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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION:
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE ADOPTION OF
PROPOSED PERMANENT REGULATIONS BY THE NEVADA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners will hold a public hearing for the purpose of adopting a regulation on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm (to be held contemporaneously to the Board's regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting) at the Board Office, 2651 N. Green Valley Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89014. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to chapter 631 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment.

The purpose of this regulation is to enact the provisions of AB 483, which require professional licensing Boards to adopt regulations related to the licensing of dental professionals by establishing practices for prioritizing licensure applications for those practitioners seeking employment in historically underserved communities.

2. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, the terms or the substance of the proposed regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.

Not applicable; this is not a temporary regulation.

3. If the proposed regulation is a permanent regulation, a statement explaining how to obtain the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation.

The proposed regulation is available on the website of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners; it is also available at the office of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners located at 2651 N. Green Valley Parkway, Suite 104, Henderson, Nevada 89014. It will also be sent to the State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701.

4. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and in each case must include: (a) both adverse and beneficial effects; and (b) both immediate and long-term effects.

LCB File No. R052-26 would be a new addition to the Nevada Administrative Code. A survey was sent to all licensees requesting their input regarding impacts, positive or negative, to their small business should the regulation pass.

(a) The survey results revealed this new regulation would not adversely affect small businesses as defined by NRS 233B, since the regulation deals with individual licensing concerns that are germane before a licensee becomes employed or affects business economic interests.

(b) No immediate or long-term economic effects were noted; at most, a few survey responses indicated it felt unfair for some people to get priority license processing over others.

5. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business.

As part of NSBDE's due diligence, a small business impact survey was emailed directly to all active licensed dental professionals in Nevada. Further, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners solicited written and oral comments, objections, and suggestions from various stakeholders at a March 17, 2026, workshop.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There is no cost to the Board in effectuating this change.

7. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.

There is no federal agency with dental profession licensing oversight, and thus no federal and state conflicts of law exist. Additionally, as the Board is the only dental profession licensing agency in the State of Nevada, there is unlikely to be any conflicting regulatory goals amongst state agencies. As AN 483 requires implementation of essentially the same license-processing priority for all professional licensing Boards, we expect the NSBDE version will conform to that eventually enacted by other professional licensing Boards.

8. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.

This regulation is not required by federal law.

9. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

Not applicable; federal law does not govern state professional occupational licensing.

10. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

This regulation does not change or create any new fees payable to the Board.

11. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, each address at which the text of the regulation may be inspected and copied.)

Not applicable; this is not a temporary regulation.

Persons wishing to comment upon the action of the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 2651 N. Green Valley Parkway, Suite 104, Henderson, Nevada 89014. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners on or before close of business on May 25, 2026. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be Adopted will be on file at the State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be Adopted will be available at the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners website and for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours at the Board's physical office. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation will also be available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be adopted will be available at the main public library for all counties in which an office of the Board is not maintained. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This Notice of Intent to Act and Public Hearing has been sent to/posted at the following locations:

1) Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 2651 N. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89014 - www.dental.nv.gov

2) Nevada State Board of Dental Examiner's website - www.dental.nv.gov

2) Legislative Counsel Bureau - www.leg.state.nv.us

- 3) State Library and Archives - www.nsla.nv.gov
- 4) Carson City Main Library, 900 N Roop St, Carson City, NV 89701
- 5) Churchill County Main Library, 553 S Maine St, Fallon, NV 89406
- 6) Douglas County Main Library, 1625 Library Ln, Minden, NV 89423
- 7) Elko County Main Library, 720 Court St, Elko, NV 89801
- 8) Esmerelda County Main Library, PO Box 430, Goldfield, NV 89013
- 9) Eureka County Main Library, 80 Monroe St, Eureka, NV 89316
- 10) Humboldt County Main Library, 85 E 5th St, Winnemucca, NV 89445
- 11) Lander County Main Library, 625 S Broad St, Battle Mountain, NV 89820
- 12) Lincoln County Main Library, 63 Main Street, PO Box 330, Pioche, NV 89043
- 13) Lyon County Main Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447
- 14) Mineral County Main Library, 110 1st Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415
- 15) Nye County Main Library, 701 East Street, Pahrump, NV 89048
- 16) Pershing County Main Library, 1125 Central Ave, Lovelock, NV 89419
- 17) Storey County Main Library, 175 Carson St 2nd Floor, Virginia City, NV 89440
- 18) Washoe County Main Library, 301 South Center Street, Reno, NV 89501
- 19) White Pine County Main Library, 950 Campton St, Ely, NV 89301

**REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OF NEVADA**

LCB File No. R052-26

May 4, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, Section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 483, chapter 482, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 3148 (NRS 622.540), and NRS 631.190.

