

**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 and 2, NRS 631.190.

A REGULATION relating to oral health; adopting by reference a publication relating to dental radiographic examinations; revising certain provisions governing radiographic procedures; 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 law governing the practice of dentistry. (NRS 631.190)

Section 1 of this regulation adopts by reference the publication *Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and Limiting Radiation Exposure*, 2012 edition, developed by the American Dental Association in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Existing regulations require: (1) each patient who is undergoing a radiographic procedure to be covered with a lead apron; and (2) each licensee who employs any person, other than a dental therapist or dental hygienist, to assist him or her in radiographic procedures to include with his or her application for renewal of his or her license a certified statement which, among other things, attests that each such employee has received adequate instruction concerning radiographic procedures and is qualified to operate radiographic equipment as required pursuant to regulations governing the operation of X-ray systems. (NAC 631.260) **Section 2** of this regulation: (1) eliminates the requirement that each patient who is undergoing a radiographic procedure be covered with a lead apron and instead requires a licensee to use radiographic imaging in accordance with the provisions of *Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and Limiting Radiation Exposure*, 2012 edition, adopted by reference in **section 1**; and (2) revises the certified statement to instead attest that each such employee has received instruction in the use of radiographic machines and procedures sufficient to demonstrate competency as required pursuant to regulations governing the operation of X-ray systems.

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

1. The Board hereby adopts by reference Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and Limiting Radiation Exposure, 2012 edition, developed by the American Dental Association in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The publication is available, free of charge, from the American Dental Association at the Internet address <https://www.ada.org/resources/practice/practice-management/radiographic-imaging>.

2. The Board will review each update to the publication adopted by reference in subsection 1 at a public meeting not later than 6 months after publication. If the Board does not disapprove the update at that meeting, the update is deemed to be approved and becomes part of the publication adopted by reference.

Sec. 2. NAC 631.260 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.260 1. ~~Each patient who is undergoing a~~ *Unless it is otherwise impossible or impracticable, a licensee shall use radiographic ~~procedure must be covered~~ imaging in accordance with ~~a lead apron.~~ the provisions of Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and Limiting Radiation Exposure, 2012 edition, as adopted by reference in section 1 of this regulation.*

2. Each licensee who employs any person, other than a dental therapist or 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) ~~[Adequate instruction concerning]~~ *Instruction in the use of* radiographic *machines* *and* procedures ~~[and is qualified]~~ *sufficient* to ~~[operate radiographic equipment]~~ *demonstrate competency* as required pursuant to ~~[subsection]~~ *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.