

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

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Expanded Function Dental Assistants (SB 310) Summary of Requested Regulations

1) Board regs should require additional training/education for licensure by endorsement to practice EFDA – *see Section 6(2)*

*Applicants for licensure by endorsement to provide proof of passing DANB Certified Preventative Functions Dental Assistant and Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant or having successfully completed Board approved course on restorative dental hygiene.

2) Board regs should delineate that the endorsement available for Expanded Function Dental Assistance (EFDA) and/or for Restorative Dental Hygiene (RDH) are not the same endorsement as Public Health Endorsement (PHE) for Dental Therapists/Dental Hygienists – *see Section 6.5 and 7*

3) Board regs should that require very specific education/training for Dental Hygienists that qualify for Restorative Dental Hygiene (RDH) to be permitted to prescribe/dispense drugs in conjunction with State Pharmacy Board requirements – *see Section 9(1) and Section 9(4)*

***Consider completion of PTT coursework at schools accepted by NV Pharmacy Board – schools in both No. and So. NV**

****Consider that education/training and CE hours must have a safe prescribing practices component for Board approval**

4) Board regs should require/specifically delineate drugs to be prescribed by Dental Hygienists that qualify for Restorative Dental Hygiene (RDH): - *see Section 9(1)*

- a. Topical Fluoride
- b. Oral Antiseptic Rinse
- c. Prescription Fluoride Dentifrice
- d. Desensitizers
- e. Whitening Gel
- f. Topical Anesthetic
- g. Periodontal therapeutic medication

5) Board regs should require specific treatment protocols to be used by Dental Hygienists under PHE who then authorizes DA or EFDA to: (1) apply dental sealants; (2) apply topical fluoride; (3) perform coronal polishing; (4) take radiographs; and (5) provide oral health education – *see Section 20.5 (3)*

6) Board regs should delineate intraoral tasks in addition to those outlined in Section 8 which can be assigned to EFDA Dental Hygienists with special endorsement for RDH employed by dentist, engaged in school health activities or employed by a public health agency – *see Section 22*

7) Board regs should require specific regulations regarding the possession/prescription/dispensing of dangerous drugs/devices by Dental Hygienists who has special endorsement – *see Section 40.5*

*** Dental Hygienists must petition Board for certificate to possess/prescribe/dispense dangerous drugs/devices**

****Board can: (1) refuse to issue certificate, (2) issue certificate limiting authority of Dental Hygienists, or (3) issue certificate with other limitations/restrictions Board determines necessary protect public health, safety and welfare**

*****Board regs can include maximum amount possessed/prescribed/dispensed and transportation, storage, security, recordkeeping requirements.**

8) Board regs should adopt and/or incorporate written exam offered by CDCA/WREB/CITA (Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary) or DANB (Certified Preventative Functions Dental Assistant and Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant) – *see Section 18*

9) Board regs should require applicants to have graduated from a CODA accredited institution that offers an expanded function dental assistant program of not less than one (1) academic year with curriculum including didactic, lab and clinical components – *see Section 19*

10) Board regs should require Dental Hygienists seeking special endorsement to have completed a DANB approved course on restorative dental hygiene or seek other course(s) to approve; should Board require fee assessment for RDH endorsement – *see Section 6.5 (2)(b)*

11) Board regs should require EFDA to complete 12 CE hours annually or 24 CE hours biennially for license renewal

12) Board regs should limit the number of EFDAs permitted to practice under the supervision of the same dentist

*Potentially utilize Ohio reg language: “At no time shall more than two (2) expanded function dental assistants be practicing as expanded function dental assistants under the supervision of the same dentist.”

13) Board regs should require that EFDA complete course approved by Board in the identification and prevention of medical emergencies; should the Board require dentists to have written protocols for EFDAs to follow in the event of medical emergencies

14) Board regs should add language to NAC further defining language for the use of an ultrasonic scaling unit – *See Section 8 (11)*

*Potential defining language: As referenced in NRS 631.____, “use of an ultrasonic scaling unit for the removal of bonding agents” shall be interpreted by the Board for the purposes of orthodontic care. The prohibition of an expanded function dental assistant to “use of an ultrasonic scaling unit on any natural tooth” shall be interpreted by the Board for the purposes of dental cleaning.

15) Board regs should require that all coursework required for Expanded Function Dental Assistants and Restorative Dental Hygienists be approved by the Board.