

**650—20.6 (153) Registration requirements after July 1, 2001.** Effective July 2, 2001, dental assistants must meet the following requirements for registration:

**20.6(1) Dental assistant trainee.**

*a.* A dentist supervising a person performing dental assistant duties must notify the board in writing of such employment within seven days of the time the dental assistant begins work.

*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.

(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.* Within 12 months of employment, 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 shall be submitted within 12 months by the employer dentist.

*d.* Upon expiration of the trainee status, the dental assistant trainee's supervising dentist must ensure that the trainee has received a certificate of registration 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) 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) Evidence of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation sponsored by a nationally recognized provider.

(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) Rescinded IAB 9/17/03, effective 10/22/03.**

**20.6(4)** All applications must be signed and verified by the applicant as to the truth of the documents and statements contained therein.

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