

**Licensing (NAC 631.028 - 220), including Regulations
regarding Dental Therapy (NAC 631.205)**

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NAC 631.028 Applications for licensure; payment of fees. (NRS 631.190, 631.220, 631.345)

1. An application for licensure must be filed with the Executive Director on a form furnished by the Board. The application must be sworn to before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths and accompanied by the fee required pursuant to NAC 631.029.

2. All such fees must be paid with an instrument which is immediately negotiable.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, eff. 10-21-83; A 12-15-87; 4-3-89; 9-6-96; R169-01, 4-5-2002; R026-05, 12-29-2005)

NAC 631.029 Schedule of fees. (NRS 631.190, 631.240, 631.345) The Board will charge and collect the following fees:

Application fee for an initial license to practice dentistry if the applicant has successfully passed a clinical examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board or a clinical examination approved by the Board and the American Board of Dental Examiners and administered by a regional examination organization other than the Board.....	\$1,200
<i>Application fee for an initial license to practice dental therapy.....</i>	<i>800</i>
Application fee for a specialty license by credential.....	1,200
Application fee for a temporary restricted geographical license to practice dentistry	600
Application fee for a temporary restricted geographical license to practice dental hygiene.....	150
Application fee for a specialist's license to practice dentistry.....	125
Application fee for a limited license or restricted license to practice dentistry, <i>dental therapy</i> or dental hygiene.....	125
Application and examination fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, moderate sedation or deep sedation.....	750
Application and examination fee for a site permit to administer general anesthesia, moderate sedation or deep sedation.....	500
Fee for any reinspection required by the Board to maintain a permit to	500

administer general anesthesia, moderate sedation or deep sedation.....	
Fee for the <i>initial</i> inspection <i>and, if applicable, first re-inspection</i> , of a facility required by the Board to ensure compliance with infection control guidelines.....	250
<i>Fee for each subsequent re-inspection of a facility required by the Board to ensure compliance with infection control guidelines</i>	<i>50</i>
Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to renew a permit to administer general anesthesia, moderate sedation or deep sedation.....	350
Biennial license renewal fee for a general license or specialist’s license to practice dentistry.....	600
Biennial license renewal fee for a restricted geographical license to practice dentistry.....	600
<i>Biennial license renewal fee for a restricted geographical license to practice dental therapy.....</i>	<i>450</i>
Biennial license renewal fee for a restricted geographical license to practice dental hygiene.....	300
<i>Biennial license renewal fee for a general license to practice dental therapy.....</i>	<i>450</i>
Biennial license renewal fee for a general license to practice dental hygiene	300
Annual license renewal fee for a limited license to practice dentistry, <i>dental therapy</i> or dental hygiene.....	200
Annual license renewal fee for a restricted license to practice dentistry.....	100
Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dentist.....	200
Biennial license renewal fee for an inactive dental hygienist <i>or dental therapist</i>	50
<i>Fee for second or subsequent audit(s) to ensure compliance with Continuing Education requirements</i>	<i>100</i>
Reinstatement fee for a revoked license to practice dentistry, <i>dental therapy</i> or dental hygiene.....	500
Reinstatement fee to return an inactive or retired dentist, <i>dental therapist</i> or dental hygienist or a dentist, <i>dental therapist</i> or dental hygienist with a disability to active status.....	300
Fee for the certification of a license.....	25
Fee for the certification of a license to administer nitrous oxide or local anesthesia...	25
Fee for a duplicate wall certificate.....	25
Fee for a duplicate pocket card	25

receipt.....	
Application fee for converting a temporary license to a permanent license.....	125
Fee for an application packet for an examination.....	25
Fee for an application packet for licensure by credentials.....	25

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs by R026-05, eff. 12-29-2005; A by R159-08, 4-23-2009; R066-11, 2-15-2012; R020-14, 6-23-2014; R119-15, 6-28-2016; R004-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.030 Provision of certain information and documentation by applicant for licensure; provision of certain additional information for licensure by endorsement; requirements for use of laser radiation in practice. ([NRS 622.530](#), [631.190](#), [631.220](#), [631.230](#), [631.255](#), [631.272](#), [631.274](#), [631.312](#))

1. An applicant for licensure must provide the following information and documentation in his or her application:

(a) The date and place of his or her birth;

(b) Certification of graduation from an accredited dental school or college, *from an accredited school or college of dental therapy*, or from an accredited school or college of dental hygiene, whichever is applicable;

(c) Whether he or she has applied for similar licensure in another state or a territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and, if so, the name of the state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, the date and the result of his or her application;

(d) If he or she has practiced dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene in another state or a territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, certification from the licensing authority of each state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia in which he or she has practiced or is practicing that he or she is in good standing and that there are not any disciplinary proceedings affecting his or her standing pending against him or her in the other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(e) Whether he or she has terminated or attempted to terminate a license from another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and, if so, the reasons for doing so;

(f) If he or she is not a natural born citizen of the United States, a copy of his or her certificate of naturalization or other document attesting that he or she is legally eligible to reside and work in the United States;

(g) All scores obtained on the examination in which he or she was granted a certificate by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and the date it was issued;

(h) Whether he or she has ever been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or has entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of such a crime and, if so, the date and place of the conviction or plea and the sentence, if any, which was imposed;

(i) Whether he or she has had any misdemeanor or felony convictions and, if so, any documents relevant to any misdemeanor or felony convictions;

(j) Whether he or she has been held civilly or criminally liable in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia for misconduct relating to his or her occupation or profession;

(k) Whether he or she has a history of substance abuse and, if so, any documents relevant to the substance abuse;

(l) Whether he or she has been refused permission to take an examination for licensure by this State, any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, or any regional testing agency recognized by the Board and, if so, any documents relevant to the refusal;

(m) Whether he or she has been denied licensure by this State, any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and, if so, any documents relevant to the denial;

(n) Whether he or she has had his or her license to practice dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene suspended, revoked, *subject to mandatory supervision*, ~~or~~ placed on probation, or has otherwise been disciplined concerning his or her license to practice dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene, including, without limitation, receiving a public reprimand, in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and, if so, any documents relevant to the suspension, revocation, *supervision*, probation or other discipline;

(o) A copy of current certification in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

(p) Whether he or she is currently involved in any disciplinary action concerning his or her license to practice dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia and, if so, any documents relevant to the reprimand or disciplinary action;

(q) Two sets of certified fingerprint cards and an authorization form allowing the Board to submit the fingerprint forms to law enforcement agencies for verification of background information;

(r) Whether he or she has any claims against him or her or has committed any actions that would constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to [NRS 631.3475](#) or [NAC 631.230](#);

(s) An application form that he or she has completed and signed which:

(1) Is furnished by the Board; and

(2) Includes, without limitation, a properly executed request to release information;

(t) If applicable, the statement and proof required by subsection 3;

(u) Evidence that he or she is eligible to apply for a license to practice:

(1) Dentistry pursuant to [NRS 631.230](#);

(2) Dental therapy pursuant to [NRS 631.312](#); or

~~(23)~~ Dental hygiene pursuant to [NRS 631.290](#);

(v) The statement required by [NRS 425.520](#); and

(w) Any other information requested by the Board.

2. An applicant for licensure by endorsement pursuant to [NRS 622.530](#) must provide the following information and documentation with his or her application:

(a) The information and documentation listed in subsection 1;

(b) A certificate granted by a nationally recognized, nationally accredited or nationally certified examination or other examination approved by the Board which proves that the applicant has achieved a passing score on such an examination; and

(c) Proof that the applicant has actively practiced dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene for the 5 years immediately preceding the date of submission of the application.

3. An applicant for licensure who wishes to use laser radiation in his or her practice of dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene must provide to the Board:

(a) A statement certifying that each laser that will be used by the licensee in the practice of dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration for use in dentistry; and

(b) Proof that he or she has successfully completed a course in laser proficiency that:

(1) Is at least 6 hours in length; and

(2) Is based on the *Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education*, adopted by reference pursuant to [NAC 631.035](#).

