

This is an amendment to 16.5.42 NMAC, Section 9, effective 12/14/2019.

16.5.42.9 EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL [AUXILIARY] AUXILIARY:

A. satisfactory completion of an expanded function dental auxiliary course at an institution. Where the dental assisting program is accredited by the joint commission on dental accreditation, and approved by the board. The applicant must be certified in all four expanded functions as defined in Section 16.5.33 NMAC; or

B. for dental auxiliaries that have five years' experience and "independent preparation" for the requirements:

- (1) applicant must have a minimum of five years of continuous employment as a dental assistant or dental hygienist with a minimum of 1,000 hours per year;
- (2) achieved certification in all expanded functions as defined in Section 16.5.33 NMAC;
- (3) taken a course of study in dental anatomy, dental materials, placing and shaping direct restorations, fitting and shaping of stainless steel crowns, and occlusion function and passed a post-test approved by the board verifying readiness for taking the certification examination;

(4) recommended for an expanded function dental auxiliary (EFDA) certification by the supervising dentist as defined in Subsection G of Section 16.5.42.7 NMAC;

(5) instructors must have higher or same level of licensure or certification in respective courses they are teaching;

C. pass a clinical examination accepted by the board for certification of EFDA;

D. completed the jurisprudence examination with a score of at least seventy five percent;

E. exemptions; an expanded function dental auxiliary who is certified to perform EFDA duties in another state or jurisdiction with requirements not less stringent than those in New Mexico may be certified based on credentials;

F. after passing a board accepted examination or being certified by credentials, EFDA candidates must complete an apprenticeship under the close personal supervision of a supervising dentist;

(1) the board will send to the EFDA candidate upon receipt of the completed application the following:

- (a) permit to start apprenticeship to be displayed during apprenticeship; and
- (b) affidavit form to be signed by supervising dentist at start and completion of apprenticeship;

(2) the affidavit shall state that the supervising dentist assures that the EFDA candidate is competent in the procedures allowed by an EFDA and that the supervising dentist assumes full responsibility and liability for the training and actions of the EFDA;

(3) once the permit is issued by the board office the EFDA candidate has 180 days to complete the apprenticeship; a grace period of no more than 60 days may be granted by the board chair or vice-chair and

(4) upon completion of the apprenticeship the candidate must return the EFDA permit and the signed affidavit to the board; once the permit and signed affidavit have been received and verified by the board a certificate for EFDA may be issued.

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