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Subject of possible rule making: Removing barriers for denturist licensure. The Board of Denturists (board) is considering updates to reduce licensure barriers, and will address jurisprudence exam and examination requirements for Denturists. The board is considering adopting substantial equivalency standard rules within WAC 246-812-120, WAC 246-812-125, WAC 246-812-159, and other applicable rules in order to comply with Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 (chapter 425, Laws of 2023).

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.30.065, 18.30.130, 2SHB 1724, (chapter 425, Laws of 2023)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: 2SHB 1724 requires disciplining authorities to waive education, training, experience and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure last long than 90 days.

The goal of the substantial equivalency is to expand work force shortages, and reduce licensing barriers. This legislation requires waiving all initial exam requirements, which would include the jurisprudence exam. The board is considering removing the jurisprudence exam requirement for initial licensure and adding it as a requirement for license renewal.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The board will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The board will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rulemaking, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, select "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next select "Health Professions" and then click on "Board of Denturists." You may also check the box next to any professions listed to receive information related to that specific profession.

Date: 4/25/2024

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trina Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'C'.

WAC 246-812-120 Denturist licensure—Eligibility and

application requirements. An applicant for a denturist license shall submit to the board:

(1) A completed application;

(2) The application fee required under WAC 246-812-990;

(3) Verification of passing both a board-approved written examination and a practical examination which includes a practical demonstration of skills;

~~(4) Verification of having passed the online jurisprudence examination; and~~

~~(5)~~ (4) An official transcript from an educational institution approved by the board.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.30.065 and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-02-050, § 246-812-120, filed 1/4/21, effective 2/4/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.30.065. WSR 20-04-028, § 246-812-120, filed 1/28/20, effective 2/28/20. Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.30 RCW and 2013 c 171. WSR 14-24-033, § 246-812-120, filed 11/24/14, effective 12/25/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.30.070(3). Readopted by WSR 98-20-068, § 246-812-120, filed 10/2/98, effective 11/2/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-812-120, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.30.070(3). WSR 95-22-062, § 246-812-120, filed 10/30/95, effective 11/30/95.]

WAC 246-812-125 Denturist licensure—Endorsement. An

applicant for licensure who is currently licensed to practice denturism in another state, territory of the United States, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, that the board has determined has substantially equivalent licensing standards including written and clinical examinations, shall submit to the board:

(1) A completed application;

(2) The application fee required in WAC 246-812-990;

(3) An official transcript from an educational program approved by the board;

(4) Verification of successful completion of board-approved examinations that include:

(a) A written examination that contains the topics listed in RCW 18.30.100(4);

(b) A practical examination that includes a practical demonstration of skills; and

~~(c) The online jurisprudence examination.~~

(5) Current licensure in a jurisdiction approved by the board under RCW 18.30.090(1).

(6) For those credentialed as a denturist in another state with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application must have no interruption in licensure last longer than 90 days; and

a. Is not subject to denial of a license or issuance of a license under this chapter; and

b. Has not been subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct in the two years preceding their application or during the pendency of their application; and

c. Is not under federal investigation or subject to charges in any state, federal or foreign jurisdiction during the pendency of their application.

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WAC 246-812-159 Continuing competency requirements. The

goal of continuing competency is to encourage the lifetime professional development of the licensed denturist, and to enhance the clinical and overall skills needed to protect the health and safety of all patients.

(1) A licensed denturist shall:

(a) Complete and attest to the completion of a minimum of fifteen clock hours of continuing competency every year as a part of their annual license renewal requirement; and

(b) Comply with the requirements of chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 7.

(2) The board:

(a) May randomly audit up to twenty-five percent of licensed denturists annually for compliance.

(b) Does not authorize or approve specific continuing competency courses.

(3) A licensed denturist shall complete the board approved jurisprudence examination during their first continuing education reporting period. Two hours of continuing education will be granted toward the 15 hour requirement.

~~(3)~~ (4) Continuing competency must contribute to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed dentist or enhance services provided to patients.

~~(4)~~ (5) A dentist shall complete continuing competency in one or more of the following categories:

(a) Education courses relating to the practice of denturism;

(b) Emergency management or advanced cardiac life support (ACLS);

(c) Health care provider basic life support (BLS);

(d) Infection control and federal and state safety standards;

(e) Ethics;

(f) Patient care education including risk management, methods of health delivery, multicultural, and suicide prevention education;

(g) Patient communication;

(h) Implantology (restoring implants);

(i) Partial denture construction and design;

~~(j) Washington state denturist jurisprudence exam, for a maximum of two hours every three years;~~

(k) Practice management and billing practices, for a maximum of five hours yearly.

~~(5)~~ (6) A denturist shall use the following activities to complete continuing competency hours:

(a) Attendance at a local, state, national, or international continuing competency courses, live interactive webinar and denturist study clubs, for a maximum of eight hours yearly;

(b) Self-study by various means, relevant to denturism, without an instructor present:

(i) Self-study can be continuing education provided online or through the mail provided by a continuing competency provider, up to a maximum of five hours yearly;

(ii) Self-study can be reading a book that contributes to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed denturist, or enhance services provided to patients. A two-page synopsis of what was learned written by the licensed denturist

is required to be granted two hours of continuing competency for each book and synopsis, up to a maximum of four hours yearly.

(c) Teaching, presenting, or lecturing in a course, only if the presentation or lecture is created or authored by the dentist claiming the continuing competency hours, up to a maximum of five hours yearly;

(d) Direct clinical supervision of dentist students up to a maximum of five hours yearly;

(e) Dentist licensure examinations, examination standardization and calibration workshops, clinical examination administration, or serving on a dentist professional board or association up to a maximum of ten hours yearly;

(f) Publishing a paper in a peer review journal up to a maximum of five hours yearly the year the paper is published;

and

(g) Provision of clinical dentist patient care services in a documented volunteer capacity, up to a maximum of five hours yearly.

~~(6)~~ (7) The board may not accept any claim of credit for a continuing competency course that does not meet the requirements of subsection (4) or (5) of this section.

~~(7)~~ (8) Proof of continuing competency is a certificate of completion, letter, transcripts, or other documentation verifying or confirming attendance or completion of continuing competency hours. Documentation must be from the organization that provided the activity, except in subsection (5) (b) (ii) of this section, and must contain at least the following:

- (a) Date of attendance or completion;
- (b) Name of licensed denturist;
- (c) Hours earned; and
- (d) Course title or subject.

~~(8)~~ (9) Upon showing good cause by the denturist in writing, the board may waive the denturist from any, all, or part of the continuing competency requirements in this chapter or may grant additional time for the denturist to complete the requirements. Good cause includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) Illness;
- (b) Medical necessity or family emergency;

(c) Hardship to practice; or

(d) Other extenuating circumstances.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.30.065. WSR 20-04-028, § 246-812-159, filed 1/28/20, effective 2/28/20.]