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § III, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 10-21-83; 12-15-87; 4-3-89; 9-6-96; R169-01, 4-5-2002; R139-05, 12-29-2005; R159-08, 4-23-2009; R143-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.033 Use of laser radiation in practice: Documentation required with application for renewal of license. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.330](#)) Each licensee who uses or wishes to use laser radiation in his or her practice of dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene must include with the application for renewal of his or her license:

1. A statement certifying that each laser used by the licensee in his or her practice of dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration for use in dentistry; and

2. Proof that he or she has successfully completed a course in laser proficiency that:

(a) Is at least 6 hours in length; and

(b) Is based on the *Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education*, adopted by reference pursuant to [NAC 631.035](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs by R139-05, eff. 12-29-2005)

NAC 631.035 Use of laser radiation in practice: Adoption by reference of Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education. ([NRS 631.190](#))

1. The Board hereby adopts by reference the *Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education*, adopted by the Academy of Laser Dentistry. The *Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education* is available, free of charge, from the Academy of Laser Dentistry:

(a) By mail, at P.O. Box 8667, Coral Springs, Florida 33075;

(b) By telephone, at (954) 346-3776; or

(c) At the Internet

address http://www.laserdentistry.org/prof/edu_curriculumguidelines.cfm.

2. The Board will periodically review the *Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education* and determine within 30 days after the review whether any change made to those guidelines and standards is appropriate for application in this State. If the Board does not disapprove a change to an adopted guideline or standard within 30 days after the review, the change is deemed to be approved by the Board.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs by R139-05, eff. 12-29-2005)

NAC 631.045 Renewal of license: Certified statement required. ([NRS 631.190](#)) A licensed dentist who owns an office or facility where dental treatments are to be performed in this State must, on the application for renewal of his or her license, execute a certified statement that includes:

1. The location of each office or facility owned by the licensed dentist where dental treatments are to be performed;

2. *For each* employee, other than a licensed dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist, who assists at the office or facility in ~~procedures for~~ infection control *and/or radiographic procedures*:

(a) *The name, address and date the employee began to assist in such procedures;*

(b) For infection control procedures, a statement that the employee has received adequate instruction concerning procedures for infection control; is qualified to operate sterilization equipment and other equipment in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#); and is qualified to perform all other applicable activities in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#).

(c) *For radiographic procedures, a statement and attestation of qualifications as set forth in NAC 631.260.*

~~3.—A statement that each employee identified in subsection 2:~~

~~—(a) Has received adequate instruction concerning procedures for infection control; and~~

~~—(b) Is qualified to:~~

~~—(1) Operate sterilization equipment and other equipment in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#); and~~

~~—(2) Perform all other applicable activities in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#); and~~

4. 3. If the licensed dentist is registered to dispense controlled substances with the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to [chapter 453](#) of NRS, an attestation that the licensed dentist has conducted annually a minimum of one self-query regarding the issuance of controlled substances through the Prescription Monitoring Program of the State Board of Pharmacy.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs by R201-09, eff. 8-13-2010; A by R020-14, 6-23-2014)

NAC 631.050 Rejection and return of application; reconsideration; petition for review by Board. ([NRS 631.160](#), [631.190](#), [631.230](#), [631.260](#), [631.290](#))

1. If the Executive Director or Secretary-Treasurer finds that:

(a) An application is:

(1) Deficient; or

(2) Not in the proper form; or

(b) The applicant has:

(1) Provided incorrect information;

(2) Not attained the scores required by [chapter 631](#) of NRS; or

(3) Not submitted the required fee,

↪ the Executive Director or Secretary-Treasurer shall reject the application and return it to the applicant with the reasons for its rejection.

2. If the Executive Director or Secretary-Treasurer finds that an applicant has:

(a) A felony conviction;

(b) A misdemeanor conviction;

(c) Been held civilly or criminally liable in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia for misconduct relating to his or her occupation or profession;

(d) A history of substance abuse;

(e) Been refused permission to take an examination for licensure by this State, any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(f) Been denied licensure by this State, any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(g) Had his or her license to practice dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene suspended, *subject to mandatory supervision*, revoked or placed on probation, or has otherwise been disciplined concerning his or her license to practice dentistry, *dental*

therapy or dental hygiene, including, without limitation, receiving a public reprimand, in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(h) Not actively practiced dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene, as applicable, for 2 years or more before the date of the application to the Board; or

(i) Is currently involved in any disciplinary action concerning his or her license to practice dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia,

↳ the Executive Director or Secretary-Treasurer may reject the application. If rejected, the application must be returned to the applicant with the reasons for its rejection.

3. If an application is rejected pursuant to subsection 2, the applicant may furnish additional relevant information to the Executive Director or Secretary-Treasurer, and request that the application be reconsidered. If an application is rejected following reconsideration by the Executive Director or Secretary-Treasurer, the applicant may petition the Board for a review of the application at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § V, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 4-3-89; 9-6-96; R003-99, 4-3-2000; R169-01, 4-5-2002; R158-08, 12-17-2008; R159-08, 4-23-2009; R143-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.070 Reconsideration of application following request for postponement of action. (NRS 631.190, 631.220)

1. If an applicant requests that the Board postpone its action on his or her application for licensure, he or she may later request the Board to reconsider the application. The request for reconsideration must be made on a form furnished by the Board.

2. If an applicant requests the Board to reconsider the application within 1 year after filing the original application for licensure, the Board will not require the applicant to submit another application for licensure unless the information contained in the original application has changed. The applicant must update the information in the original application by furnishing the Board with a supplement when subsequent changes have taken place.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § XI, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 4-3-89; R169-01, 4-5-2002)

NAC 631.090 Examination for license to practice dentistry. (NRS 631.190, 631.240) Except as otherwise provided in NRS 622.090, in fulfillment of the statutory requirements of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 631.240, an applicant taking the clinical examination approved by the Board and the American Board of Dental Examiners or the clinical examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board must:

1. Pass the Dental Simulated Clinical Examination or a comparable examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board, as applicable;
2. Demonstrate proficiency in endodontics as the organization administering the clinical examination requires;
3. Demonstrate proficiency in fixed prosthodontics as the organization administering the clinical examination requires;
4. Demonstrate proficiency in restorative dentistry as the organization administering the clinical examination requires;
5. Demonstrate proficiency in periodontics as the organization administering the clinical examination requires; and
6. Perform such other procedures as the Board requires.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § XII, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 12-15-87; R169-01, 4-5-2002; R159-08, 4-23-2009; R143-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.140 Reexaminations; completion of failed clinical demonstration. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.220](#), [631.240](#), [631.280](#), [631.300](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in [NRS 622.090](#), an applicant who does not pass all sections of the clinical examination approved by the Board and the American Board of Dental Examiners or the clinical examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board may apply for a reexamination. The application must be made on a form furnished by the Board.

2. An applicant who does not pass the examination may not take another examination without completing such additional professional training as is required by the Board.

3. An applicant who does not pass the examination solely because he or she fails one of the demonstrations required pursuant to [NAC 631.090](#) may, at the next scheduled examination, complete the remaining demonstration. If the applicant does not successfully complete the remaining demonstration at the next scheduled examination or within the timeline approved by the American Board of Dental Examiners or by the Western Regional Examining Board for a person who takes the examination as part of an integrated curriculum, he or she must retake the entire examination.

4. For the purposes of [NRS 631.280](#), an applicant who attempts to complete successfully a demonstration pursuant to subsection 3 shall not be deemed to have failed the examination twice if he or she fails to complete that demonstration successfully.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § X, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 4-3-89; 9-6-96; R169-01, 4-5-2002; R159-08, 4-23-2009; R143-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.145 Dental hygienists: Renewal of special endorsement of license to practice public health dental hygiene. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.287](#))

1. A special endorsement of a license that allows a dental hygienist to practice public health dental hygiene issued by the Board may be renewed biennially in accordance with [NRS 631.287](#).

