

## 32 §1100-E. LICENSES; ENDORSEMENT

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**1. Authority.** The board has the authority to issue licenses to qualified persons to practice denturism pursuant to this subchapter.

[ 1995, c. 590, §7 (AMD) . ]

**2. License issued.** The board shall issue a license for the practice in this State to each person who has passed an examination under section 1100-D. This license authorizes the licensee to practice as a denturist in the State until the expiration date that appears on the license. Beginning October 1, 2009, the board shall require, in addition to passage of the examination, all applicants for licensure to have a diploma and be graduates of a board-approved denturism postsecondary institution. Denturists licensed in this State prior to October 1, 2009 that do not have a diploma from a board-approved denturism postsecondary institution shall successfully complete an upgraded curriculum approved by the board before a license may be issued or renewed.

[ 2009, c. 227, §5 (AMD) . ]

**3. Renewal; renewal fee.** After a license has been issued under subsection 2, and on or before January 1st of odd-numbered years, a denturist must pay to the board a license renewal fee of not more than \$175 to be determined by the board in order to renew the license and to continue to be authorized to practice as a denturist in the State.

After the requirements for a license renewal, including any necessary continuing education, have been met, a renewal card of the denturist's license must be issued, which the denturist shall place beside or attach to the denturist's initial license. Denturists who have not paid the renewal fee on or before January 1st must be reinstated upon payment of a late fee, to be determined by the board, of not more than \$50 if paid by February 1st. A license to practice is automatically suspended on February 1st and may be reinstated, if approved by the board, on payment of a fee to be determined by the board of not more than \$175. A new applicant who has paid the application fee shall pay the biennial licensure fee if the applicant applies in an odd-numbered year or 1/2 the biennial licensure fee if the applicant applies in an even-numbered year.

[ 2005, c. 45, §6 (AMD) . ]

**4. Endorsement.** The board, at its discretion, without examination, may issue a license to an applicant to practice as a denturist who furnishes proof satisfactory to the board that the denturist has been licensed to practice and has actively practiced for a period of 3 years in another state or Canadian province after full compliance with the requirements of its dental laws, if the licensure requirements are, in all essentials, at least equivalent to those of this State. The board may require letters of reference about the denturist. Applicants for licensure by endorsement who meet the requirements of this section must be interviewed in person by the board, or members of the board, prior to being issued a license. Every license so given must state upon its face that it was granted on the basis of endorsement. The fee for the license may not exceed \$175.

[ 2003, c. 669, §14 (AMD) . ]

**4-A. Duplicate license.** A licensee must be issued a duplicate license by the board for a fee of \$15 upon attestation of loss of the original.

[ 1995, c. 590, §7 (AMD) . ]

**5. Additional prohibitions.** A denturist may not:

A. Falsely claim to be a licensed dentist or allow another to falsely represent the denturist as a licensed dentist; [1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §90 (AMD).]

B. [1995, c. 590, §7 (RP).]

B-1. [2001, c. 337, §4 (RP).]

C. Perform a task beyond the dentist's competence; or [1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §90 (AMD).]

D. Administer, dispense or prescribe a medication or controlled substance. [1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §90 (AMD).]

[ 2001, c. 337, §4 (AMD) .]

**6. Mental or physical examination.** For the purposes of this subsection, by the application for and acceptance of the license, a licensed dentist is deemed to have given consent to a mental or physical examination when directed by the board. The board may direct the examination whenever it determines a dentist may be suffering from a mental illness that may be interfering with the competent practice of dentistry or from the use of intoxicants or drugs to an extent that they are preventing the dentist from practicing dentistry competently and with safety to the patients. A dentist examined pursuant to an order of the board does not have the privilege to prevent the testimony of the examining individual or to prevent the acceptance into evidence of the report of an examining individual. Failure to comply with an order of the board to submit to a mental or physical exam requires the District Court to immediately order the license of the dentist suspended until the dentist submits to the examination.

[ 1995, c. 590, §7 (AMD); 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 (AMD); 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §80 (AFF) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

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