

DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES

Colorado Dental Board

DENTISTS & DENTAL HYGIENISTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1.27 Temporary Licensure of Dentists and Dental Hygienists pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 038

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A. Basis. Through Executive Order 2020 038, Governor Jared Polis governor temporarily suspended the rulemaking authorities for the Colorado Dental Board set forth in section 24-1- 122(3)(k), C.R.S., and directed the Executive Director of DORA, through the Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations (Division Director), to promulgate and issue temporary emergency rules consistent with the Executive Order. The basis for these emergency rules is Executive Order 2020-038 issued by Governor Jared Polis pursuant to the State of Emergency Declaration found in Executive Orders 2020 003, 2020 027 and 2020 032, Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, and the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, sections 24-33.5-701, et. seq., C.R.S.

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B. Purpose. These Emergency Rules are adopted by the Executive Director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies, through the Division Director, to effectuate Executive Order 2020 038 directing the immediate expansion of the workforce of trained medical personnel available to provide healthcare services within inpatient facilities due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado.

C. Temporary Licenses

1. The Board may issue a temporary license to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved dental program who meets all qualifications for licensure with the exception of successful completion of the required examination as set forth in section 12-220-117(1)(b), C.R.S.

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a. Temporary licenses will be issued beginning May 1, 2020, and for 120 days thereafter.

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b. The temporary license is effective from the date of issuance through December 31, 2020.

c. Dental new graduates must submit an application for temporary licensure.

d. Dental applicants granted this temporary licensure shall practice under the direct supervision, as defined in section 12-220-104(7), C.R.S., of a Colorado licensed dentist in good standing during the entire term of the temporary licensure.

e. Once the temporary licensee successfully completes the statutorily required examination, the temporary licensee must immediately submit an application and the required fee for full licensure.

f. On January 1, 2021, if a full license to practice dentistry in Colorado has not been issued, the temporary licensee shall cease practice immediately and until such time as full licensure to practice dentistry in Colorado has been granted.

g. This temporary license is not renewable and does not create a property interest for the holder of the temporary license.

h. A temporary licensee may be subject to discipline by the Board as defined in 12-220-130, C.R.S., et seq., and shall be subject to the professional liability insurance requirement as defined in section 12-220-147, C.R.S.

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2. The Board may issue a temporary license to an applicant that is a new graduate of an approved dental hygienist program who meets all qualifications for licensure with the exception of successful completion of the required examination as set forth in section 112-220-125(1)(b), C.R.S.,

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a. Temporary licenses will be issued beginning May 1, 2020, and for 120 days thereafter.

b. The temporary license is effective from the date of issuance through December 31, 2020.

c. Dental hygienist new graduates must submit an application for temporary licensure.

d. Dental hygienist applicants granted this temporary licensure shall practice under the direct supervision, as defined in section 12-220-104(7), C.R.S., of a Colorado licensed dentist or dental hygienist in good standing during the entire term of the temporary licensure.

e. Once the temporary licensee successfully completes the statutorily required examination, the temporary licensee must immediately submit an application and the required fee for full licensure.

f. On January 1, 2021, if a full license to practice as a dental hygienist in Colorado has not been issued, the temporary licensee shall cease practice immediately and until such time as full licensure to practice as a dental hygienist in Colorado has been granted.

g. This temporary license is not renewable and does not create a property interest for the holder of the temporary license.

h. A temporary licensee may be subject to discipline by the Board as defined in 12-220-130, C.R.S., et seq., and shall be subject to the professional liability insurance requirement as defined in section 12-220-125(1)(b), C.R.S.

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