2. A dental hygienist may apply to renew the special endorsement upon the renewal of his or her license by submitting a report summarizing the services performed by the dental hygienist under the authority of the special endorsement during the immediately preceding biennium.

3. A dental hygienist who holds a special endorsement to practice public health dental hygiene may only perform services pursuant to that endorsement through a Board approved Public Health program.

4. A dental hygienist who holds a special endorsement to practice public health dental hygiene and who is not otherwise covered under a policy of professional liability insurance shall maintain a policy of professional liability insurance.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs by R231-03, eff. 5-25-2004; A by R020-14, 6-23-2014)

NAC 631.150 Filing of addresses of licensee; notice of change; display of license. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.350](#))

1. Each licensee shall file with the Board the addresses of his or her permanent residence and the office or offices where he or she conducts his or her practice, including, without limitation, any electronic mail address for that practice.

2. Within 30 days after any change occurs in any of these addresses, the licensee shall give the Board a written notice of the change. The Board will impose a fine of \$50 if a licensee does not report such a change within 30 days after it occurs.

3. The licensee shall display his or her license and any permit issued by the Board, or a copy thereof, at each place where he or she practices.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § XVI, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 9-6-96; R066-11, 2-15-2012; R119-15, 6-28-2016)

NAC 631.155 Licensee to notify Board of certain events. ([NRS 631.190](#))
Each licensee shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the event, notify the Board in writing by certified mail of:

1. The death of a patient during the performance of any dental procedure;

2. Any unusual incident occurring in his or her dental practice which results in permanent physical or mental injury to a patient or requires the hospitalization of a patient;

3. The suspension or revocation of his or her license to practice dentistry, *dental therapy or dental hygiene* the imposition of a fine or other disciplinary action against him or her by any agency of another state authorized to regulate the practice of dentistry in that state;

4. The conviction of any felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or which relates to the practice of dentistry, *dental therapy or dental hygiene* in this State or the conviction of any violation of [chapter 631](#) of NRS; or

5. *The filing and service upon him or her of any claim or complaint of malpractice; or*

6. Being held civilly or criminally liable in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia for misconduct relating to his or her occupation or profession.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, eff. 9-16-85; A by R143-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.160 Voluntary surrender of license. ([NRS 631.190](#))

1. If a licensee desires voluntarily to surrender his or her license, he or she may submit to the Board a sworn written surrender of the license accompanied by delivery to the Board of the certificate of registration previously issued to him or her. The Board may accept or reject the surrender of the license. If the Board accepts the surrender of the license, the surrender is absolute and irrevocable. The Board will notify any agency or person of the surrender as it deems appropriate.

2. The voluntary surrender of a license does not preclude the Board from hearing a complaint for disciplinary action filed against the licensee.

3. *If, following a voluntary surrender of license pursuant to this section, the former licensee wishes to again practice in Nevada, he or she must re-apply for a license pursuant to this chapter and NRS 631, and must meet all criteria required for licensure as of the date of his or her reapplication.*

4. *If a licensee voluntarily surrenders his or her license with discipline or during a pending investigation, the Board may require the dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist to complete any terms of discipline or corrective action not completed as a result of the surrender, and/or may require additional terms as a condition of licensure as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Board.*

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § XX, eff. 7-21-82]

NAC 631.170 Placement of license on inactive, retired or disabled status; reinstatement. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.335](#))

1. A licensee may request the Board to place his or her license in an inactive or retired status. Such a request must be made in writing and before the license expires.

2. The Secretary-Treasurer may reinstate an inactive license upon the written request of an inactive licensee who has maintained an active license and practice outside this State during the time his or her Nevada license was inactive. To reinstate the license, such an inactive licensee must:

(a) Pay the appropriate renewal fees;

(b) Provide a list of his or her employment during the time the license was inactive;

(c) Report all claims of unprofessional conduct or professional incompetence against him or her or any violation of the law which he or she may have committed, including administrative disciplinary charges brought by any other jurisdiction;

(d) Report whether he or she has been *served with any claim or lawsuit for dental malpractice, or has been* held civilly or criminally liable in this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia for misconduct relating to his or her occupation or profession;

(e) Report any appearance he or she may have made before a peer review committee;

(f) Submit proof of his or her completion of an amount of continuing education, prorated as necessary, for the year in which the license is restored to active status;

(g) Provide certification from each jurisdiction in which he or she currently practices that his or her license is in good standing and that no proceedings which may affect that standing are pending;

(h) Satisfy the Secretary-Treasurer that he or she is of good moral character; and

(i) Provide any other information which the Secretary-Treasurer may require, ↪ before the license may be reinstated. In determining whether the licensee is of good moral character, the Secretary-Treasurer may consider whether the license to practice dentistry in another state has been suspended or revoked or whether the licensee is currently involved in any disciplinary action concerning the license in that state.

3. If a person whose license has been on inactive status for less than 2 years has not maintained an active license or practice outside this State, or if a person's license has been on retired status for less than 2 years, he or she must submit to the Board:

(a) Payment of the appropriate renewal fees;

(b) A written petition for reinstatement that has been signed and notarized;

(c) Proof of his or her completion of an amount of continuing education, prorated as necessary, for the year in which the license is restored to active status; and

(d) A list of his or her employment, if any, during the time the license was on inactive or retired status,

↪ before the license may be reinstated.

4. If a person whose license has been on inactive status for 2 years or more has not maintained an active license or practice outside this State, or if a person's license has been on retired status for 2 years or more, he or she must:

(a) Satisfy the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 3; and

(b) Pass such additional examinations for licensure as the Board may prescribe, ↪ before the license may be reinstated.

5. If the license of a person has been placed on disabled status, the person must:

(a) Satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 3;

(b) Submit to the Board a list of his or her employment, if any, during the time the license was on disabled status;

(c) Pass such additional examinations for licensure as the Board may prescribe; and

(d) Submit to the Board a statement signed by a licensed physician setting forth that the person is able, mentally and physically, to practice dentistry, ↪ before the license may be reinstated.

6. For purposes of the requirement for an examination as the Board may prescribe following two or more years of inactivity, "inactive" as used in subsections 3 and 4 of this section may refer to voluntary placement of a license on inactive status or to inactivity due to voluntary surrender of a licenses, and/or suspension or revocation of a license or other order by the Board of this State, another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § XV, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 4-3-89; 11-28-90; 9-6-96; R004-99, 4-3-2000; R143-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.173 Continuing education: Required hours; types of courses and activities; approval of provider or instructor. (NRS 631.190, 631.342, 631.3425)

1. Each dentist licensed to practice in this State must annually complete at least 20 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education or biennially complete at least 40 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in [NRS 631.330](#) for the type of license held by the dentist. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.

2. Each dental hygienist licensed to practice in this State must annually complete at least 15 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education or biennially complete at least 30 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in [NRS 631.330](#) for the type of license held by the dental hygienist. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.

3. Each dental therapist licensed to practice in this State must annually complete at least 18 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education or biennially complete at least 40 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in NRS 631.330 for the type of license held by the dental therapist. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.

~~3~~ 4. In addition to the hours of instruction prescribed in subsections 1 through 3, each dentist, *dental therapist* and dental hygienist must maintain current certification in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or another medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life. Any course taken pursuant to this subsection must be taught by a certified instructor.

~~4~~5. Any provider of or instructor for a course in continuing education relating to the practice of dentistry, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene which meets the

requirements of this section must be approved by the Board, unless the course is for training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or is approved by:

- (a) The American Dental Association or the societies which are a part of it;
- (b) The American Dental Hygienists' Association or the societies which are a part of it;
- (c) The Academy of General Dentistry;
- (d) *The American Academy of Dental Hygiene*;
- (~~e~~) Any nationally recognized association of dental or medical specialists;
- (~~f~~) Any university, college or community college, whether located in or out of Nevada; or
- (~~g~~) Any hospital accredited by The Joint Commission.

