

BOARD REGULATION NUMBER 7--PROVISIONAL AND SPECIALTY LICENSURE

Pursuant to its authority under Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-9-3, 73-9-28 and 73-9-29, the Board may, in its discretion, award (a) licenses, other than regular licenses, to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this State to individuals selected for the faculty of any college of dentistry, college of dental hygiene, or other dental auxiliary program, and for participants in any Board-approved fellowship program; and (b) specialty licenses to licensed dentists who meet all criteria therefor.

1. The types and requirements for issuance of provisional licenses.
 - a. Provisional License
 - (1) A provisional license shall authorize the licensee to perform only the following:
 - (a) instruction;
 - (b) the performance of dentistry or dental hygiene adjunct to instruction; and
 - (c) participation in intramural practice plans, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2 of this Regulation.
 - (2) A provisional license may be awarded by the Board if the applicant meets the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant is a graduate of a fully accredited dental or dental hygiene school; and
 - (b) the applicant is currently certified by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or successfully completes all components of the examinations administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and becomes certified within two (2) years from the date of licensure in this State; and
 - (c) the applicant is licensed to practice in at least one state in the United States; and
 - (d) the applicant has not failed the Mississippi dental or dental hygiene licensure examination; and
 - (e) the applicant is recommended for such licensure by the Dean of the institution at which he is to teach; and
 - (f) the applicant accurately completes the appropriate application for licensure, submits to an interview before the Board, and successfully completes a jurisprudence examination prior to beginning employment with the institution at which the applicant is to teach; or
 - (g) the applicant has held what was known as a provisional license prior to August 1, 1984, and is recommended by the Dean of the institution at which he/she is to teach for a provisional license under these amendments.

- (3) A provisional license shall be valid for one year and may be renewed annually upon written verification from the Dean that the licensee continues to be employed in a teaching capacity by the institution and payment of the applicable renewal fee. However, should the applicant fail to successfully complete all components of the examinations administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations within two (2) years from the date of licensure, the applicant's provisional license shall be revoked.
- (4) Provisional licenses shall be awarded only to full-time faculty.

b. Provisional Teaching License

- (1) A teaching license shall authorize the licensee to perform only the following:
 - (a) instruction; and
 - (b) performance of dentistry or dental hygiene adjunct to instruction; and
 - (c) nonmechanical consultation with Federal or State agencies, whether for a fee or not.
- (2) A teaching license may be awarded by the Board if the applicant meets the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant is either a graduate of a fully accredited dental or dental hygiene school in the United States, or the applicant is licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in a foreign country, and either holds a faculty appointment in a dental or dental hygiene school in such foreign country or a dental or dental hygiene school accredited by the American Dental Association; and
 - (b) the applicant is currently certified by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or successfully completes all components of the examinations administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and becomes certified within two (2) years from the date of licensure in this State; and
 - (c) the applicant is recommended for such licensure by the Dean of the institution at which the applicant is to teach; and
 - (d) the applicant accurately completes the appropriate application for licensure, submits to an interview before the Board, and successfully completes a jurisprudence examination prior to beginning employment with the institution at which the applicant is to teach.
- (3) A teaching license shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed annually upon written verification from the Dean that the licensee continues to be employed in a teaching capacity by the institution and payment of the applicable renewal fee. However, should the applicant fail to successfully complete all components of the examinations administered by the Joint Commission on National

Dental Examinations within two (2) years from the date of licensure, the applicant's provisional teaching license shall be revoked.

- (4) A teaching license shall be awarded to either full-time faculty or part-time faculty.

c. Provisional Fellowship License

- (1) A Provisional Fellowship License shall authorize the licensee to perform only dentistry or dental hygiene adjunct to that individual's participation in any Board-approved fellowship program.
- (2) A Provisional Fellowship License does not entitle the individual to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in any manner whatsoever outside the scope and responsibilities of that individual's participation in any Board-approved fellowship program, and any attempt to do so would be grounds for revocation of such license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the State of Mississippi.
- (3) A Provisional Fellowship License may be awarded by the Board if the individual meets the following criteria:
 - (a) the applicant is a graduate of a fully accredited dental or dental hygiene school; and
 - (b) the applicant is certified by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; and
 - (c) the applicant is licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in at least one state in the United States; and
 - (d) the applicant has not failed the Mississippi dental or dental hygiene licensure examination; and
 - (e) the applicant is recommended for such licensure by the institution at which he/she is to participate in the Board-approved fellowship program; and
 - (f) the applicant accurately completes the appropriate application for licensure, submits to an interview before the Board, and successfully completes a jurisprudence examination prior to the actual commencement of participation in the Board-approved fellowship program.
- (4) A Provisional Fellowship License shall be valid for one year and must be renewed annually by application to the Board.
- (5) Provisional Fellowship Licenses shall be awarded only to full-time participants in any Board-approved fellowship program.

