

**650—11.8(153) Dental assistant registration.**

**11.8(1) General.** An applicant must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- a. Successful completion of board-approved training or education in dental assisting in accordance with subrule 11.8(2);
- b. Evidence of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that included a hands-on component; and
- c. Successful completion of board-approved examination in the areas of infection control/hazardous materials and jurisprudence in accordance with subrule 11.8(3). Successful completion of board-approved examination in the area of dental radiography is also required if an applicant is applying for a radiography qualification in accordance with rule 650—22.5(136C,153).

**11.8(2) Education and training.** An applicant must meet one of the following:

- a. Work in a dental office as a dental assistant trainee until competency is achieved as determined by the supervising dentist;
- b. Work as a dental assistant in another state, district or territory within five years prior to the date of application; or
- c. Be a graduate of an accredited dental assisting program.

**11.8(3) Examination.** An applicant for registration must successfully complete examinations as required pursuant to subrule 11.8(2). Applicants 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 Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB's) Infection Control Examination (ICE);
- (3) The DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Examination;
- (4) Examinations administered by accredited dental assisting programs; or
- (5) Board-approved continuing education courses, which include posttest examination.

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

c. An examinee must meet such other requirements as may be imposed by the board's approved dental assistant testing centers.

**11.8(4) Applications.** Applications for registration as a registered dental assistant must be filed on official board forms and include the following:

- a. The fee as specified in 650—Chapter 15.
- b. Evidence of meeting the education and training requirements specified in subrule 11.8(2).
- c. Evidence of successful completion of a board-approved examination in the areas of infection control, hazardous materials and jurisprudence as specified in subrule 11.8(3), and dental radiography, if the applicant is also applying for a qualification in dental radiography in accordance with rule 650—22.5(136,153).
- d. Evidence of meeting the qualifications of 650—Chapter 22 if the applicant is engaging in dental radiography.
- e. Evidence of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation that included a hands-on component.

f. 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.

**11.8(5) Attestation.** All applications must be signed and verified by the applicant as to the truth of the documents and statements contained therein.

**11.8(6) Alternate pathway for registration.** 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—11.9(272C).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 153.39.

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