~~5~~ 6. To be approved as a provider of a course in continuing education, the instructor of the course must complete a form provided by the Board and submit it to the Board for review by a committee appointed by the Board not later than 45 days before the beginning date of the course. Upon receipt of the form, the committee shall, within 10 days after receiving the form, approve or disapprove the application and inform the applicant of its decision.

~~6~~ 7. Study by group may be approved for continuing education if the organizer of the group complies with the requirements of subsection ~~5~~ 6 and furnishes the Board with a complete list of all members of the group, a synopsis of the subject to be studied, the time, place and duration of the meetings of the group, and the method by which attendance is recorded and authenticated.

~~7~~ 8. Credit may be allowed for attendance at a meeting or a convention of a dental and dental hygiene society.

~~8~~ 9. Credit may be allowed for courses completed via home study, on-line study, self-study or journal study which are taught through correspondence, webinar, compact disc or digital video disc.

~~9~~ 10. Credit may be allowed for dental and dental hygiene services provided on a voluntary basis to nonprofit agencies and organizations approved by the Board.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, eff. 9-16-85; A 12-15-87; 9-6-96; R231-03, 5-25-2004; R063-05, 12-29-2005; R159-08, 4-23-2009; R020-14, 6-23-2014)

NAC 631.175 Continuing education: Approved subjects; minimum requirements for clinical subjects; minimum requirements for dentists registered to dispense controlled substances; maximum credit for certain types of courses and activities. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.342](#), [631.344](#))

1. Approved subjects for continuing education in dentistry, *dental therapy* and dental hygiene are:

- (a) Clinical subjects, including, without limitation:
 - (1) Dental and medical health;

- (2) Preventive services;
- (3) Dental diagnosis and treatment planning; and
- (4) Dental clinical procedures, including corrective and restorative oral health procedures and basic dental sciences, dental research and new concepts in dentistry; and

(b) Nonclinical subjects, including, without limitation:

- (1) Dental practice organization and management;
- (2) Patient management skills;
- (3) Methods of health care delivery; and
- (4) Teaching methodology.

2. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to [NAC 631.173](#), a dentist must annually complete at least 15 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1 or biennially complete at least 30 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in [NRS 631.330](#) for the type of license held by the dentist.

3. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to [NAC 631.173](#), a dental hygienist must annually complete at least 12 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1 or biennially complete at least 24 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in [NRS 631.330](#) for the type of license held by the dental hygienist.

4. *In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to [NAC 631.173](#), a dental therapist must annually complete at least 15 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1 or biennially complete at least 30 hours in clinical subjects approved pursuant to subsection 1, as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in [NRS 631.330](#) for the type of license held by the dental therapist.*

4 5. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to [NAC 631.173](#), a dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist must annually complete at least 2 hours in the clinical subject of infection control in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#) or biennially complete at least 4 hours in the clinical subject of infection control in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#), as applicable, based on the renewal period set forth in [NRS 631.330](#) for the type of license held by the dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist.

5 6. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to [NAC 631.173](#), a dentist who is registered to dispense controlled substances pursuant to [NRS 453.231](#) must complete at least 2 hours of training relating specifically to the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, the prescribing of opioids or addiction during each period of licensure.

6 7. In completing the hours of continuing education required pursuant to [NAC 631.173](#), a dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist who is certified to administer immunizations pursuant to [NAC 631.2561](#) must annually complete at least 2 hours of continuing education in a course or courses that address the life cycle of diseases, drugs and administration of immunizations.

7 8. The Board will credit, as a maximum in any one year of an annual or biennial licensing period, the following number of hours of instruction for the following types of courses or activities:

(a) For approved study by a group, 3 hours.

(b) For attendance at a meeting or convention of a dental or dental hygiene society, 1 hour for each meeting, but not more than 3 hours, exclusive of hours of continuing education offered in conjunction with the meeting.

(c) For courses completed via home study, on-line study, self-study or journal study through correspondence, webinar, compact disc or digital video disc, not more than 50 percent of the number of hours of continuing education required by subsection 1 or 2 of [NAC 631.173](#), as applicable.

(d) For all other courses conducted by an approved instructor, the number of hours completed by the dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist.

(e) For approved dental, *dental therapy* or dental hygiene services provided in approved nonprofit settings, 6 hours, except that not more than 3 hours will be allowed for any day of volunteer services provided.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, eff. 9-16-85; A 12-15-87; 4-3-89; 9-6-96; R231-03, 5-25-2004; R063-05, 12-29-2005; R149-06, 9-18-2006; R159-08, 4-23-2009; R201-09, 8-13-2010; R020-14, 6-23-2014; R044-17, 5-16-2018)

NAC 631.177 Continuing education: Renewal or reinstatement of license; records; unprofessional conduct; audits. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.330](#), [631.335](#), [631.342](#))

1. When requesting a renewal or reinstatement of his or her license, each:

(a) Dentist shall submit a signed, written statement in substantially the following language for each year since his or her last renewal:

I,, hereby certify to the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada that I have obtained at least 20 approved hours of instruction in continuing education during the period July 1,, through and including June 30,, I also certify to the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada that I am currently certified in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or another medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life.

Dated this (day) of (month) of (year)

.....

Signature of Dentist

(b) Dental hygienist shall submit a signed, written statement in substantially the following language for each year since his or her last renewal:

I,, hereby certify to the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada that I have obtained at least 15 approved hours of instruction in continuing education during the period July 1,, through and including June 30,, I also certify to the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada that I am currently certified in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or another medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life.

Dated this (day) of (month) of (year)

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Signature of Dental Hygienist

(c) Dental therapist shall submit a signed, written statement in substantially the following language for each year since his or her last renewal: I,, hereby certify to the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada that I have obtained at least 18 approved hours of instruction in continuing education during the period July 1,, through and including June 30,, I also certify to the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada that I am currently certified in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or another medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life. Dated this (day) of (month) of (year) .

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Signature of Dental Therapist

~~(e)~~ (d) Dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist shall submit proof of his or her current certification in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life.

2. Legible copies of all receipts, records of attendance, certificates and other evidence of attendance by a dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist at an approved course in continuing education must be retained by the dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist and made available to the Board for inspection or copying for 3 years after attendance at the course is submitted to meet the continuing education requirements of the Board. Proof of attendance and completion of the required credit hours of instruction must be complete enough to enable the Board to verify the attendance and completion of the course by the dentist, *dental therapist* or dental hygienist and must include at least the following information:

(a) The name and location of the course;

- (b) The date of attendance;
- (c) The name, address and telephone number of its instructor;
- (d) A synopsis of its contents; and
- (e) For courses designed for home study, the number assigned to the provider by the Board at the time the course was approved and the name, address and telephone number of the producer or author of the course.

3. The ~~third~~ *second* or subsequent failure of a dentist, *dental therapist* ~~and~~ or dental hygienist to obtain ~~or file~~ *and submit* proof of completion of the credit hours of instruction required by this section and [NAC 631.173](#) and [631.175](#) is unprofessional conduct.

4. The Board will conduct random *initial* audits of dentists, *dental therapists* or dental hygienists, *and additional follow-up audits as needed* to ensure compliance with the requirements of this section and [NAC 631.173](#) and [631.175](#).

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, eff. 9-16-85; A 12-15-87; 4-3-89; 9-6-96; R231-03, 5-25-2004; R159-08, 4-23-2009)

NAC 631.178 Adoption by reference of certain guidelines; compliance with guidelines required. ([NRS 631.190](#))

1. Each person who is licensed pursuant to the provisions of [chapter 631](#) of NRS shall comply with:

(a) The provisions of the *Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings-2003* adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which is hereby adopted by reference. The publication is available, free of charge, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at the Internet address <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5217a1.htm>; and

(b) As applicable to the practice of dentistry, the provisions of the *Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities, 2008*, adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which is hereby adopted by reference. The publication is available, free of charge, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at the Internet address http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/guidelines/Disinfection_Nov_2008.pdf.

