

650—20.6(153) Registration requirements. Effective July 2, 2001, dental assistants must meet the following requirements for registration:

20.6(1) Dental assistant trainee.

a. On or after May 1, 2013, a dentist supervising a person performing dental assistant duties must ensure that the person has been issued a trainee status certificate from the board office prior to the person's first date of employment as a dental assistant. A dentist who has been granted a temporary permit to provide volunteer services for a qualifying event of limited duration pursuant to 650—subrule 13.3(3), or an Iowa-licensed dentist who is volunteering at such qualifying event, is exempt from this requirement for a dental assistant who is working under the dentist's supervision at the qualifying event.

b. Applications for registration as a dental assistant trainee must be filed on official board forms and include the following:

- (1) The fee as specified in 650—Chapter 15.
- (2) Evidence of high school graduation or equivalent.
- (3) Evidence the applicant is 17 years of age or older.
- (4) Any additional information required by the board relating to the character and experience of the applicant as may be necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.
- (5) If the applicant does not meet the requirements of (2) and (3) above, evidence that the applicant is enrolled in a cooperative education or work-study program through an Iowa high school.

c. Prior to the trainee status expiration date, the dental assistant trainee is required to successfully complete a board-approved course of study and examination in the areas of infection control, hazardous materials, and jurisprudence. The course of study may be taken at a board-approved postsecondary school or on the job using curriculum approved by the board for such purpose. Evidence of meeting this requirement prior to the trainee status expiration date shall be submitted by the employer dentist.

d. Prior to the trainee status expiration date, the dental assistant trainee's supervising dentist must ensure that the trainee has received a certificate of registration or has been issued start-over trainee status in accordance with rule 650—20.5(153) before performing any further dental assisting duties.

20.6(2) Registered dental assistant.

a. To meet this qualification, a person must:

- (1) Work in a dental office for six months as a dental assistant trainee; or
- (2) If licensed out of state, have had at least six months of prior dental assisting experience under a licensed dentist within the past two years; or
- (3) Be a graduate of an accredited dental assisting program approved by the board; and
- (4) Be a high school graduate or equivalent; and
- (5) Be 17 years of age or older.

b. Applications for registration as a registered dental assistant must be filed on official board forms and include the following:

- (1) The fee as specified in 650—Chapter 15.
- (2) Evidence of meeting the requirements specified in 20.6(2) "a."
- (3) Evidence of successful completion of a course of study approved by the board and sponsored by a board-approved, accredited dental assisting program in the areas of infection control, hazardous materials, and jurisprudence. The course of study may be taken at a board-approved, accredited dental assisting program or on the job using curriculum approved by the board for such purpose.
- (4) Evidence of successful completion of a board-approved examination in the areas of infection control, hazardous materials, and jurisprudence.
- (5) Evidence of high school graduation or the equivalent.
- (6) Evidence the applicant is 17 years of age or older.
- (7) Evidence of meeting the qualifications of 650—Chapter 22 if engaging in dental radiography.
- (8) A statement:
 1. Confirming that the applicant possesses a valid certificate from a nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that included a "hands-on" clinical component;
 2. Providing the expiration date of the CPR certificate; and

3. Acknowledging that the CPR certificate will be retained and made available to board office staff as part of routine auditing and monitoring.

(9) 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.

20.6(3) All applications must be signed and verified by the applicant as to the truth of the documents and statements contained therein.

20.6(4) 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 apply for registration by verification, if eligible, in accordance with rule 650—20.17(272C).

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