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**OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Demboski
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
465.4081

DATE: November 20, 2020

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Dental Examiners

Board of Dental Examiners regulations re: clinical examinations for dental hygienists (12 AAC 28.320(a)(4); 12 AAC 28.935(b)(7))

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| Attorney General File: | 2020200561 |
| Regulation Filed: | 11/20/2020 |
| Effective Date: | 12/20/2020 |
| Print: | 236, January 2021 |

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS


The attached two pages of regulations, dealing with examinations for dental hygienists, are hereby certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Dental Examiners adopted at its October 16, 2020 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.32.014; AS 08.32.070; AS 08.32.110; and AS 08.36.070, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Board of Dental Examiners paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 10/16/2020
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dr. David Nielson, President
Board of Dental Examiners

April Simpson for
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FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on November 20, 2020 at 12:25 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.

Kevin Meyer
for _____
Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: December 20, 2020.

Register: 236, January 2021.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

**I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,
designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act
filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th,
2018.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Meyer", followed by a dotted line.

**KEVIN MEYER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Chapter 28. Board of Dental Examiners.

12 AAC 28.320(a)(4) is amended to read:

(4) evidence of having passed the local anesthetic written and patient based clinical components [PORTION] of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) dental hygienist examination or an equivalent examination, within the five years immediately preceding the date of application.

(Eff. 5/31/81, Register 78; am 5/6/88, Register 106; am 1/22/2004, Register 169; am

12 / 20 / 2020, Register 236)

Authority: AS 08.32.110 AS 08.36.070

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12 AAC 28.935(a)(7) is amended to read:

(7) a copy of the applicant's certificate of examination [FROM THE WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD (WREB)] showing the applicant has passed [THE CLINICAL EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY WREB] within the five years immediately preceding the date of application, a patient based clinical examination approved by the board that requires calibration of examiners, anonymity between candidates and grading examiners, and tests the ability of the applicant to practice dental hygiene and utilize professional judgement ^{requires} ~~Before approval by the board, the board shall receive verification~~ ₃ ^{must} ~~that the clinical examination taken by the applicant included the following:~~

(A) extraoral and intraoral assessment;

(B) radiographic evaluation;

(C) periodontal assessment;

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(D) subgingival calculus detection and removal; and

(E) tissue management; and

(Eff. 1/22/2004, Register 169; am 2/20/2004, Register 169; am 4/27/2007, Register 182; am 10/19/2008, Register 188; am 12/15/2013, Register 208; am 12 / 20 / 2020, Register 236)

Authority: AS 08.32.014 AS 08.32.070 AS 08.36.070

CC Publisher: Please delete the second paragraph of the editor's note that follows 12 AAC 28.935.)))


MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska Department of Law

To: The Honorable Kevin Meyer
Lieutenant Governor

Date: November 19, 2020

File No.: 2020200561

Thru: Susan R. Pollard 
Chief Assistant Attorney General
and Regulations Attorney
Legislation and Regulations Section

Tel. No.: 465-3600

From: Steven C. Weaver *scw*
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: Board of Dental Examiners
regulations re: clinical examinations
for dental hygienists (12 AAC
28.320(a)(4); 12 AAC 28.935(b)(7))

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Dental Examiners against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Dental Examiners after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations update requirements for examinations for dental hygienists, particularly clinical examinations. The regulations include an amendment to 12 AAC 28.320(a)(4) that the Board of Dental Examiners made after public notice; the amendment, similar to the amendment that the board already proposed for 12 AAC 28.935(b)(7), clarifies that an applicant may take an equivalent to the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) examination.

The September 4, 2020 public notice and the October 16, 2020 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

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cc w/enc.: Dr. David Nielson, President
Board of Dental Examiners
(via e-mail through Sher Zinn)

Amy Demboski, Assistant Commissioner and Regulations Contact
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist
Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Harriet Dinegar-Milks, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Commercial, Fair Business, and Child Support Section

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Board of Dental Examiners proposes to update regulations regarding examinations for dental hygienists.

