



Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

November 2022

1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 28.915 Application deadline for personal interview

- This section is proposed to be repealed.
- It will streamline the application process.
- Personal interviews are only required for applicants by credentials.
- There are certain setting with notable lack of access to dental hygiene care and this is an attempt to remedy this.
- Increase access to dental care.

12 AAC 28.925 Lapsed licenses

- Update the application requirements for reinstatement of a lapsed license.
- Amends language for "has ever held" verifications to reflect only held during the lapsed period.
- Applicant's who's license lapses will only need to provide verification of license for time that Alaska license was lapsed.

12 AAC 28.936 Advanced practice permits

- New section outlining regulation relating to advanced practice permits for dental hygienists.
- A licensed hygienist with an advanced practice permit will allow for independent practice in certain setting with certain populations without the need of a licensed dentist to be present. This is in response to Section 4 Chapter 56 SLA 2022, (SB 173) that takes effect January 1, 2023.
- There are certain setting with notable lack of access to dental hygiene care and this is an attempt to remedy this.

12 AAC 28.937 Dental hygienist licensure by credentials

- Update the application requirements for dental hygienist licensure by credentials.
- Make it easier for applicants to apply for licensure by credential and not ask anything more than currently being asked of our own licensees.
- It will streamline the application process.

12 AAC 28.940 Dental licensure by examination

- Update the application requirements for dental licensure by examination.
- Eliminates requirements of clinical practice for five years with an average of 20 hours per week.
- Takes more into consideration to meet requirements.
- It will streamline the application process.

12 AAC 28.951 Dental licensure by credentials

- Update the application process and requirements for dental licensure by credentials.
- Eliminates confusing and unnecessary requirements for licensure.
- Takes more into consideration to meet requirements.
- It will streamline the application process.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

\$100 advanced practice permit application fee; \$200 initial biennial advanced practice permit fee;
\$200 advanced practice permit biennial renewal fee.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Commission for consideration. The Commission may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Commission action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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