactory evidence demonstrating that:

(1) The applicant has held an active dental or dental hygiene license within the previous five years; or

(2) The applicant possesses sufficient knowledge and skill to practice safely and competently if the applicant has not held an active dental or dental hygiene license within the previous five years.

572.13(3) The board will not charge an application or licensing fee for issuance of a retired volunteer license.

572.13(4) An applicant who has surrendered, resigned, converted, or allowed a license to lapse or expire as the result of or in lieu of disciplinary action is not eligible for a retired volunteer license.

572.13(5) A retired volunteer license is valid for 12 months from the date of issuance, at which time it expires and becomes invalid. A retired volunteer license holder whose license has become invalid is prohibited from the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene until a new retired volunteer license is issued.

572.13(6) A retired volunteer license is not considered to be an active license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene and cannot be converted to any regular license type.

572.13(7) A person holding an inactive Iowa dental or dental hygiene license may also hold a retired volunteer license.

572.13(8) A person holding a retired volunteer license will notify the board of any change in name or home address within seven days of the change. A copy of a certified marriage license or copy of certified court documents is required for proof of a name change.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.23.

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481—572.14(147,153) Clinical examination required for licensure.

572.14(1) Pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.34, the board and dental hygiene committee will approve examinations for the purposes of licensure. Applicants shall comply with the following:

a. Examinees must meet the requirements for testing and follow procedures established by each respective testing agency. Examinees must take all parts offered by the respective testing agency, including the periodontal scaling component for dental examinees if offered by the testing agency.

b. The examinee must attain a passing score on each clinical and written portion of the examination.

c. Applicants for licensure pursuant to rule 481—572.3(147,153) must provide evidence of successful completion of a board-approved clinical examination unless exempted by rule.

572.14(2) For the purposes of licensure, the board accepts patient-based and simulated clinical examinations administered by the testing agencies as follows:

a. Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS);

b. CDCA-WREB-CITA, which was previously the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA); and

c. The States Resources for Testing and Assessments (SRTA), previously known as the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc.

572.14(3) The board on its own motion may monitor or review any clinical examinations already approved by the board. Upon evidence that a clinical examination fails to satisfactorily demonstrate clinical competency to practice dentistry or dental hygiene, the board may revoke the approval of a clinical examination.

572.14(4) For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board and dental hygiene committee may utilize policies adopted by each respective testing agency. An examinee will only need to retake those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, an examinee who has not passed all parts of the examination within the time frame specified by the testing agency may be required to retake the entire examination at the discretion of the testing agency. The examinee should refer to the policies of the testing agency to determine applicable standards and time frames.

572.14(5) Following a second or subsequent failure, an examinee must complete additional formal education or clinical experience at an accredited school or other program approved by the board. Ongoing education and training completed by the examinee prior to graduation from an accredited school will be accepted for the purposes of remediation. The applicant will provide evidence of remediation upon request.

a. Prior to the third examination attempt, an examinee must complete additional formal education or clinical experience.

b. Prior to the fourth examination attempt, an examinee must successfully complete a minimum of 40 hours of formal education or clinical experience.

c. For subsequent examination attempts, an examinee must successfully complete a minimum of 40 hours of formal education or clinical experience following each failure.

572.14(6) If an examinee applies for an examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the failure shall be counted for the purposes of retakes.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.34, 147.36, 272C.3, 272C.9, and 272C.13 and chapter 153.

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481—572.15(147,153) Jurisprudence examination.

572.15(1) An applicant for a dental or dental hygiene license, faculty permit, or registration as a dental assistant must successfully complete a board-approved examination in the area of Iowa jurisprudence with a minimum score of 75 percent. An examinee may be required to meet such other requirements as may be imposed by the board's approved testing locations.

572.15(2) The following examinations are approved for the purposes of this chapter:

- a. Board-approved examinations;
- b. Examinations administered by accredited schools or programs located in Iowa; and
- c. Board-approved continuing education courses that include a posttest examination and that have been approved by the board.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.34, 147.36, 272C.3, 272C.9 and 272C.13 and chapter 153.

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481—572.16(147,153) Examinations for registration or qualification.