2. The Board will periodically review the guidelines adopted by reference in this section and determine within 30 days after the review whether any change made to the guidelines is appropriate for application in this State. If the Board does not disapprove a change to the guidelines within 30 days after the review, the change is deemed to be approved by the Board.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, eff. 9-6-96; A by R025-05, 11-17-2005; R201-09, 8-13-2010)

NAC 631.1785 Inspection of office or facility. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.363](#))

1. Not later than 30 days after a licensed dentist becomes the owner of an office or facility in this State where dental treatments are to be performed, other than a medical facility as defined in [NRS 449.0151](#), the licensed dentist must request in writing that the Board conduct an initial inspection of the office or facility to ensure compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#).

2. Not later than 90 days after receiving a written request pursuant to subsection 1:

(a) The Executive Director shall assign *one or more* agents of the Board to conduct the inspection; and

(b) The agents shall conduct the inspection *utilizing any infection control inspection/survey forms as provided by the Board*.

3. Not later than ~~30~~ days after agents of the Board have completed the initial inspection of an office or facility pursuant to subsection 2, the agents shall issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the office or facility is equipped in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#). If the report indicates that the office or facility:

(a) Is equipped in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#), the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.

(b) Is not equipped in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in [NAC 631.178](#) *and/or has infection control inspection deficiencies as noted on the infection control inspection survey utilized by the Board, the Executive Director or other agent of the Board* shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice which identifies ~~critical~~ *the* deficiencies to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility. *Receipt of a copy of the completed infection control inspection survey form by the licensee shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirement for written notice of deficiencies.*

(c) If the notice pursuant to Subsection (b) notes that there is a finding of one or more critical or "Level 1" deficiencies:

(i) No patients may be treated in the office or facility until those deficiencies are corrected, as critical deficiencies indicate a potential danger to the public health, safety or welfare, and requires immediate action.

(ii) The owner and any employed or independent contracting dentists may voluntarily agree to suspend patient care and treatment at the office or facility pending confirmation of correction of the critical deficiencies. Once correction has been confirmed and acknowledged by the Board or its agent, pursuant to subsection (iv) of this section, patient care may resume at that office or facility.

(iii) If the owner and any employed or independent contracting dentists do not agree to voluntarily suspend patient care and treatment at the office or facility pending confirmation of correction of the critical deficiencies, pursuant to subsection

3 of NRS 233B.127, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed or independently contracted at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action. An order of summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order of summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order. The owner and any employed or independent contracting dentists will not be permitted to resume patient care and treatment pending further proceedings mandated pursuant to this section and NRS 233B.127(3), which must be instituted and determined within 30 days after the date of the order unless the agency and the licensee mutually agree in writing to a longer period. Acknowledgement of the correction of critical deficiencies pursuant to subsection (iv) of this section will not reverse, revoke, void or otherwise rescind any summary suspension issued pursuant to this paragraph.

(iv) Not later than 72 hours after notification to the Board by the owner and/or any employed or independently contracting dentists of the correction of critical deficiencies, a re-inspection of the office or facility will be conducted to verify that the licensed dentist(s) and the personnel supervised by the dentist(s) have corrected the critical deficiencies. The fees for a first re-inspection are included in the fees charged for the initial inspection. Any subsequent re-inspection(s) will incur additional fees as stated in NAC 631.028.

(v) If critical deficiencies remain following two (2) re-inspections after the initial inspection, even if there has been a voluntary cessation of patient care and treatment at the deficient location, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and/or the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed or independently contracted at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action. An order of summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order of summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order. The owner and any employed or independent contracting dentists will not be permitted to resume patient care and treatment pending further proceedings mandated pursuant to this section and NRS 233B.127(3), which must be instituted and determined within 45 days after the date of the order unless the agency and the licensee mutually agree in writing to a longer period.

(d) If the notice pursuant to Subsection (b) notes that there is a finding of one or more remedial or "Level 2" deficiencies

(i) Not later than 7 business days after issuing a written notice of deficiencies, the Executive Director shall assign an agent(s) of the Board to conduct a

reinspection of the office or facility to determine if the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist have taken corrective measures. The agent(s) assigned pursuant to this paragraph shall issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection survey as noted on the infection control inspection survey utilized by the Board.

(ii) If the re-inspection pursuant to subsection (i) indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection survey as noted on the infection control inspection survey utilized by the Board, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.

(iii) If the re-inspection pursuant to subsection (i) indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are not in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection survey as noted on the infection control inspection survey utilized by the Board, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility. In the event deficiencies are noted pursuant to this section, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and all other licensees employed or independently contracted at the office or facility that any or all of those licensees or personnel must immediately cease and desist from some or all dental treatments at the office or facility until a hearing is held before the Board. An order to cease and desist issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order. The hearing before the Board must be convened not later than 30 days after the President issues the order to cease and desist.

(iv) If Level 2 deficiencies remain following two (2) re-inspections after the initial inspection, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and/or the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed or independently contracted at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action or may request that the Board authorize an investigation as a result of the repeated inspection deficiencies. An order of summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order of summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the

order. The owner and any employed or independent contracting dentists will not be permitted to resume patient care and treatment pending further proceedings mandated pursuant to this section and NRS 233B.127(3), which must be instituted and determined within 45 days after the date of the order unless the agency and the licensee mutually agree in writing to a longer period.

(e) If the notice pursuant to Subsection (b) notes that there is a finding of one or more “Level 3” deficiencies

(i) Not later than 30 business days after issuing a written notice of deficiencies, the Executive Director shall assign agents of the Board to conduct a reinspection of the office or facility to determine if the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist have taken corrective measures, and the agents assigned pursuant to this paragraph shall issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection survey as noted on the infection control inspection survey utilized by the Board.

(ii) If the re-inspection pursuant to subsection (i) indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection survey as noted on the infection control inspection survey utilized by the Board, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agent’s findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.

(iii) If the re-inspection pursuant to subsection (i) indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are not in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection survey as noted on the infection control inspection survey utilized by the Board, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agent’s findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility. In the event deficiencies are noted pursuant to this section, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and all other licensees employed or independently contracted at the office or facility that any or all of those licensees or personnel must immediately cease and desist from some or all dental treatments at the office or facility until a hearing is held before the Board. An order to cease and desist issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order. The hearing before the Board must be convened not later than 30 days after the President issues the order to cease and desist.

(iv) *If Level 3 deficiencies remain following two (2) re-inspections after the initial inspection, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and/or the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed or independently contracted at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action or may request that the Board authorize an investigation as a result of the repeated inspection deficiencies. An order of summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order of summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order. The owner and any employed or independent contracting dentists will not be permitted to resume patient care and treatment pending further proceedings mandated pursuant to this section and NRS 233B.127(3), which must be instituted and determined within 45 days after the date of the order unless the agency and the licensee mutually agree in writing to a longer period.*

(v) *The fees for a first re-inspection are included in the fees charged for the initial inspection. Any subsequent re-inspection(s) will incur additional fees as stated in NAC 631.028.*

~~— 4. Not later than 72 hours after issuing a written notice of deficiencies pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3:~~

~~— (a) The Executive Director shall assign agents of the Board to conduct a reinspection of the office or facility to determine if the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist have taken corrective measures; and~~

~~— (b) The agents assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) shall conduct the reinspection and issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178. If the report indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist:~~

~~— (1) Are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~— (2) Are not in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and all other licensees employed at the office or facility that any or all of those licensees or personnel must immediately cease and desist from performing dental treatments and that some or all dental treatments must cease to be performed at the office or facility until a hearing is held before the Board. The hearing before the Board must be convened not later than 30 days after the Executive Director issues the order to cease and desist.~~

~~— 5. Not later than 72 hours after receiving material evidencing critical deficiencies by a licensed dentist who owns an office or facility in this State where dental treatments are to be performed, other than a medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151, the Executive Director may assign agents of the Board to conduct an inspection of an office or facility to ensure that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178. An inspection conducted pursuant to this subsection may be conducted during normal business hours with notice to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~— 6. Not later than 3 days after a dentist receives a written notice pursuant to subsection 5:~~

