

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF NEVADA**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, Section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 483, chapter 482, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 3148 and NRS 631.190.

A REGULATION relating to dentistry; establishing a process for prioritizing the review of certain applications for initial licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or expanded function dental assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of existing law governing dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy and expanded function dental assistance. (NRS 631.190) Assembly Bill No. 483 of the 2025 Legislative Session requires certain health care licensing boards to adopt regulations that establish a process for prioritizing the review of an application for initial licensure if the applicant demonstrates that he or she will provide health care primarily in a historically underserved community. (Section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 483, chapter 482, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 3148) **Section 1** of this regulation establishes such a priority review process and defines the term “historically underserved community.” **Section 1** sets forth: (1) the requirements that must be met for an application to qualify for priority review; and (2) the timeframe in which applications will be processed by an employee of the Board. Existing law authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board to review completed applications and approve or reject applications for initial licensure. (NRS 631.220) **Section 1** provides that the Secretary-Treasurer will prioritize the review of such applications to determine whether the applicant satisfies the requirements for initial licensure set forth in existing law and regulations governing dentistry.

Existing law authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a person who violates any provision set forth in existing law and regulations governing dentistry. (NRS 631.350) **Section 1** prohibits an applicant from fraudulently indicating that his or her application qualifies for priority review. Thus, **section 1** has the effect of authorizing the Board to take disciplinary action against a person who makes such a fraudulent indication.

Section 1. Chapter 631 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prioritize the review of an application for initial licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or expanded function dental assistant for an applicant who:

(a) Indicates on the application furnished by the Board that he or she will provide dental care primarily in a historically underserved community.

(b) Submits a letter from an employer that is located in a historically underserved community that demonstrates the applicant will provide dental care primarily in a historically underserved community. The letter must state:

(1) That the applicant has accepted an offer of employment from the employer; and

(2) The date on which the applicant intends to commence such employment.

2. Not later than 7 business days after the receipt of an application that indicates the applicant will be employed in a historically underserved community and the appropriate licensing fees are paid, an employee of the Board shall:

(a) Review the application to determine whether the application includes all the information required for initial licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or expanded function dental assistant, as applicable.

(b) Notify the applicant of the determination of the employee of the Board regarding whether the application is complete. If the application is missing any information, the notice to the applicant must include a description of the missing information.

3. If the applicant was notified that his or her application was missing any information, an employee of the Board shall notify the applicant that his or her application is complete

after the Board receives all the missing information. The period of time that begins on the day the employee of the Board notifies the applicant of the missing information and ends on the day on which an employee of the Board notifies the applicant that his or her application is complete does not count towards the required timelines for prioritizing the review of an application set forth in this section.

4. Not later than 14 business days after the day the employee of the Board notifies the applicant that his or her application is complete, the Secretary-Treasurer shall review the application to determine whether the applicant satisfies the applicable requirements for licensure set forth in this chapter and chapter 631 of NRS. The Secretary-Treasurer may reject an application in accordance with NAC 631.050.

5. If the Secretary-Treasurer determines that the applicant satisfies the applicable requirements for licensure set forth in this chapter and chapter 631 of NRS, the Executive Director shall:

(a) Notify the applicant in writing that the applicant is approved for licensure not later than 14 business days after an employee of the Board notifies the applicant that his or her application is complete; and

(b) Issue the applicant a certificate of licensure not later than 30 business days after notifying the applicant that his or her application has been approved.

6. The applicant is responsible for determining whether his or her employer is located in a historically underserved community. The Board:

(a) Will presume that an applicant has made such a determination and that such determination is accurate; and

(b) Is not required to determine whether the employer of the applicant is located in a historically underserved community.

7. An applicant shall not fraudulently indicate that his or her application qualifies for priority review pursuant to this section.

8. As used in this section, “historically underserved community” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 483, chapter 482, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 3148.