572.16(1) An applicant for dental assistant registration must successfully complete examinations as required pursuant to rule 481—572.5(153).

572.16(2) An application for radiography qualification must successfully complete the examination as required pursuant to rule 481—572.6(136C,153).

572.16(3) An applicant may complete a single comprehensive examination or complete separate board-approved examinations in the required areas.

a. The following examinations are approved for the purposes of this subrule:

- (1) Board-approved examinations;
- (2) The DANB's Infection Control Examination (ICE);
- (3) The DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Examination;
- (4) Examinations administered by accredited schools' dental assisting programs; or
- (5) Board-approved continuing education courses that include posttest examination.

b. A score of 75 percent or better on the board-approved examinations will be considered successful completion of the examination. The board also accepts the passing standard established by the DANB for applicants who take the ICE or RHS examination.

c. An examinee may be required to meet such other requirements as may be imposed by the board's approved testing locations.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.34, 147.36, 272C.3, 272C.9 and 272C.13 and chapter 153.

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481—572.17(147,153,272C) Renewal of a license, permit, registration, or qualification.

572.17(1) To continue practicing in Iowa, a license, permit, registration, or qualification must be renewed prior to its expiration date.

a. Dental hygiene licenses, local anesthesia permits, dental assistant registrations, and dental radiography qualifications expire on August 31 of every odd-numbered year.

b. Dental licenses, faculty permits, moderate sedation permits, and general anesthesia permits expire August 31 of every even-numbered year.

572.17(2) The department will email a renewal notice to each licensee, registrant and permit holder at the most recent email address of record.

a. The licensee, registrant, or permit holder is responsible for successfully completing renewal prior to the license's, registration's or permit's expiration. Failure to receive the renewal notice does not eliminate the responsibility for submitting a timely-filed renewal in order to continue practicing in the state of Iowa.

b. Renewal applications are not considered timely and complete until received by the department and accompanied by all material required for renewal and all applicable fees. Incomplete applications will not be issued renewal.

572.17(3) Applications for renewal must include the following:

a. The appropriate fee, including a penalty for late renewal when applicable, as specified in 481—Chapter 571 must accompany the application for renewal.

b. Licensees, registrants, and permit holders are required to complete continuing education in accordance with 481—Chapter 573 unless claiming a permissible exemption.

572.17(4) Iowa-licensed nurses applying for renewal of a radiography qualification are exempt from providing evidence of current CPR certification.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10, 147.25 and 147.80 and chapters 136C, 153 and 272C.

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481—572.18(147,153,272C) Grounds for nonrenewal. The board may refuse to renew a license, registration, permit or qualification on the following grounds:

572.18(1) After proper notice and hearing for a violation of these rules or Iowa Code chapter 147, 153 or 272C.

572.18(2) Failure to pay required fees.

572.18(3) Failure to obtain required continuing education.

572.18(4) Failure to maintain current certification in CPR that includes a hands-on component, or ACLS or PALS certification when required by rule.

572.18(5) Receipt of a certificate of noncompliance from the child support recovery unit of the department of health and human services in accordance with 481—Chapter 8.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.31 and chapters 147, 252J and 272C.

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481—572.19(147,153,272C) Late renewal. Failure to renew a license, permit, registration or qualification prior to the expiration date will result in the assessment of a late fee in the amount specified in 481—Chapter 571 in addition to the renewal fee.

572.19(1) Failure to renew prior to September 1 following expiration will result in the assessment of a late fee in the amount specified in 481—Chapter 571 in addition to the renewal fee.

572.19(2) Failure to renew prior to October 1 following expiration will result in the assessment of a late fee in the amount specified in 481—Chapter 571 in addition to the renewal fee.

572.19(3) Failure to renew prior to November 1 following expiration will cause the license, permit, registration, or qualification to lapse and become invalid. A licensee, permit holder, or registrant whose license, permit, registration, or qualification has lapsed is prohibited from the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting or dental radiography until the license, permit, registration or qualification is reinstated in accordance with rule 481—571.20(147,153,272C).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10, 147.11 and 272C.2.

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481—572.20(147,153,272C) Reinstatement or reactivation of a lapsed license, permit, registration or qualification.

