

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULE HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care will hold a rule hearing on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. Following the rule hearing, the Board will convene a regular board meeting to adopt the rules and take care of regular business. The rule hearing and board meeting will be held via Webex:

<https://nmrld.webex.com/nmrld/onstage/g.php?MTID=e48fe4b43453eeca66f3fc01799f4d68>

To join the meeting by phone: 1-415-655-0002 United States Toll

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The purpose of the rule hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the following rules:

16.5.5 - Dentists, Fees

16.5.18 - Dental Hygienists, Fees

16.5.59 - Licensure for Military Service Members, Spouses, Dependent Children and Veterans

To obtain and review copies of the proposed changes and public comments, you may go to the Board's website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/dental-health-care-overview/dhc-laws-rules-and-policies/> or contact the Boards and Commissions Division at (505) 476-4622.

The Board is currently accepting public written comments on the proposed amendments. Please submit written comments on the proposed changes to Roberta Perea, Board Administrator, via electronic mail at: [Dental.Board@state.nm.us](mailto:Dental.Board@state.nm.us), or by regular mail at P.O. Box 25101, Santa Fe, NM 87504, no later than Thursday, December 8, 2022. Written comments received prior to the rule hearing will be posted to the RLD website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/dental-health-care-overview/dhc-laws-rules-and-policies/>. Persons will also be given the opportunity to present their written or oral comments at the public rule hearing.

The agenda for the board meeting will be posted and available at least 72 hours before the meeting on the Board website at: <https://www.rld.nm.gov/boards-and-commissions/individual-boards-and-commissions/dental-health-care-overview/dhc-board-information/dhc-board-meetings/>. Copies of the rules or the agenda may also be obtained by contacting Roberta Perea, Board Administrator at (505) 476-4622.

An individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Roberta Perea, Board Administrator (505) 476-4622.

**Statutory Authority:**

The Dental Health Care Act, Paragraph (4) of Subsection B of Section 61-5A-10 and 61-5A-13.1 NMSA 1978 authorizes the Board to promulgate rules necessary to provide to regulate the practice of dentistry, dental therapy and dental assisting and through the committee, regulate the practice of dental hygiene. Section 61-1-31.1 NMSA 1978 of the Uniform Licensing Act, requires the Board to "determine those states and territories of the United States and District of Columbia from which the board will not accept an applicant for expedited licensure and those foreign countries from which the Board will accept an applicant for expedited licensure."

**Purpose of the Proposed Rules:**

The proposed rules are intended to address recent statutory changes to the Uniform Licensing Act and the Dental Health Care Act. See H.B. 191, 56th Leg., Regular Session. (N.M. 2022), available at <https://nmlegis.gov/Sessions/22%20Regular/final/HB0191.pdf>.

**Summary of Proposed Changes:**

**16.5.5 - Dentists, Fees**

The proposed amendments to this section adds a new category of fees for expedited licensure.

**16.5.18 - Dental Hygienists, Fees**

The proposed amendments to this section adds a new category of fees for expedited licensure.

**16.5.59 - Licensure for Military Service Members, Spouses, Dependent Children and Veterans**

The proposed amendments to this section comply with the statutory changes to the Dental Health Care Practice Act and the Uniform Licensing Act for licensure by examination and expedited licensure which includes adding language regarding disapproved licensing jurisdictions and the requirements for expedited licensure. Additionally, the proposed amendments to this section comply with the statutory changes to the Uniform Licensing Act regarding expedited licensure for military service members, spouses, dependents and veterans.