

IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

PAULA J. CAMPBELL, DRT

* STATE BOARD OF

Respondent

* DENTAL EXAMINERS

Certificate Number: 10842

* Case Number: 2018-122

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FINAL ORDER

On the 3rd day of October, 2018, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the “Board”) notified **PAULA J. CAMPBELL, DRT** (Dental Radiation Technologist) (the “Respondent”), Certificate Number 10842, of its intent to revoke her certificate to practice dental radiation technology in the State of Maryland pursuant to the Maryland Dentistry Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.).

The Board based its action on the Respondent’s violation of the following provisions of the Act and COMAR:

Health Occ. § 4-505. Certification of dental radiation technologists.

- (a) *“Dental radiation technologists” and “practice dental radiation technology” defined; rules and regulations; competency requirements.* – The Board of Dental Examiners shall:
 - (2) Adopt rules and regulations concerning qualifications, training, certification, monitoring of, and enforcement requirements for a dental radiation technologist[.]
- (d) *Certification required for practice.* – After July 1, 1988, an individual may not practice dental radiation technology unless certified by the Board.

COMAR 10.44.19.12. Penalties for Violations of These Regulations.

A. Subject to the hearing provisions of this chapter, the Board may . . . reprimand any certified dental radiation technologist, place any certified dental radiation technologist on probation, or suspend or revoke the certificate of any certified dental radiation technologist, if the holder of the certificate:

(6) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board; [and]

(15) Behaves dishonorably or unprofessionally.

COMAR 10.44.19.02. Certification Required.

An individual shall be currently certified by the Board as a dental radiation technologist before the individual may practice dental radiation technology on a human being in this State.

COMAR 10.44.19.08. Prohibitions.

A. An individual may not practice dental radiation technology on a human being in this State unless the individual is certified by the Board as a dental radiation technologist.

In its Notice, the Board informed the Respondent that she had the opportunity to request a hearing before the Board by submitting a request in writing to the Board's Executive Director within thirty days of service of the Notice. More than thirty days have elapsed since the service of the Notice on the Respondent, and the Respondent has not requested a hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Respondent was originally certified to practice dental radiation technology in the State of Maryland on March 1, 1999, under Certificate Number 10842.

2. On March 1, 2017, the Respondent allowed her Maryland dental radiation technologist certificate to expire without filing for a renewal.

3. On or about December 1, 2017, the Board received an *Application for Reinstatement of Expired 2017 Dental Radiation Technologist Certificate* (the “Reinstatement Application”) from the Respondent.

4. In the Reinstatement Application to a question asking, “Have you practiced dental radiation technology, which is the placement or exposure of dental radiographs, on or after April 1, 2017,” the Respondent checked the box marked “Yes.” The Respondent further wrote that she practiced dental radiation technology on or after April 1, 2017, at a dental practice in Chester, Maryland under the supervision of a dentist licensed in Maryland.¹

5. The Board reinstated the Respondent’s dental radiation technology certificate on or about December 7, 2017 but initiated an investigation of the Respondent for practicing dental radiation technology without a current certificate.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent’s practice of dental radiation technology on or after April 1, 2017, in Maryland on an expired dental radiation technologist certificate constitutes: violating any rule or regulation adopted by the Board, *i.e.* COMAR 10.44.19.02 and COMAR 10.44.19.08A, in violation of Health Occ. § 4-505(a)(2) and (d), and COMAR

¹ To ensure privacy and confidentiality, the names of individuals, hospitals and healthcare facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. The Respondent may obtain the identity of the referenced individuals or entities in this document by contacting the administrative prosecutor.

10.44.19.12A(6); and behaving dishonorably or unprofessionally, in violation of Health Occ. § 4-505(a)(2) and COMAR 10.44.19.12A(15).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board considering this case:

ORDERED that the Respondent Paula J. Campbell's certificate to practice dental radiation technology in the State of Maryland under Certificate Number 10842 be and hereby is **REVOKED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing dental radiation technology in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

Date

3/6/19

Arthur C. Jee, D.M.D.
Board President

Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 4-319(b) (2014 Repl. Vol.), you have a right to take a direct judicial appeal. A Petition for Judicial Review must be filed within thirty (30) days of service of this Order and shall be made as provided for judicial review

of a final decision in the Md. Code Ann., State Gov't II §§ 10-201 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.) and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.