BOARD MEETINGS

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry meets every other month on the second Saturday. Meetings take place at the Board office located at 10101 Linn Station Rd., Suite 540, Louisville, Kentucky 40223, 502/423-0573. Meeting times and place may be changed with advanced notification. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 10, 2001. We welcome any licensee’s attendance. The meetings are open to the public.

RETRIEVAL OF KENTUCKY DENTAL AND DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE

Each renewal year the Board has many licensees who do not renew their license, nor do they notify the Board office that they do not wish to renew their license. If the Board office is not notified by December 31 of the renewal year that a licensee does not wish to renew their license, the licensee’s license is suspended for non-renewal.

A licensee who wishes to retire their Kentucky dental or dental hygiene license must notify the Board in writing for the retirement to be granted. The best time to notify the Board of such a request is during the biennial license renewal. The renewal form has a place at the top of the page to request retirement of the license.

A license that has been placed in retirement can be reinstated up to five years after the date of retirement by paying back renewal fees, showing proof of 30 hours of continuing education within the last 24 months, and filing a reinstatement application. If the licensee has been practicing in another state, then proof of good standing from every state that he or she has been practicing in another state, then proof of good standing from every state that he or she has been practicing in must be sent directly to the Board office, and a report from the National Practitioners Data Bank.

RENEWAL OF LICENSES FOR DENTISTS

This year will be the second biennial license renewal for dentists. Each dentist must renew his or her license by December 31, 2001. A few simple reminders when renewing your Kentucky Dental license are:

- Make sure the proper renewal fee is sent. The renewal fee is always on the renewal application.
- You must have accumulated 30 hours of CE by December 31, 2001. If you graduated in 2000, you will need to only have 15 hours of CE plus HIV/AIDS and be current in BLS. If you will be graduating in 2001, you are exempt from CE for this renewal period only.
- Renewal applications must be postmarked by December 31 of the renewal year to avoid the $50.00 reinstatement fee.
- Make sure you review the information on the application and make any necessary changes.
- Make sure you sign and date the back of the application.
- Make sure the application is filled out correctly and all areas have been filled out.
- Make sure you enclose your payment with the application.
- Make sure that the laboratory-listing sheet is enclosed with your renewal.
- Do not send in proof of Continuing Education with the renewal. Each licensee must keep proof of CE for five (5) years.
- If you do not receive your renewal certificate within 2 weeks after you mail the renewal form, call the Board office to make sure that we have received your renewal application.

RENEWAL OF ANESTHESIA PERMITS

Along with the dental renewal form, any dentist who has an anesthesia permit will also be required to renew their anesthesia permit. The fee for renewal is $30.00. You must send in proof with the renewal of being current in ACLS OR being current in BLS and submitting proof of taking six (6) hours of continuing education in anesthesia safety and emergency procedures. These hours do not count towards the thirty-(30) hours needed to renew your dental license.

If you do not wish to renew your anesthesia permit, you must notify the board of this in writing. A dental license will not be renewed if the licensee holds an anesthesia permit and the permit is not renewed or retired at the time of renewing the dental license.

RADIATION SAFETY COURSE FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS

All dental assistants must have passed a course approved by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry on Radiation Safety before they are allowed to take x-rays in the dental office. A new regulation went into effect on May 10, 2000, requiring the course to include two (2) parts:

1. A minimum of a six-(6) hour course in dental radiography safety approved by the Board. Written documentation must be kept on file in the dentist’s office showing successful completion of the course.
2. Technique instruction: A minimum of four (4) hours of instruction by the dentist in dental radiography technique while under the employment and supervision of the dentist in the office where the dentist practices.
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