

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

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1. Amend NAC 631.260 - Radiographic procedures: Lead apron required; ADA radiography best practices; certified statement and attestation of qualifications required for certain persons who assist in procedures. – A regulation related to the practices of dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy, and expanded function dental assisting; establishes requirements for radiographic procedures; and *[new] removing the lead apron requirement*. [Authority: no NRS 631 or NRS 629 directly on point and no NRS 653 directly on point. *See* NRS 631.190, generally. However, the American Dental Association 2024 revised guidelines have removed the recommendation for lead aprons during dental radiography. *See e.g.*, <https://www.ada.org/about/press-releases/ada-releases-updated-recommendations-to-enhance-radiography-safety-in-dentistry>]

NAC 631.260 Radiographic procedures: ~~Lead apron required~~; ADA radiography best practices; certified statement and attestation of qualifications required for certain persons who assist in procedures.

1. ~~Each patient who is undergoing a radiographic procedure must be covered with a lead apron. Unless otherwise impossible or impracticable, dentists shall, where possible and practicable, use radiographic imaging consistent with the provisions of the Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and Limiting Radiation Exposure, 2012, adopted by the American Dental Association (ADA) and the Food and Drug Administration, which is hereby adopted by reference, as is any superseding guidance from the ADA. The publication is available, free of charge, from the ADA at the Internet address <https://www.ada.org/resources/practice/practice-management/radiographic-imaging>.~~

2. Each licensee who employs any person, other than a dental hygienist, to assist him or her in radiographic procedures shall include with his or her application for renewal of his or her license a certified statement:

(a) Containing the name of each person so employed, his or her position and the date he or she began to assist the licensee in radiographic procedures; and

(b) Attesting that each such employee has received:

(1) *Instruction in the use of radiographic machines and procedures sufficient to demonstrate competency as required pursuant to subsections 3 and 4 of NAC 459.552;*

(2) Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at least every 2 years while so employed;

(3) A minimum of 4 hours of continuing education in infection control every 2 years while so employed; and

(4) Before beginning such employment, a copy of this chapter and chapter 631 of NRS in paper or electronic format.