

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

**LCB File No. R063-05**

Effective December 29, 2005

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

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 631.190 and 631.342.

A REGULATION relating to continuing education; revising the provisions governing continuing education in dentistry and dental hygiene; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** NAC 631.173 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.173 1. Each dentist licensed to practice in this State ~~[shall]~~ *must* complete annually at least 20 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.

2. Each dental hygienist licensed to practice in this State ~~[shall]~~ *must* complete annually at least 15 hours of instruction in approved courses of continuing education. Hours of instruction may not be transferred or carried over from one licensing period to another.

3. In addition to the hours of instruction prescribed in subsections 1 and 2, each dentist and dental hygienist ~~[shall]~~ *must* maintain current certification in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation or another medically acceptable means of maintaining basic bodily functions which support life. Any course taken pursuant to this subsection must be taught by a certified instructor.

4. Any provider of or instructor for a course in continuing education relating to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene which meets the requirements of this section must be approved by the Board, unless the course is for training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or is approved by:

- (a) The American Dental Association or the societies which are a part of it;
- (b) The American Dental Hygienists' Association or the societies which are a part of it;
- (c) The Academy of General Dentistry;
- (d) Any nationally recognized association of dental or medical specialists;
- (e) Any university, college or community college, whether located in or out of Nevada; or
- (f) Any hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on ~~the~~ Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

5. To be approved as a provider of a course in continuing education, the instructor of the course must complete a form provided by the Board and submit it to the Board for review by a committee appointed by the Board not later than 45 days before the beginning date of the course. Upon receipt of the form, the committee shall, within 10 days after receiving the form, approve or disapprove the application and inform the applicant of its decision.

6. Study by group may be approved for continuing education if the organizer of the group complies with the requirements of subsection 5 and furnishes the Board with a complete list of all members of the group, a synopsis of the subject to be studied, the time, place and duration of the meetings of the group, and the method by which attendance is recorded and authenticated.

7. Credit may be allowed for attendance at a meeting or a convention of a dental and dental hygiene society.

8. Credit may be allowed for courses completed at home which are taught through correspondence or video cassettes.

***9. Credit may be allowed for dental and dental hygiene services provided on a voluntary basis to nonprofit agencies and organizations approved by the Board.***

**Sec. 2.** NAC 631.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

631.175 1. Approved subjects for continuing education in dentistry and dental hygiene are:

- (a) Dental and medical health;
- (b) Preventive services;
- (c) Dental diagnosis and treatment planning;
- (d) Dental clinical procedures, including corrective and restorative oral health procedures and basic dental sciences, dental research and new concepts in dentistry;
- (e) Dental practice organization and management;
- (f) Patient management skills;
- (g) Methods of health care delivery; and
- (h) Teaching methodology.

2. At least 15 of the hours of continuing education required for dentists by NAC 631.173 must be in the approved subjects listed in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1.

3. At least 12 of the hours of continuing education required for dental hygienists by NAC 631.173 must be in the approved subjects listed in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, of subsection 1.

4. The Board will credit , as a maximum in any ~~one~~ year, the following number of hours of instruction for the following types of courses or activities:

- (a) For approved study by a group, 3 hours.
- (b) For attendance at a meeting or convention of a dental or dental hygiene society, 1 hour for each meeting, but ~~no~~ *not* more than 3 hours, exclusive of hours of continuing education offered in conjunction with the meeting.
- (c) For courses completed in the home through correspondence or video cassettes, 6 hours.

(d) For all other courses conducted by an approved instructor, the number of hours completed by the dentist or dental hygienist.

*(e) For approved dental or dental hygiene services provided in approved nonprofit settings, 6 hours, except that not more than 3 hours will be allowed for any day of volunteer services provided.*

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION**  
**LCB File No. R063-05**

The Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R063-05 which pertain to chapter 631 of the Nevada Administrative Code on October 10, 2005.

**Notice date:** 9/7/2005  
**Hearing date:** 10/10/2005

**Date of adoption by agency:** 10/10/2005  
**Filing date:** 12/29/2005

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

1. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

A public workshop, hearing and adoption was noticed for October 10, 2005 after a thirty day notice was posted in compliance with the Nevada administrative rulemaking requirements. The workshop, public hearing, and adoption hearing was noticed to the main library in all counties in Nevada along with the Las Vegas and Carson City offices of the Attorney General, State Library and Archives, and the Clark County Health District. Public comment was sought; however no comment was forthcoming at the workshop, nor the hearing. A copy of the written minutes of the meeting may be obtained by contacting the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners at (702) 486-7044 or by writing to the Board at 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, A-1, Las Vegas, NV 89118.

2. The number of persons who:
  - (a) Attended the hearing: approx. 25
  - (b) Testified at the hearing: approx. 0
  - (c) Submitted to the agency written comments: NONE

3. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Public notices of the workshop and hearing were posted at a site in each county along with the Las Vegas and Carson City offices of the Attorney General, State Library and Archives, the Clark County Health District, and mailings of said notices to interested parties including affected practitioner associations within Nevada. Representation from one affected practitioner association was present at the meeting and offered no comment. A copy of the written minutes of the workshop and meeting may be obtained by contacting the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners at (702) 486-7044 or by writing to the Board at 6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, A-1, Las Vegas, NV 89118.

4. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulations without change.

The permanent regulations were adopted at the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners hearing on October 10, 2005 with no changes. Public comment at the workshop and hearing on October 10, 2005 was solicited but not forthcoming. No substantive changes were made to the proposed regulations other than minor changes made by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for consistency.

5. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulations on the businesses that it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include: (a) both adverse and beneficial effects; and (b) both immediate and long-term effects.

(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects.

The beneficial effects would be promotion of non-profit agencies and organizations engaged in public health dentistry and dental hygiene services. Specifically, it was the intention of this regulation to encourage volunteer services to underserved, uninsured, and low income individuals seeking dental and dental hygiene treatment.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects.

Immediate and long term effects would be meaningful educational experiences and opportunities; providing needed and valuable dental and dental services to underserved, uninsured, and those unable to afford dental care; building community commitment and involvement; career enhancement and self-esteem benefits; meaningful diversity experiences; and hands on “service learning” opportunities.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no additional cost to the board for enforcement of the regulation to monitor and audit compliance through existing methods for continuing education.

7. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies that the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates, and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating agency.

There are no other state or government agency regulations that the proposed amendments duplicate.

8. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are no federal regulations providing these provisions.

9. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

These regulations do not provide or involve a new fee.