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POLICY/ PROCEDURE

CERTIFICATION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF INFILTRATION ANESTHESIA

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 40-15-80(E)

POLICY

Licensed Dental Hygienists are authorized to administer infiltration anesthesia upon:

- 1) Successful completion of a Board-approved course
- 2) Application to the Board
- 3) Successful completion of the State Board Examination
- 4) Certification by the Board.

PROCEDURE

Board Approved Courses

Applicants must provide a copy of the official diploma certificate showing course completion date. Proof of course completion is to be submitted with application for certification. See [Board Licensure Requirements](#) webpage for current listing of Board approved courses.

Applications for Certification

Applicants may apply for certification to administer infiltration anesthesia provided they meet the following requirements:

- 1) You must be currently licensed SC Dental Hygienist
- 2) You must be currently certified in CPR.
- 3) You must have successfully completed
 - an approved course in local infiltration anesthesia within the three (3) years preceding the application; or
 - certified in another state to perform local infiltration anesthesia within three (3) years preceding the application.

Once a completed application has been received and approved, applicants will be authorized to take the examination. The examination is administered by PSI Testing Service. Applicants will not be authorized to take the exam until a complete application is on file.

Certification Examination

Applicants will receive notification from PSI when they are authorized to register for the examination. Applicants are responsible for registering and scheduling with PSI. The examination registration fee is to be paid directly to PSI upon registration.

PSI will send examination score reports directly to the Board office. Please do not send your score report to the Board office. Applicants who fail the examination may retake the exam up to two (2) times.

An applicant who fails to achieve a passing grade after three (3) attempts must complete another Board approved course in infiltration anesthesia prior to being eligible for reapplication.

Certification Issuance

Upon successful completion of the exam, the applicant will be issued a certificate to administer infiltration anesthesia.

Renewal of Certificate

Renewal of the certificate is required biennially. Applicant may renew his/her certificate provided he/she has been performing infiltration anesthesia (on a regular basis) and is currently certified in CPR. Applicant wishing to renew his/her certificate shall indicate this on the licensure re-registration form and include proper payment of the required fee. An applicant who does not wish to renew his/her certificate shall indicate this on the licensure re-registration form. The certificate will automatically expire on March 1 of the biennial renewal year. An expired certificate may be reinstated within two (2) years by submitting payment of the required fee. After more than two (2) years, an expired certificate may be reinstated if the applicant successfully passes the State Board Anesthesia Examination.

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