



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

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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

12 AAC 28.959 Dental specialist license

- New section outlining regulations relating to dental specialist license for dentists.
- This is in response to Section 6 Chapter 56 SLA 2022 (SB 173) that takes effect July 1, 2023.
- Create dental specialist license categories that are nationally recognized for dentists and limit their practice to that specialty.
- So the public has a better ability to know if they are being treated by a specialist in that area of dentistry.
- It will give people the chance to have more confidence in their provider being specialty trained in the procedures that they need, rather than just a general dentist.

2. Will I be able to work and advertise doing work as a specialist without being licensed as a specialist?

The board is only using recognized specialties from the national commission, and you must be licensed as the specialist you wish to advertise as.

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

\$300 dental specialist application fee; \$450 initial biennial dental specialist license fee; \$450 dental specialist license biennial renewal fee.

4. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board 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 Board 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.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.