

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners



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MEMORANDUM


To: All Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensees and Licensure Applicants
From: Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
Re: Suspension of Certain Licensure Provisions Pursuant to the Governor's
Declaration of Emergency Directive 011
Date: July 14, 2020

On March 12, 2020, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak issued Declaration of Emergency for COVID-19 declaring a state of emergency in the state of Nevada related to the COVID-19 pandemic and directing all state agencies to supplement the efforts to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state. This was followed by many other declaration of emergency directives from the Governor, some of which affected dental health professionals and their patients.


Therefore, in response to, and under the authority of, the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 011, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners ("the Board") announces and adopts the following changes to the relevant statutes and administrative regulations, which will be in effect for the duration of the declared state of emergency:

1. NRS 631.240(1)(b)(1) and (2) - The requirements for licensure by examination shall be amended to allow dentist applicants who are graduates of the class of 2020 and who have not completed the clinical examination requirements of section (1)(b)(1) or section (1)(b)(2) to apply for a temporary dentist license. Temporary dentist licenses shall be issued at the discretion of the Board pursuant to the provisions of NRS 631.220 and NAC 631.050 under the following conditions:
 - a. All other licensure requirements of NRS 631.230 and 631.240 shall have been met in order to be considered for a temporary dentist license;
 - b. Temporary dentist license holders shall only practice under the direct supervision of a currently Nevada licensed dentist with no less than five years experience as a licensed dentist; and
 - c. All temporary dentist licenses, regardless of the date of issue, shall expire ninety (90) days after the Governor rescinds the declared state of emergency for COVID-19, at which time a clinical examination must have been successfully completed in order for a temporary dentist license to be converted to a full dentist license.
 - d. Any provision of NAC 631.090 in conflict with the above provisions relating to temporary dentist license are hereby temporarily suspended until ninety (90) days after the Governor rescinds the declared state of emergency for COVID-19.

2. NRS 631.300(1)(b)(1) and (2) - The requirements for licensure by examination shall be amended to allow dental hygienist applicants who are graduates of the class of 2020 and who have not completed the clinical examination requirements of section (1)(b)(1) or section (1)(b)(2) to apply for a temporary dental hygienist license. Temporary dental hygienist licenses shall be issued at the discretion of the Board pursuant to the provisions of NRS 631.220 and NAC 631.050 under the following conditions:
- a. All other licensure requirements of NRS 631.290 and 631.300 shall have been met in order to be considered for a temporary dental hygienist license;
 - b. Temporary dental hygienist license holders shall only practice under the direct supervision of a currently Nevada licensed dentist with no less than five years experience as a licensed dentist; and
 - c. All temporary dental hygienist licenses, regardless of the date of issue, shall expire ninety (90) days after the Governor rescinds the declared state of emergency for COVID-19, at which time a clinical examination must have been successfully completed in order for a temporary dental hygienist license to be converted to a full dental hygienist license.



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Dated: July 14, 2020



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