

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DENTAL ASSISTANT LICENSURE:

As of January 1, 2015, all dental assistants practicing dental assisting were required to be licensed by the Board pursuant to statute and the Board's regulations. To date, the Board has issued licenses to approx. 6800 dental assistants. However numerous licensure applications have yet to be submitted or have been submitted but remain incomplete. Consequently each practicing dental assistant who has not submitted a licensure application or has submitted an incomplete application will be the subject of a complaint for unlicensed practice, effective February 1, 2016. Further, each dentist who employs or continues to employ an unlicensed dental assistant will also be the subject of a complaint, effective February 1, 2016.

If a license has already been issued, please check the expiration date on the front of the license. The majority of the new dental assistant licenses expired on October 31, 2015. If the license has expired, dental assistants have until January 29, 2016, to renew their licenses. Please note that dental assistants will be required to pay the \$45 licensure renewal fee and a \$57 late fee if the license was not renewed on time.

To begin a new licensure application, please go to www.mass.gov/dph/boards/dn and follow the link for "Dental Assistant Online License Application."

To follow up on a previously submitted but incomplete licensure application, please contact the Board by phone at 617-973-0924 or by email at dentalasst.admin@state.ma.us