2. Limitations on Provisional Practice.

The policy of the State of Mississippi, as enacted by the Legislature in the Mississippi Dental Practice Act, is that only those persons who have taken and passed licensure examinations approved by this Board or who have been duly licensed to practice by credentials should be permitted to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in exchange for compensation from members of the public. Being bound by the enactment of the Legislature, the Board hereby adopts the following limitations on

such practice, whether it be referred to as "intramural" or otherwise, by faculty of any college of dentistry, college of dental hygiene or other dental auxiliary program.

- a. Persons who are under hire as members of the faculty of any of said institutions prior to August 1, 1984, may continue to participate in "intramural" practice programs at their respective institutions until December 31, 1985. From and after December 31, 1985, no intramural practice by such current faculty members shall be permitted unless such faculty member has duly applied for, taken, and passed an examination for licensure in this state which is approved by this Board.
- b. Persons who are hired as members of the faculty of any of said institutions after August 1, 1984, shall be permitted to participate in intramural practice programs at their respective institutions only up to the date of the first examination for licensure approved by this Board after the respective date of hire of such persons. From and after the date of such first examination, no faculty member hired after August 1, 1984, shall be permitted to engage in intramural practice unless such faculty member has applied for, taken, and passed an examination in this state which is approved by this Board.

3. The Types of Specialty Licensure.

The Board herein adopts the currently recognized dental specialties as defined by the American Dental Association (ADA). These dental specialties and their corresponding definitions are as follows:

- a. **Dental Public Health.** Dental public health is the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts. It is that form of dental practice which serves the community as a patient rather than the individual. It is concerned with the dental health education of the public, with applied dental research, and with the administration of group dental care programs as well as the prevention and control of dental diseases on a community basis. (Adopted May 1976, American Dental Association.)
- b. **Endodontics.** Endodontics is the branch of dentistry which is concerned with the morphology, physiology and pathology of the human dental pulp and periradicular tissues. Its study and practice encompass the basic and clinical sciences including biology of the normal pulp, the etiology, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp and associated periradicular conditions. (Adopted December 1983, American Dental Association.)
- c. **Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.** Oral pathology is the specialty of dentistry and discipline of pathology that deals with the nature, identification, and management of diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. It

is a science that investigates the causes, processes, and effects of these diseases. The practice of oral pathology includes research and diagnosis of diseases using clinical, radiographic, microscopic, biochemical, or other examinations. (Adopted May 1991, American Dental Association.)

- d. **Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology**. Oral and maxillofacial radiology is the specialty of dentistry and discipline of radiology concerned with the production and interpretation of images and data produced by all modalities of radiant energy that are used for the diagnosis and management of diseases, disorders and conditions of the oral and maxillofacial region. (Adopted April 2001, American Dental Association.)
- e. **Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**. Oral and maxillofacial surgery is the specialty of dentistry which includes the diagnosis, surgical and adjunctive treatment of diseases, injuries and defects involving both the functional and aesthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region. (Adopted October 1990, American Dental Association.)
- f. **Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics**. Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics is the dental specialty that includes the diagnosis, prevention, interception, and correction of malocclusion, as well as neuromuscular and skeletal abnormalities of the developing or mature orofacial structures. (Adopted April 2003, American Dental Association.)
- g. **Pediatric Dentistry**. Pediatric dentistry is an age-defined specialty that provides both primary and comprehensive preventive and therapeutic oral health care for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs. (Adopted 1995, American Dental Association.)
- h. **Periodontics**. Periodontics is that specialty of dentistry which encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth or their substitutes and the maintenance of the health, function and aesthetics of these structures and tissues. (Adopted December 1992, American Dental Association.)
- i. **Prosthodontics**. Prosthodontics is the dental specialty pertaining to the diagnosis, treatment planning, rehabilitation and maintenance of the oral function, comfort, appearance and health of patients with clinical conditions associated with missing or deficient teeth and/or oral and maxillofacial tissues using biocompatible substitutes. (Adopted April 2003, American Dental Association.)

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