572.20(1) A lapsed license, permit, registration or qualification may be reactivated at the discretion of the board. Applications for reactivation must include the following:

a. Payment of a reactivation application fee plus one past-due renewal fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571;

b. For reactivation of a lapsed dental or dental hygiene license, a completed criminal history background packet, including the fee as specified in 481—Chapter 571, to facilitate a criminal history background check by the DCI and the FBI;

c. Evidence of completion of continuing education required for renewal in accordance with 481—Chapter 573 that has not been previously reported to the board, or evidence of the full- or part-time practice of the profession in another state, district or territory for a minimum of two years within the previous five-year period;

d. If licensed or registered in another state, district or territory, certification by the licensing authority of the license or registration status and that the licensee or registrant has not been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action;

e. A detailed statement disclosing any disciplinary actions, investigations, claims, complaints, judgments, settlements or criminal charges.

f. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 147.11, applicants for reinstatement, following the revocation, suspension, or acceptance of a voluntary surrender by this board, must comply with any additional stipulations issued by the board prior to the reactivation of the license, registration, permit or qualification.

572.20(2) The board or dental hygiene committee may require a licensee or registrant who is applying for reactivation, and who has not actively practiced clinically within five years immediately preceding the date of application, to successfully complete a board-approved examination or assessment for the purpose of ensuring that the applicant possesses sufficient knowledge and skill to practice safely.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10, 147.11 and 272C.2.

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481—572.21(136C,153) Reactivation of lapsed radiography qualification.

572.21(1) A registered dental assistant or licensed nurse whose radiography qualification has lapsed may have the radiography qualification reactivated at the discretion of the board. In addition to the application requirements specified in rule 481—572.20(147,153,272C), applicants for reactivation must also submit evidence of the following:

- a.* Current practice as a dental assistant or an Iowa nursing license; and
- b.* Evidence of one of the following:

(1) If the radiography qualification has been lapsed for less than five years, a minimum of two hours of continuing education in the subject area of dental radiography, taken within the previous two-year period;

(2) If the radiography qualification has been lapsed for more than five years, the applicant has retaken and successfully completed a board-approved examination in dental radiography; or

(3) Current radiography qualification issued by another state, district or territory, and a statement detailing the clinical practice in dental radiography in that jurisdiction for a minimum of two years in the previous five-year period.

572.21(2) Iowa-licensed nurses applying for reactivation of a radiography qualification are exempt from providing evidence of current CPR certification.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.10, 147.25 and 147.80 and chapters 136C, 153 and 272C.

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481—572.22(147,153,272C) Grounds for action against a license, permit, registration or qualification.

572.22(1) Following review of an application, including applications for reinstatement or reactivation, the board may take action against a license, permit, registration or qualification if the board finds that any of the following apply to the applicant:

a. Has been the subject of disciplinary action taken against a license or registration in another state, district, or territory, and the violations that resulted in such action would also be grounds for discipline in Iowa in accordance with 481—Chapter 581;

b. Failed to justify the need for a temporary permit;

c. Practiced outside the scope of practice as permitted by Iowa law; or

d. Found probable cause for any of the grounds for which licensure or registration may be subject to disciplinary action, including revocation or suspension, as specified in Iowa Code chapters 147, 153 and 272C and 481—Chapter 581.

572.22(2) The board may take action against an applicant for license, permit, registration or qualification as follows:

a. Impose applicable restrictions or sanctions pursuant to rule 481—581.1(147,153,272C) as a condition of licensure, permit, registration, qualification or reinstatement;

b. Issue a notice of intent to cancel a temporary permit or retired volunteer license;

c. Issue a notice of intent to deny issuance or reactivation of a license, permit, registration or qualification;

d. Initiate disciplinary action against the license, permit, registration or qualification; or

e. Initiate other confidential action as permitted by Iowa law.

572.22(3) If the board pursues formal action against an applicant pursuant to this rule, the board will promptly notify the applicant by certified mail at the applicant's last-known address or by personal service.

572.22(4) The provisions of 481—Chapter 506 shall govern a contested case proceeding.

572.22(5) The procedure for appealing a decision of the board in a contested case is set forth in 481—Chapter 506.

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This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 147, 153 and 272C.

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