

TITLE 16. DENTAL HYGIENE BOARD OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Modified Text

Legend:

<u>Underlined</u>	Indicates proposed regulatory language.
<u>Underlined Strikeout</u>	Indicates proposed deletions to the proposed text.
<u><u>Double Underlined</u></u>	Indicates proposed additions to the original text.

Article 4. Licensing

§1115. Retired Licensure.

- (a) A retired license shall be issued to a registered dental hygienist (RDH), registered dental hygienist in alternative practice (RDHAP), or registered dental hygienist in extended functions (RDHEF) if the licensee meets the following requirements:
- (1) Holds an active license or an inactive license that was not placed on inactive status as a result of revocation or suspension;
 - (2) Submits to the Board a completed "Application for a Retired RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF License" DHBC RLC-01 (New 11/20), hereby incorporated by reference; and
 - (3) Submits an \$80 fee to the Board.
- (b) Once the Board has issued a retired license, the holder of a retired license shall:
- (1) Be exempt from continuing education requirements;
 - (2) Be exempt from renewal of the retired license; and
 - (3) Utilize his or her professional title only with the unabbreviated word "retired" preceding or after the professional designation.
- (c) The holder of a retired license shall not engage in any activity for which an active RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF license is required.

- (d) The Board shall not be prevented from investigating violations or taking action against a retired license for violations of laws governing the practice of dental hygiene.
- (e) To restore a license to active status, the holder of a retired license shall comply with the following requirements:
- ~~(1) Request to restore his or her license to active status within three (3) years of issuance of the retired license; and~~
- ~~(2)~~ (1) Submit a completed "Application for Reactivation of a Retired RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF License" DHBC RLC-02 (New 10/20), hereby incorporated by reference;
- ~~(3)~~ (2) Payment of a \$160 fee as required by the Board;
- ~~(4)~~ (3) Submit proof of completion of current continuing education requirements pursuant to 16 CCR sections 1016 and 1017; and
- ~~(5)~~ (4) Comply with fingerprint submission requirements pursuant to 16 CCR section 1132.
- ~~(f) Should a licensee seek to restore their license more than three (3) years after issuance of the retired license, the licensee must file a new application for licensure.~~
- (f) The holder of a retired license shall be allowed to provide to the public, without supervision, dental hygiene educational services, oral health training programs, oral health screenings, and application of fluoride varnish free of charge in any oral health public health program created by federal, state, or local law or administered by a federal, state, county, or local governmental entity, at a sponsored event by a sponsoring entity. The retired licensee shall refer any screened individuals with possible oral abnormalities to a dentist for a comprehensive examination, diagnosis, and treatment plan. For purposes of this section, the following shall apply:
- (1) "Sponsored event" shall be defined as in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 1626.6 of the Code.
- (2) "Sponsoring entity" shall be defined as in paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 1626.6 of the Code.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 464, 1905, 1906, and 1944 Business and Professions Code. Reference cited: Sections 464, 1906, and 1944 Business and Professions Code.