~~— (a) The Executive Director shall assign agents of the Board to conduct the inspection; and~~

~~— (b) The agents shall conduct the inspection.~~

~~— 7. Not later than 72 hours after agents of the Board have completed the inspection of an office or facility pursuant to subsection 6, the agents shall issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the office or facility is equipped in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178. If the report indicates that the office or facility:~~

~~— (a) Is equipped in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~— (b) Is not equipped in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice which identifies all critical deficiencies to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~— 8. Not later than 72 hours after issuing a written notice of deficiencies pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 7:~~

~~— (a) The Executive Director shall assign agents of the Board to conduct a reinspection of the office or facility to determine if the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist have taken corrective measures; and~~

~~— (b) The agents assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) shall conduct the reinspection and issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178. If the report indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist:~~

~~— (1) Are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~(2) Are not in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and all other licensees employed at the office or facility that any or all of those licensees or personnel must immediately cease and desist from performing dental treatments and that some or all dental treatments must cease to be performed at the office or facility until a hearing is held before the Board. The hearing before the Board must be convened not later than 30 days after the Executive Director issues the order to cease and desist.~~

9. ~~Pursuant to Nothing in subsection 3 of this section shall prevent the President of the Board, pursuant to NRS 233B.127, if an initial inspection of an office or facility conducted pursuant to this section indicates that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the President of the Board may,~~ without any further action by the Board, *from* issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action *if any inspection pursuant to this section indicates that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.* An order of summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order of summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order.

10. *Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Board from investigating a verified complaint or authorizing an investigation pursuant to this chapter concerning allegations of infection control violations by a licensee or office or facility owned by a licensee or from initiating disciplinary or other action against the licensee for infection control violations.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs by R201-09, eff. 8-13-2010; A by R020-14, 6-23-2014; R119-15, 6-28-2016)

NAC 631.179 Random inspection of office or facility; subsequent action by Executive Director. (NRS 631.190, 631.363)

1. The Executive Director may assign agents of the Board to conduct a random inspection of an office or facility in this State where dental treatments are to be performed to ensure that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection guidelines pursuant to the Infection Control Inspection/Survey Form utilized by the Board. Random inspections conducted pursuant to this subsection may be conducted during normal business hours without notice to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility to be inspected.

2. The inspection and re-inspection procedures and regulations applicable to initial inspections pursuant to NAC 631.1785, are incorporated herein by reference and shall apply equally to random inspections pursuant to this section.

3. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Board from investigating a verified complaint or authorizing an investigation pursuant to this chapter concerning allegations of infection control violations by a licensee or office or facility owned by a licensee or from initiating disciplinary or other action against the licensee for infection control violations.

~~2. Not later than 30 days after agents of the Board have completed a random inspection of an office or facility in this State where dental treatments are to be performed to ensure compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the agents shall issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178. If the report indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist:~~

~~—(a) Are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~—(b) Are not in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice which identifies deficiencies to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~3. Not later than 72 hours after a licensed dentist receives a written notice of deficiencies issued pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2:~~

~~—(a) The Executive Director shall assign agents of the Board to conduct a reinspection of the office or facility to determine if the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist have taken corrective measures; and~~

~~—(b) The agents assigned pursuant to paragraph (a) shall conduct the reinspection and issue a report to the Executive Director indicating whether the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178. If the report indicates that the licensed dentist and the personnel supervised by the dentist:~~

~~—(1) Are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director shall, without any further action by the Board, issue a written notice of the agents' findings to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility.~~

~~—(2) Are not in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178, the Executive Director may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and all other licensees employed at the office or facility that any or all of those licensees or personnel must immediately cease and desist from performing dental treatments and that some or all~~

~~dental treatments must cease to be performed at the office or facility until a hearing is held before the Board. The hearing before the Board must be convened not later than 30 days after the Executive Director issues the order to cease and desist.~~

4. Pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 233B.127, if a random inspection of an office or facility conducted pursuant to this section indicates that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action. An order for summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order for summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam'rs by R201-09, eff. 8-13-2010)]

NAC 631.____ Inspection of office or facility during investigation; subsequent action by Executive Director. (NRS 631.190, 631.360, 631.363)

1. During the investigation of a verified or authorized complaint pursuant to NRS 631.360 and/or 631.363, at the request of the investigator or Review Panel, the Executive Director may assign an agent(s) of the Board to conduct an inspection of an office or facility in this State where dental treatments are performed or are to be performed to ensure that the licensed dentist(s) and the personnel supervised by the dentist(s) are in compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or the infection control inspection guidelines pursuant to the Infection Control Inspection/Survey Form utilized by the Board. Inspections conducted pursuant to this subsection may be conducted during normal business hours with notice to the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility to be inspected.

2. The inspection and re-inspection procedures and regulations applicable to initial inspections pursuant to NAC 631.1785, are incorporated herein by reference and shall apply equally to inspections pursuant to this section.

3. Pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 233B.127, if an inspection of an office or facility conducted pursuant to this section indicates that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action. An order for summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the

issuance of the order for summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order. ‘

NAC 631.____ Inspection of Records

1. During the investigation of a verified or authorized complaint pursuant to NRS 631.360 and/or NRS 631.363, if the licensee under investigation fails to provide a copy of records requested pertaining to the investigation, or at the request of the investigator or Review Panel, the Executive Director, the investigator, and/or an agent(s) of the Board assigned by the Executive Director, may appear at the office at which the records are located to inspect and copy the requested records pursuant to NRS 629.061. Inspection of records pursuant to this section shall take place during normal business hours and the licensee and/or custodian of records shall be given notice in accordance with NRS 629.061.

NAC 631.1795 Provisions governing inspections do not preclude Board from initiating disciplinary proceedings. (NRS 631.190) Nothing in NAC 631.1785, ~~and 631.179~~ and/or *NAC 631* prevents the Board from initiating disciplinary proceedings or additional disciplinary proceedings against a licensed dentist who owns an office or facility in this State where dental treatments are to be performed or against other licensees or personnel of the office or facility for failure to comply with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178 and/or *the infection control inspection guidelines pursuant to the Infection Control Inspection/Survey Form utilized by the Board.*

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Dental Exam’rs by R201-09, eff. 8-13-2010)

NAC 631.190 Specialties. (NRS 631.190, 631.250, 631.255) The only specialties for which the Board will issue licenses are:

1. Oral and maxillofacial pathology;
2. Oral and maxillofacial surgery;
3. Orthodontia;
4. Periodontia;
5. Prosthodontia;
6. Pediatric dentistry;
7. Endodontia;
8. Public health; ~~and~~
9. Oral and maxillofacial radiology; *and*
10. *Dental Anesthesiology.*

[Bd. of Dental Exam’rs, § XXI, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 10-7-85; R158-08, 12-17-2008)

NAC 631.200 Delegation of duty to supervise dental hygienists and dental assistants. (NRS 631.190, 631.313) The supervisory duties prescribed in NRS 631.313 may be delegated by one licensed dentist to another.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § XXIV, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 12-15-87)

NAC 631.____ Dental therapists: Authorization to perform certain services; inspection of office or facility during investigation; subsequent action by Executive Director. (NRS 631.190, 631.3122, 631.3123, 631.3124, 631.3125; 631.3126; 631.3127)

1. *A dentist who is licensed in this State may enter into a written practice agreement with a dental therapist who is licensed in this State, pursuant to NRS 631.3122. In accordance with the written practice agreement required pursuant to NRS 631.3122, a dental therapist may perform the following acts:*

(a) *Expose radiographs.*

(b) *Conduct an assessment of the oral health of the patient through medical and dental histories, radiographs, indices, risk assessments and intraoral and extraoral procedures that analyze and identify the oral health needs and problems of the patient.*

(c) *After conducting an assessment pursuant to paragraph (b), develop a **dental therapy care plan** to address the oral health needs and problems of the patient.*

