

NEW REGULATIONS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS EFFECTIVE 4/14/18

New regulations for nitrous oxide and local anesthesia will take effect 04/14/2018.

1. Dental Hygienists will be required to obtain a Nitrous Oxide certificate to administer nitrous oxide to patients. The application to apply will be available 4/13/18 on the Dental Board website under Applications and Forms.
2. The Nitrous Oxide certification has a one-time application fee and permit fee. The certification does not lapse or expire until your dental hygiene license lapses or expires. This means you will not be required to renew the certificate when you renew your dental hygiene license by 2/28/2019, or any subsequent renewal period.
3. If you hold a Local Anesthesia certificate, the renewal requirements have also changed for this certification. You will not be required to renew your Local Anesthesia certificate when your dental hygiene license renews by 2/28/19. The certification does not lapse or expire until your dental hygiene license lapses or expires.

No additional continuing education will be required for renewal of a dental hygienist license.

DENTIST NEW SEDATION REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE 4/14/18

New regulations regarding general anesthesia, deep sedation, moderate sedation and minimal sedation for patients younger than 13 years of age will take effect 4/14/18.

What do the new regulations require?

1. Dentists who provide moderate or minimal sedation (oral) to patients younger than 13 years of age are required to obtain a moderate sedation permit starting 4/14/18. See the application and instructions for training requirements. 12 AAC 28.015(a).
2. Licensees with a General Anesthesia permit will be issued a new permit titled Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia. New permits will be mailed on or after 4/16/18.
3. Licensees with a current Parenteral Sedation permit will be issued a new permit titled Moderate Sedation. New permits will be mailed on or after 4/16/18. 12 AAC 28.015(i)
4. Those not currently holding a parenteral sedation permit must apply for a moderate sedation permit and provide additional documentation. 12 AAC 28.015(g) and (h)
5. A dentist may have an agreement with a certified registered nurse anesthetist or licensed physician to administer the sedation. The dentist employing or collaborating with another person must establish a written agreement with that person and provide it to the board. An application for the agreement will be available on the website 4/2/18. See 12 AAC 28.030 for more information.
6. On or after March 1, 2019, new continuing education requirements are required for renewal if you hold a Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia permit. The CE's may be counted toward the total number of CE's for renewal.
 - a. During each biennial licensing period participate in four or more contact hours of continuing education that relates specifically to hands-on advanced airway management or general anesthesia; if the permit holder provides anesthesia for patients younger than 13 years of age, the course must be a pediatric course.
 - b. During each biennial licensing period participate in eight contact hours of continuing education that focuses on one or more of the following;
 - Physical evaluation
 - Medical emergencies
 - Monitoring and use of monitoring equipment
 - Pharmacology of drugs and agents used in deep sedation and general anesthesia
 - c. Complete at least 50 general anesthesia or deep sedation cases each biennial licensing period.
7. On or after March 1, 2019, new continuing education requirements are required for renewal if you hold a Moderate Sedation permit. The CE's may be counted toward the total number of CE's for renewal.
 - a. During each biennial licensing period participate in four or more contact hours of continuing education that relates specifically to hands-on advanced airway management; if the permit holder provides moderate or minimal sedation for patients younger than 13 years of age, the course must be a pediatric course; contact

hours earned from certification in health care provider basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), and pediatric advanced life support (PALS) courses may be used to meet the continuing education requirements for renewing a permit.

- b. During each biennial licensing period participate in four contact hours of continuing education that focuses on one or more of the following;
 - Venipuncture
 - Intravenous sedation
 - Enteral sedation
 - Physiology
 - Pharmacology
 - Nitrous oxide analgesia
 - Patient evaluation, patient monitoring, or medical emergencies
 - c. Complete at least 25 moderate sedation cases each biennial renewal period.
8. New applicant requirements have changed for the Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia or Moderate Sedation permits. The applications will be available on the Board's website 4/2/18.
9. There are additional requirements for:
- a. medical history's
 - b. informed consent
 - c. facility standards
 - d. requirements specific to patients younger than 13 years of age, and
 - e. requirements specific to administering deep sedation or general anesthesia
 - f. mandatory reporting
 - g. on-site inspection of facility.
- **Dental hygienists must hold a certification to administer nitrous oxide beginning April 14, 2018.** Applications will be available online April 13, 2018, and processing will be expedited. While certification is required, board investigators will not be proactively checking hygienists for certification until August 1, 2018.
 - **Dentists must hold a permit to administer all types of sedation and general anesthesia beginning April 14, 2018.** Applications are currently available online, and processing will be expedited. While the permit is required, board investigators will not be proactively checking dentists for certification until August 1, 2018. Dentists who hold a parenteral sedation permit prior to April 14, 2018, will automatically be issued a moderate sedation permit.

Additional information for moderate or minimal sedation of patients younger than 13 years of age:

- **WHEN CURRENT PERMIT-HOLDERS MUST PROVE MORE:** On or after March 1, 2019, dentists wishing to renew this permit and who provide this sedation to patients under 13 must provide proof of meeting the additional requirements. 12 AAC 28.015(h)

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