

Bulletin

Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners Dental Radiation Technologists Initial Certification, Renewal, Late Renewal and Reinstatement

(Authority: Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, § 4-505, and the Code of Maryland Regulations, Title 10, Subtitle 44, Chapter 19, Dental Radiation Technologist)

The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners is committed to ensuring that Maryland's citizens receive quality dental care and that its licensees and certificate holders are qualified and competently trained to provide dental services.

Effective January 26, 2009 the regulations dealing with dental radiation technologists was amended.

A dental radiation technologist seeking renewal of their certificate in 2011 or thereafter must complete, in addition to other requirements contained in the regulations, a 2-hour Board approved course on infection control. A dental radiation technologist who fails to complete the 2-hour Board-approved course will not be permitted to renew his or her certificate.

A dental radiation technologist seeking to renew their certificate within 30 days of its expiration in 2011 or thereafter must complete, in addition to other requirements contained in the regulations, a 2-hour Board-approved course on infection control. A dental radiation technologist who fails to complete the 2-hour Board-approved course will not be permitted to renew his or her certificate.

A dental radiation technologist holding an expired certificate to practice dental radiation technology in 2011 or thereafter must complete, in addition to other requirements contained in the regulations, a 2-hour Board-approved course on infection control. A dental radiation technologist who fails to complete the 2-hour Board-approved course will not be permitted to reinstate their certificate.

To new applicants: In addition to other requirements contained in the regulations, to qualify to be certified as a dental radiation technologist, an applicant shall be an individual who:

- (1) Is 18 years old or older;
- (2) Is of good moral character; and
- (3) Holds a high school degree or its equivalent.

An applicant for a dental radiation technologist certificate who does not meet the Board's qualifications may be denied a certificate.

Please note that only dentists, dental hygienists, and dental radiation technologists certified by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners are permitted to practice dental radiation technology in Maryland. A dental assistant, regardless of education, experience, or certification elsewhere, may not place or expose radiographs in Maryland without first being certified by the State Dental Board. (A limited exception exists for an individual enrolled in an educational program recognized by the State Dental Board for dental hygiene or dental assisting, who places or exposes dental radiographs pursuant to the educational program.)

In addition, a licensed dentist who employs an individual to practice dental radiation technology or who supervises an individual to practice dental radiation technology who is not certified by the Board is guilty of unprofessional conduct and may be subject to disciplinary action under Health Occupations Article, § 4-315, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Dentists and dental radiation technologists who have questions should call Ms. Debbie Wurster, Dental Assistant Coordinator at 410-402-8509.

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