(d) *Take the following types of impressions: (1) Those used for the preparation of diagnostic models; (2) Those used for the fabrication of temporary crowns or bridges; and (3) Those used for the fabrication of temporary removable appliances, provided no missing teeth are replaced by those appliances.*

(e) *Remove stains, deposits and accretions, including dental calculus.*

(f) *Smooth the natural and restored surface of a tooth by using the procedures and instruments commonly used in oral prophylaxis, except that an abrasive stone, disc or bur may be used only to polish a restoration. As used in this paragraph, "oral prophylaxis" means the preventive dental procedure of scaling and polishing which includes the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaques and stains and the smoothing of unattached tooth surfaces in order to create an environment in which hard and soft tissues can be maintained in good health by the patient.*

(g) *Provide dental hygiene care that includes: (1) Implementation of a dental hygiene care plan to address the oral health needs and problems of patients pursuant to paragraph (c). (2) Evaluation of oral and periodontal health after the implementation of the dental hygiene care plan described in subparagraph (1) in order to identify the subsequent treatment, continued care and referral needs of the patient.*

(h) *Perform subgingival curettage.*

(i) *Remove sutures.*

(j) *Place and remove a periodontal pack.*

(k) Remove excess cement from cemented restorations and orthodontic appliances. A dental therapist may not use a rotary cutting instrument to remove excess cement from restorations or orthodontic appliances.

(l) Train and instruct persons in the techniques of oral hygiene and preventive procedures.

(m) Recement and repair temporary crowns and bridges.

(n) Recement permanent crowns and bridges with nonpermanent material as a palliative treatment.

(o) Place a temporary restoration with nonpermanent material as a palliative treatment.

(p) Administer local intraoral chemotherapeutic agents in any form except aerosol, including, but not limited to: (1) Antimicrobial agents; (2) Fluoride preparations; (3) Topical antibiotics; (4) Topical anesthetics; and (5) Topical desensitizing agents.

(q) Apply pit and fissure sealant to the dentition for the prevention of decay.

↳ After performing any of the services set forth in subsection 1, the dental therapist shall refer the patient to the authorizing dentist for follow-up care or any necessary additional procedures that the dental therapist is not authorized to perform.

2. In accordance with the written practice agreement, a dental therapist may provide any of the following additional care or services:

(a) Identifying oral and systemic conditions that require evaluation or treatment by dentists, physicians, or other health care professionals and managing referrals to such persons.

(b) Providing oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including nutritional counseling and dietary analysis.

(c) Dispensing and administering via the oral or topical route nonnarcotic analgesics and anti-inflammatory and antibiotic medications as prescribed by a health care professional.

(d) Pulp and vitality testing.

(e) Applying desensitizing medication or resin.

(f) Fabricating mouth guards

(g) Changing periodontal dressings.

(h) Simple extraction of erupted primary teeth.

(i) Emergency palliative treatment of dental pain related to a care or service described in this section.

(j) Preparation and placement of direct restoration in primary and permanent teeth.

(k) Fabrication and placement of single tooth temporary crowns.

(l) Preparation and placement of preformed crowns on primary teeth. (m) Indirect and direct pulp capping on permanent teeth.

(n) Suturing and suture removal.

(o) Minor adjustments and repairs on removable prostheses.

(p) Placement and removal of space maintainers.

(q) Nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth with tooth mobility. However, a dental therapist shall not extract a tooth for any patient if the tooth is unerupted, impacted, or fractured or needs to be sectioned for removal.

(r) Performing other related services and functions authorized and for which the dental therapist is trained.

(s) Use a laser that has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration to perform intrasulcular periodontal procedures ~~or~~, tooth whitening procedures, or to treat aphthous ulcers and herpes labialis if:

(1) The use of such a laser for those purposes is within the scope of the education, experience and training of the dental therapist;

(2) Before operating the laser, the dental therapist have provided proof to the dentist with whom the dental therapist has entered into a written practice agreement, that must have successfully completed a course in laser proficiency and that:

(I) Is at least 6 hours in length; and

(II) Is based on the Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education, adopted by reference pursuant to NAC 631.035; and

(3) The supervising dentist has successfully completed a course in laser proficiency that:

(I) Is at least 6 hours in length; and

(II) Is based on the Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education, adopted by reference pursuant to NAC 631.035.

(t) Administer vaccinations pursuant to NAC 652.____.

3. A dental therapist shall not prescribe a controlled substance that is included in schedules II, III, IV or V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. 4. A dental therapist may supervise dental assistants and dental hygienists to the extent permitted in a written practice agreement.

NAC 631.210 Dental hygienists: Authorization to perform certain services; referral of patient to authorizing dentist for certain purposes. (NRS 631.190, 631.310, 631.313, 631.317)

1. A dentist who is licensed in this State may authorize a dental hygienist in his or her employ to perform the following acts before a patient is examined by the dentist:

(a) Expose radiographs.

(b) Conduct an assessment of the oral health of the patient through medical and dental histories, radiographs, indices, risk assessments and intraoral and extraoral procedures that analyze and identify the oral health needs and problems of the patient.

(c) After conducting an assessment pursuant to paragraph (b), develop a dental hygiene care plan to address the oral health needs and problems of the patient.

(d) Take impressions for the preparation of diagnostic models.

↳ The dental hygienist must obtain authorization from the licensed dentist of the patient on whom the services authorized pursuant to this subsection are to be performed.

2. A dentist who is licensed in this State may authorize a dental hygienist in his or her employ to:

(a) Remove stains, deposits and accretions, including dental calculus.

(b) Smooth the natural and restored surface of a tooth by using the procedures and instruments commonly used in oral prophylaxis, except that an abrasive stone, disc or bur may be used only to polish a restoration. As used in this paragraph, "oral prophylaxis" means the preventive dental procedure of scaling and polishing which includes the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaques and stains and the smoothing of unattached tooth surfaces in order to create an environment in which hard and soft tissues can be maintained in good health by the patient.

(c) Provide dental hygiene care that includes:

(1) Assessment of the oral health of patients through medical and dental histories, radiographs, indices, risk assessments and intraoral and extraoral procedures that analyze and identify the oral health needs and problems of patients.

(2) Implementation of a dental hygiene care plan to address the oral health needs and problems of patients described in subparagraph (1).

(3) Evaluation of oral and periodontal health after the implementation of the dental hygiene care plan described in subparagraph (2) in order to identify the subsequent treatment, continued care and referral needs of the patient.

(d) Take the following types of impressions:

(1) Those used for the preparation of diagnostic models;

(2) Those used for the fabrication of temporary crowns or bridges; and

(3) Those used for the fabrication of temporary removable appliances, provided no missing teeth are replaced by those appliances.

(e) Perform subgingival curettage.

(f) Remove sutures.

(g) Place and remove a periodontal pack.

(h) Remove excess cement from cemented restorations and orthodontic appliances. A dental hygienist may not use a rotary cutting instrument to remove excess cement from restorations or orthodontic appliances.

(i) Train and instruct persons in the techniques of oral hygiene and preventive procedures.

(j) Recement and repair temporary crowns and bridges.

(k) Recement permanent crowns and bridges with nonpermanent material as a palliative treatment.

(l) Place a temporary restoration with nonpermanent material as a palliative treatment.

(m) Administer local intraoral chemotherapeutic agents in any form except aerosol, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Antimicrobial agents;
- (2) Fluoride preparations, including *placement of silver diamine and glass ionomer upon receipt of written informed consent of the patient*;
- (3) Topical antibiotics;
- (4) Topical anesthetics; and
- (5) Topical desensitizing agents.

(n) Apply pit and fissure sealant to the dentition for the prevention of decay.

↳ Before performing any of the services set forth in this subsection, the dental hygienist must obtain authorization from the licensed dentist of the patient on whom the services are to be performed and the patient must have been examined by that dentist not more than 18 months before the services are to be performed. After performing any of the services set forth in this subsection, the dental hygienist shall refer the patient to the authorizing dentist for follow-up care or any necessary additional procedures that the dental hygienist is not authorized to perform.

