

## MAINE BOARD OF DENTAL PRACTICE – Rule Changes (Effective April 5, 2020)

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<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/02/chaps02.htm#313>

| CHAPTER NUMBER  | SUMMARY OF CHANGES  |
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| <b><u>Chapter 1</u> – Definitions</b>   | <p>Deleted terms not used in rules (technical):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADHA, CDE, Certificate of Oral Condition, CME, Dental Auxiliaries, Dental Assistant, Edentulous Arch, NERB, Overdenture, Reversible Intraoral Procedures, Teledentistry</li> </ul> <p>Deleted terms already defined in the Maine Dental Practice Act (technical):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board, Dental Hygienist, Dental Radiographer, Dental Radiography, Dentist, Denturist, Direct Supervision, Expanded Function Dental Assistant<br/>General Supervision, Independent Practice Dental Hygienist, Local Anesthesia, Nitrous Oxide Analgesia, Practice of Denturism, Public Health Supervision</li> </ul> <p>Revised the following definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising, BCLS, Patient (formerly Patient of record)</li> </ul> |
| <b><u>Chapter 2</u> – Qualifications for Dental Hygiene Licensure and Dental Hygiene Practice Authorities</b> | <p>Deleted scope of practice sections as the sections exist in the Dental Practice Act.</p> <p>Revised the qualifications consistent with statutory requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualifications of administering nitrous oxide analgesia and local anesthesia</li> <li>• Practice requirements for the supervising dentists and dental hygienist with the practice authority</li> <li>• Eligibility requirements and practice requirements for public health dental hygiene authority</li> <li>• Revised and moved the requirements for licensure by endorsement and to renew into Chapter 11</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><b><u>Chapter 3</u> – Qualifications for Expanded Function Dental Assistant Licensure</b></p> | <p>Deleted scope of practice sections as the sections already exist in the Dental Practice Act.<br/> Revised the qualifications for expanded function dental assistant licensure consistent with statutory requirements.<br/> Revised and moved the requirements for licensure by endorsement and to renew into Chapter 11.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Chapter 4</u> – Qualifications for Dental Radiography Licensure</b></p>                 | <p>Revised the qualifications for licensure consistent with statutory requirements.<br/> Revised and moved the requirements for licensure by endorsement and to renew into Chapter 11.</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Chapter 5</u> – Qualifications for Denturist Licensure</b></p>                          | <p>Deleted denturist externship permit as the licensure category was repealed in the Dental Practice Act.<br/> Revised the qualifications for denturist licensure consistent with statutory requirements.<br/> Revised and moved the qualifications for licensure by endorsement and to renew into Chapter 11.</p>               |
| <p><b><u>Chapter 6</u> – Qualifications for Dentist Licensure</b></p>                            | <p>Deleted dentist externship permit as the licensure categories was repealed in the Dental Practice Act.<br/> Revised the qualifications for licensure and licensure categories consistent with statutory requirements.<br/> Revised and moved the requirements for licensure by endorsement and to renew into Chapter 11.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Chapter 8</u> – Qualifications for Initial and Renewal Registrations</b></p>            | <p>Identifies the requirements for the initial and renewal of licensees registered with the Board to complete supervised, clinical experience in the categories of sedation, local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia.<br/> Identifies the requirements for a denturist trainee consistent with the Dental Practice Act.</p> |

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| <p><b><u>Chapter 9</u> – Unprofessional Conduct</b></p>  | <p>Deleted the complaint process from rule.<br/>Deleted the limitation of a dentist’s scope of practice by rule.<br/>Revised sections of unprofessional conduct and moved them into Chapter 12.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Chapter 10</u> – Sexual Misconduct</b></p>  | <p>Revised the sexual misconduct section.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Chapter 11</u> – Qualifications for Licensure by Endorsement; Requirements for Renewal, Late Renewal and Reinstatement of Licensure and Authorities</b></p> | <p>Identifies the requirements for licensure by endorsement, requirements to renew and reinstate licenses, and requirements for dental hygiene practice authorities consistent with statutory requirements.</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Chapter 12</u> – Practice Requirements</b></p>  | <p>Identifies the practice requirements of individuals licensed under the Dental Practice Act in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General practice requirements such as infection control; radiation protection; adherence to local, state and federal health and safety regulations; emergency protocols; dental adverse reporting; and controlled substances and inventory control</li> <li>• Patient record requirements that include recordkeeping requirements, content of a patient record, informed consent, progress notes, and financial records</li> <li>• Requirements for proper patient dismissal; practice sale and closure notification</li> <li>• Specific practice requirements when utilizing nitrous oxide analgesia</li> <li>• Specific practice requirements when utilizing certain materials, laser and digital equipment</li> <li>• Specific practice requirements for IDPH practice consistent with statutory requirements</li> <li>• Specific practice requirements for a referral network, after hour patient care, and when deviating from a practice standard</li> <li>• Adoption of principles of ethics and codes of professional conduct for dentists, dental hygienists and denturists</li> </ul> |

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| <b><u>Chapter 15</u> – Mortality or Significant Health Incidents in a Dental Office</b>                   | Rule repealed and practice requirement moved into Chapter 12.  |
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| <b><u>Chapter 16</u> – Rules for Independent Practice Dental Hygienists to Process Dental Radiographs</b> | Rule repealed and practice requirements moved into Chapter 12. |