

This is an amendment to 16.5.28 NMAC Sections 9 and 10, effective 04/16/08.

16.5.28.9 CERTIFICATION BY EXAMINATION: Applicants for certification in local anesthesia by exam must possess the following qualifications and submit the required fees and documentation, along with a completed application.

A. Qualifications:

- (1) a valid license to practice dental hygiene in New Mexico;
- (2) successful completion of an approved educational program in local anesthesia of at least 24 didactic hours and 10 hours of clinical training given in an accredited dental hygiene program; and
- (3) successfully pass a written and clinical local anesthesia examination administered by WREB.

B. Documentation:

- (1) copy of current [CPR] basic life support certification accepted by the American heart association or the American red cross;
- (2) transcript from an accredited dental hygiene program documenting successful completion of an approved educational program in local anesthesia; and
- (3) certificate or score card from WREB indicating successful completion and date of local anesthesia exam.

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16.5.28.10 CERTIFICATION BY CREDENTIALS: Applicants for certification in local anesthesia by credentials must possess the following qualifications and submit the required fees and documentation, along with a completed application.

A. Qualifications:

- (1) a valid license to practice dental hygiene in New Mexico;
- (2) successful completion of educational coursework in local anesthesia; and
- (3) administration of local anesthesia in the practice of dental hygiene for at least three of the past five years.

B. Documentation:

- (1) copy of current [CPR] basic life support certification accepted by the American heart association or the American red cross;
- (2) proof of successful completion of educational coursework in local anesthesia;
- (3) proof of certification by examination to practice local anesthesia in another state;
- (4) a letter of verification from each jurisdiction where the applicant holds a certificate for administering local anesthesia, sent directly from the board in each jurisdiction, describing any disciplinary action taken against the applicant; and
- (5) proof of administration of local anesthesia while engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in at least three of the past five consecutive years; proof may be by notarized letters from employers, supervisors of dental clinics of the uniformed services of the United States, or faculty administrators of schools of dental hygiene and/or dentistry.

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