3. A dentist who is licensed in this State may authorize a dental hygienist in his or her employ and under his or her supervision to:

- (a) Place and secure orthodontic ligatures.
- (b) Fabricate and place temporary crowns and bridges.
- (c) Fit orthodontic bands and prepare teeth for orthodontic bands if the bands are cemented or bonded, or both, into the patient's mouth by the dentist who authorized the dental hygienist to perform this procedure.
- (d) Perform nonsurgical cytologic testing.
- (e) Apply and activate agents for bleaching teeth with a light source.
- (f) Use a laser that has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration to perform intrasulcular periodontal procedures ~~or~~, tooth whitening procedures, *or to treat aphthous ulcers and herpes labialis* if:

(1) The use of such a laser for those purposes is within the scope of the education, experience and training of the dental hygienist;

(2) Before operating the laser, the dental hygienist has provided proof to the supervising dentist that the dental hygienist has successfully completed a course in laser proficiency that:

(I) Is at least 6 hours in length; and

(II) Is based on the *Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education*, adopted by reference pursuant to [NAC 631.035](#); and

(3) The supervising dentist has successfully completed a course in laser proficiency that:

(I) Is at least 6 hours in length; and

(II) Is based on the *Curriculum Guidelines and Standards for Dental Laser Education*, adopted by reference pursuant to [NAC 631.035](#).

(g) Administer vaccinations pursuant to NAC 652.____.

↪ The dental hygienist must obtain authorization from the licensed dentist of the patient on whom the services authorized pursuant to this subsection are to be performed.

4. If a dentist who is licensed in this State has in his or her employ and under his or her supervision a dental hygienist who has:

(a) Successfully completed a course of continuing education in the administering of local anesthetics or nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia, or both, which has been approved by the Board; or

(b) Graduated from an accredited program of dental hygiene which includes the administering of local anesthetics or nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia, or both, in its curriculum,

↪ the dentist may authorize the dental hygienist to administer local anesthetics or nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia, or both, as appropriate, if the dental hygienist has received from the Board a certificate or permit certifying the hygienist for this level of administration. The dental hygienist must obtain the authorization from the licensed dentist of the patient on whom the services are to be performed.

5. A dental hygienist in a health care facility may administer local intraoral chemotherapeutic agents and, if he or she has complied with paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 4, may administer local anesthetics or nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia, or both, as appropriate, if he or she first:

(a) Obtains written authorization from the licensed dentist of the patient to whom the local anesthetics, nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia or local intraoral chemotherapeutic agents are to be administered; and

(b) Submits to the Secretary-Treasurer a written confirmation from the director of the health care facility that the facility has licensed medical personnel and necessary emergency supplies and equipment that will be available when the local anesthetics, nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia or local intraoral chemotherapeutic agents are administered.

6. The Board may authorize a dental hygienist to perform the services set forth in subsection 1 and paragraphs (a) to (n), inclusive, of subsection 2 without supervision by a dentist and without authorization from the licensed dentist of the patient on whom the services are to be performed, at a health facility, a school or a place in this State approved by the Board after the Board:

(a) Issues a special endorsement of the dental hygienist's license.

(b) Approves the treatment protocol submitted by the dental hygienist which includes an explanation of the methods that the dental hygienist will use to:

(1) Treat patients; and

(2) Refer patients to a dentist for:

(I) Follow-up care;

(II) Diagnostic services; and

(III) Any service that the dental hygienist is not authorized to perform.

7. The Board may revoke the authorization described in subsection 6 if the:

(a) Dental hygienist fails to renew his or her license or it is cancelled, suspended or revoked;

(b) Board receives a complaint filed against the dental hygienist;

(c) Dental hygienist commits an act which constitutes a cause for disciplinary action; or

(d) Dental hygienist violates any provision of this chapter or [chapter 631](#) of NRS.

→ Nothing in this subsection prohibits a dental hygienist from reapplying for authorization to perform the services described in subsection 6 if the Board revokes the authorization pursuant to this subsection.

8. As used in this section:

(a) “Health care facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 162A.740](#).

(b) “Health facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in subsection 6 of [NRS 449.260](#).

(c) “School” means an elementary, secondary or postsecondary educational facility, public or private, in this State.

[Bd. of Dental Exam’rs, § XXIII, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 7-30-84; 4-3-89; 3-11-96; R154-97, 1-14-98; R217-99, 4-3-2000; R231-03, 5-25-2004; R139-05, 12-29-2005; R066-11, 2-15-2012; R119-15, 6-28-2016)

NAC 631.220 Dental assistants: Authorization to perform certain services; supervision by dental hygienist for certain purposes. ([NRS 631.190](#), [631.313](#), [631.317](#))

1. A dentist who is licensed in the State of Nevada may authorize a dental assistant in his or her employ and under his or her supervision to perform the following procedures before the patient is examined by the dentist:

(a) Expose radiographs; and

(b) Take impressions for the preparation of diagnostic models.

2. A dentist who is licensed in the State of Nevada may authorize a dental assistant in his or her employ and under his or her supervision only to do one or more of the following procedures after the patient has been examined by the dentist:

(a) Retract a patient’s cheek, tongue or other tissue during a dental operation.

(b) Remove the debris that normally accumulates during or after a cleaning or operation by the dentist by using mouthwash, water, compressed air or suction.

(c) Place or remove a rubber dam and accessories used for its placement.

(d) Place and secure an orthodontic ligature.

(e) Remove sutures.

(f) Place and remove a periodontal pack.

(g) Remove excess cement from cemented restorations and orthodontic appliances. A dental assistant may not use a rotary cutting instrument to remove excess cement from restorations or orthodontic appliances.

(h) Administer a topical anesthetic in any form except aerosol.

(i) Train and instruct persons in the techniques of oral hygiene and preventive procedures.

(j) Take the following types of impressions:

(1) Those used for the preparation of counter or opposing models;

(2) Those used for the fabrication of temporary crowns or bridges; and

(3) Those used for the fabrication of temporary removable appliances, provided no missing teeth are replaced by those appliances.

(k) Fabricate and place temporary crowns and bridges. This procedure must be checked and approved by the supervising dentist before dismissal of the patient from the office of the dentist.

(l) Retract gingival tissue if the retraction cord contains no medicaments that have potential systemic side effects.

(m) Remove soft plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces, utilizing an appropriate rotary instrument with a rubber cup or brush and a suitable polishing agent. A licensed dentist, *dental therapist or* dental hygienist shall determine that the teeth to be polished are free of calculus or other extraneous material.

(n) Administer a topical fluoride.

(o) Apply pit and fissure sealant to the dentition for the prevention of decay. This procedure must be checked and approved by the supervising dentist before dismissal of the patient from the office of the dentist.

(p) Fit orthodontic bands and prepare teeth for orthodontic bands if the bands are cemented or bonded, or both, into the patient's mouth by the dentist who authorized the dental assistant to perform this procedure.

3. A dentist who is licensed in the State of Nevada may authorize a dental hygienist to supervise a dental assistant in the assistance of the hygienist's performance of one or more of the following:

(a) Retract a patient's cheek, tongue or other tissue during a dental operation.

(b) Remove the debris that normally accumulates during or after a cleaning or operation by the dental hygienist by using mouthwash, water, compressed air or suction.

(c) Train and instruct persons in the techniques of oral hygiene and preventive procedures.

(d) Remove soft plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces, utilizing an appropriate rotary instrument with a rubber cup or brush and a suitable polishing agent. A licensed dentist, *dental therapist or* dental hygienist shall determine that the teeth to be polished are free of calculus or other extraneous material.

(e) Administer a topical fluoride.

4. A dental hygienist, who is authorized by the Board to perform the services described in subsection 6 of [NAC 631.210](#), may authorize a dental assistant under his or her supervision to assist the hygienist in the performance of the services described in paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, of subsection 3.

[Bd. of Dental Exam'rs, § XXII, eff. 7-21-82] — (NAC A 10-21-83; 10-7-85; 4-3-89; 3-11-96; R051-04, 8-25-2004; R119-15, 6-28-2016)