

This is an amendment to 16.5.42 NMAC, Sections 9 and 10, effective 06-14-12.

16.5.42.9 EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY:

A. satisfactory completion of an accepted expanded function dental auxiliary course at an institution accredited by the board or joint commission on dental accreditation where in the offering program is also accredited by the commission; 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 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 EFDA certification by the supervising dentist as defined in Subsection G of 16.5.42.7 NMAC;

C. pass the WREB, CRDTS, NERB/ADEX, SRTA or other examination accepted by the board for certification of EFDA;

D. completed the jurisprudence examination with a score of at least 75 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~~[- an affidavit to be signed by the supervising dentist attesting to the apprenticeship will be sent by the board to the candidate upon receipt of the completed application; the affidavit shall serve as the permit to start the apprenticeship;~~

~~(1) 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;~~

~~(2) once the affidavit is issued by the board office the EFDA candidate will have 180 days to complete the apprenticeship and submit the signed affidavit to the board; and~~

~~(3) once the signed affidavit has been received and verified by the board a certificate for EFDA may be issued.]~~

(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; 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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16.5.42.10 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: Each applicant for an expanded function dental auxiliary certification shall submit to the board or its agent the required fees and following documentation. Applications are valid for one year from the date of receipt by the board; after one year, the applicant shall submit to the board a new application.

A. Each application for licensure who completed an EFDA program must submit the following documentation:

(1) completed application with a passport quality photo taken within six months affixed to the application;

(2) official transcripts or certification verifying successful completion of an EFDA program accredited by the commission on dental accreditation;

(3) copy of WREB, CRDTS, NERB/ADEX, SRTA or other examination accepted by the board for certification as EDFA; the results of the exam are valid in New Mexico for a period not to exceed five years:

(a) the applicant shall apply directly to WREB, CRDTS, NERB/ADEX, or SRTA for examination;

(b) results of the clinical examination shall be sent directly to the board office; and

(4) affidavit letter from supervising dentists.

B. An applicant who has not graduated from an ~~accredited~~ accredited expanded function dental auxiliary program can apply for ~~license~~ certification if they meet all requirements in Subsection B, D and F of 16.5.42.9 NMAC and must submit the following:

(1) completed application with a passport quality photo taken within six months affixed to the application;

(2) shall provide proof of five years of continuous employment as a dental assistant or dental hygienist with a minimum of 1,000 hours per year;

(3) shall have achieved certification in all expanded function as defined in 16.5.33 NMAC;

(4) shall provide proof of successful completion of courses in dental anatomy, dental materials, placing and shaping direct restorations, fitting and shaping of stainless steel crowns, and occlusion function;

(5) shall provide a letter from supervising dentist recommending applicant for EFDA certification; must be on dentist letterhead;

(6) copy of WREB, CRDTS, NERB/ADEX, SRTA or other examination accepted by the board; and

(7) affidavit letter from the supervising dentist of competency.

C. Certification by credentials. Applicants can apply for certification by credentials if they meet all requirements as defined in Subsections A, C, D and F of 16.5.42.9 NMAC and must submit the following:

(1) completed application with a passport quality photo taken within six months affixed to the application;

(2) verification of a current active certification in good standing from another state; and

(3) copy of WREB, CRDTS, NERB/ADEX, SRTA or other clinical examination accepted by the board; the results of the examination are valid in New Mexico for a period not to exceed five years:

(a) the applicant shall apply directly to WREB, CRDTS, NERB/ADEX or SRTA for examination, and

(b) the results of the clinical examination must be sent directly to the board office; and

(4) affidavit letter from the supervising dentist of competency.

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