The Board of Dental Examiners (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 28 of the Alaska Administrative Code including the following:

1. **12 AAC 28.320. Application for certification to administer local anesthetic agents**, is proposed to be amended by clarifying the clinical examination requirements for the local anesthesia certification.
2. **12 AAC 28.935. Dental hygienist licensure by examination**, is proposed to be amended by updating the clinical examination requirements for the hygienist license by examination.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at <https://notice.alaska.gov/199345>, and using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 9, 2020.** Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofDentalExaminers.aspx>. The Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Sher Zinn at (907) 465-1049 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, no later than October 2, 2020, to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Sher Zinn at (907) 465-1049 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or go to <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/DEN-Regs0920.pdf>.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.** Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 08.32.014; AS 08.32.070; AS 08.32.110; AS 08.36.070.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.32.014; AS 08.32.070; AS 08.32.110; AS 08.36.070.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 9/4/2020

Sher Zinn
Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist
Division of Corporations, Business and
Professional Licensing

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ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. **Adopting agency:** Board of Dental Examiners – Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.
2. **General subject of regulation:** Dental hygienist examinations.
3. **Citation of regulation:** 12 AAC 28.320; 12 AAC 28.935.
4. **Department of Law file number:** To be assigned.
5. **Reason for the proposed action:** Update and clarification of current regulations.
6. **Appropriation/Allocation:** Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing – #2360.
7. **Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:**
A private person: None known.
Another state agency: None known.
A municipality: None known.
8. **Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):**
No costs are expected in FY 2021 or in subsequent years.
9. **The name of the contact person for the regulation:**
Abby O'Brien, Licensing Examiner
Board of Dental Examiners
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Telephone: (907) 465-2542
E-mail: abby.obrien@alaska.gov
10. **The origin of the proposed action:** Board of Dental Examiners.
11. **Date:** 9/4/2020 **Prepared by:** Sher Zinn
Sher Zinn
Regulations Specialist

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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Lisi Misa being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is a representative of the Anchorage Daily News, a daily newspaper. That said newspaper has been approved by the Third Judicial Court, Anchorage, Alaska, and it now and has been published in the English language continually as a daily newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska, and it is now and during all said time was printed in an office maintained at the afore-said place of publication of said newspaper. That the annexed is a copy of an advertisement as it was published in regular issues (and not in supplemental form) of said newspaper on

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Signed

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 4th day of September 2020.

Notary Public in and for
The State of Alaska.
Third Division
Anchorage, Alaska

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

4/14/21
ANGELA M SIMMONS
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Alaska
My Commission Expires Apr. 14, 2021

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Published: September 4, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS
AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

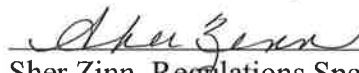
I, Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 12 AAC 28, dealing with examinations for dental hygienists, has been given by being:

1. published in a newspaper or trade publication;
2. furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
3. furnished to appropriate state officials;
4. furnished to interested persons;
5. furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
6. furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
7. posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1);

As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (2), (4) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Date: 10/20/2020

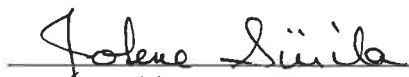

Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on

10/20/2020

(date)




Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Board of Dental Examiners regulations on dealing with examinations for dental hygienists.

Date: 10/20/2020

Sher Zinn
Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on
10/20/2020
(date)



Jolene Siirila
Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD ACTION

I, Abby O'Brien, Licensing Examiner for the Board of Dental Examiners, being duly sworn, state the following:


The attached motion dealing with examinations for dental hygienists, was passed by the Board of Dental Examiners during its October 16, 2020 meeting.

Date: 10/20/2020


Abby O'Brien, Licensing Examiner

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Juneau, Alaska on
10/20/2020
(date)




Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

Excerpt of the October 16, 2020, Board of Dental Examiners Videoconference-

In a motion duly made by Gail Walden, seconded by Dr. Hronkin with unanimous consent, it was resolved that the Board adopt the regulation project for 12 AAC 28.320 (a)(4) and 12 AAC 28.935(a)(7) with amendments.

12 AAC 28.320(a)(4) is amended to read:

Evidence of having passed the local anesthetic **written and patient based clinical components** [PORTION] of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) dental hygienist examination **or equivalent examination** within the five years immediately preceding the date of application. (Eff. 5/31/81, Register 78: am 5/6/88, Register 106; am 1/22/2004, Register 169: am ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 08.32.110

AS 08.36.070

| Board Member | Motion | First | Second | Yes | No | Abstain |
|----------------------|--------|-------|--------|-----|----|---------|
| David Nielson, DDS | | | | x | | |
| Gail Walden | x | | | | | |
| Steven Scheller, DDS | | | | | | |
| Dominic Wenzell, DDS | | | | x | | |
| Kelly Lucas, DDS | | | | | | |
| Robin Wahto | | | | x | | |
| Jesse Hronkin, DDS | | | x | | | |
| Jonathan Woller, DDS | | | | | | |
| Brittany Dschaak | | | | x | | |

All in favor, motion passes.