

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

<b>Legend:</b> Added text is indicated with an <u>underline</u> . Deleted text is indicated by <del>strikeout</del> .
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**Amend §1104 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to read as follows:**

**§ 1104. Approval of New RDH Educational Programs and Continuation of Approval for Approved RDH Educational Programs.**

- (a) A new educational program shall obtain ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board approval prior to admission of students.
- (b) The ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board shall review the approval of all approved educational programs in accordance with accreditation renewal standards set by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA), or an equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board. In the event that an equivalent body has not been established by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board, the standards shall be set by CODA.
  - (1) All educational programs accredited by CODA, or an equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board, shall submit to the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board after each accreditation site visit an electronic copy of the Self-Study Report prepared for ~~in CODA's "Self-Study Guide for the Evaluation of a Dental Hygiene Education Program" (As Last Revised: January 1, 2016), CODA~~ (<https://www.ada.org/en/coda>) or the equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the Dental Hygiene Board, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and a copy of the final report of the findings within thirty (30) days of the final report issuance.
  - (2) If the educational program is granted CODA's, or an equivalent accrediting body's, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board, status of "Approval with Reporting Requirements", the program shall submit to the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board copies of any and all correspondence received from or submitted to CODA, or an equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board , until such time as the status of "Approval without Reporting Requirements" is granted.
  - (3) If the educational program is granted CODA's, or an equivalent accrediting body's, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board, status of "Approval with Reporting Requirements with Intent to Withdraw", the program

- shall notify the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board within ten (10) days, and the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board shall withdraw approval until such time as the status of "Approval without Reporting Requirements" is granted. Students enrolled in a program where approval has been withdrawn will not be considered graduates of an approved program and shall be ineligible for licensure. The program shall notify the students of the withdrawal of approval and the potential for ineligibility for licensure on the basis of not having graduated from an approved program. The program shall copy the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board on the notification to students and any correspondence submitted to CODA, or an equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board, regarding accreditation status.
- (4) If the educational program is withdrawn from accredited status by CODA, or an equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board, the program shall notify the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board in writing of such status within 10 days and the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board shall withdraw approval. The program shall submit copies of any and all correspondence received from or submitted to CODA, or an equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board. Students enrolled in a program where accreditation has been withdrawn will not be considered graduates of an accredited program and shall be ineligible for licensure.
- (5) Continuation of approval of all educational programs shall be contingent upon compliance with the requirements described in this Article. Written notification of continuation of approval shall be provided.
- (c) All ~~Committee-approved~~ Dental Hygiene Board-approved programs shall maintain current accreditation by CODA, or an equivalent accrediting body, as determined by the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board.
- (d) All ~~Committee-approved~~ Dental Hygiene Board-approved sponsoring and affiliated institutions shall maintain current institutional accreditation pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 1941(c).
- (e) A material misrepresentation of fact by a new educational program or an approved educational program in any information required to be submitted to the ~~Committee~~ Dental Hygiene Board is grounds for denial of approval or revocation of the program's approval.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 1905 and 1906, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 1905 and 1941, Business and Professions Code.