A REGULATION relating to dentistry; establishing a process for prioritizing the review of certain applications for initial licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or expanded function dental assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Dental Examiners of Nevada to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of existing law governing dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy and expanded function dental assistance. (NRS 631.190) Assembly Bill No. 483 of the 2025 Legislative Session requires certain health care licensing boards to adopt regulations that establish a process for prioritizing the review of an application for initial licensure if the applicant demonstrates that he or she will provide health care primarily in a historically underserved community. (Section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 483, chapter 482, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 3148 (NRS 622.540)) **Section 1** of this regulation establishes such a priority review process and defines the term “historically underserved community.” **Section 1** sets forth: (1) the requirements that must be met for an application to qualify for priority review; and (2) the timeframe in which applications will be processed by an employee of the Board. Existing law authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board to review completed applications and approve or reject applications for initial licensure. (NRS 631.220) **Section 1** provides that the Secretary-Treasurer will prioritize the review of such applications to determine whether the applicant satisfies the requirements for initial licensure set forth in existing law and regulations governing dentistry.

Existing law authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a person who violates any provision set forth in existing law and regulations governing dentistry. (NRS 631.350) **Section 1** prohibits an applicant from fraudulently indicating that his or her application qualifies for priority review. Further, **section 1** authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a person who makes such a fraudulent indication.

Section 1. Chapter 631 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prioritize the review of an application for initial licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or expanded function dental assistant for an applicant who:

(a) Indicates on the application furnished by the Board that he or she will provide dental care primarily in a historically underserved community.

(b) Submits a letter from an employer that is located in a historically underserved community that demonstrates the applicant will provide dental care primarily in a historically underserved community. The letter must state:

(1) That the applicant has accepted an offer of employment from the employer; and

(2) The date on which the applicant intends to commence such employment.

2. Not later than 7 business days after the receipt of an application that indicates the applicant will be employed in a historically underserved community and the appropriate licensing fees are paid, an employee of the Board shall:

(a) Review the application to determine whether the application includes all the information required for initial licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist or expanded function dental assistant, as applicable.

(b) Notify the applicant of the determination of the employee of the Board regarding whether the application is complete. If the application is missing any information, the notice to the applicant must include a description of the missing information.

3. If the applicant was notified that his or her application was missing any information, an employee of the Board shall notify the applicant that his or her application is complete

after the Board receives the missing information. The period of time that begins on the day the employee of the Board notifies the applicant of the missing information and ends on the day on which an employee of the Board notifies the applicant that his or her application is complete does not count toward the required timelines for prioritizing the review of an application set forth in this section.

4. Not later than 14 business days after the day the employee of the Board notifies the applicant that his or her application is complete, the Secretary-Treasurer shall review the application to determine whether the applicant satisfies the applicable requirements for licensure set forth in this chapter and chapter 631 of NRS. The Secretary-Treasurer may reject an application in accordance with NAC 631.050.

5. If the Secretary-Treasurer determines that the applicant satisfies the applicable requirements for licensure set forth in this chapter and chapter 631 of NRS, the Executive Director shall:

(a) Notify the applicant in writing that the applicant is approved for licensure not later than 14 business days after an employee of the Board notifies the applicant that his or her application is complete; and

(b) Issue the applicant a certificate of licensure not later than 30 business days after notifying the applicant that his or her application has been approved.

6. The applicant is responsible for determining whether his or her employer is located in a historically underserved community. The Board:

(a) Will presume that an applicant has made such a determination and that such determination is accurate; and

(b) Is not required to determine whether the employer of the applicant is located in a historically underserved community.

7. An applicant shall not fraudulently indicate that his or her application qualifies for priority review pursuant to this section. If a person violates this subsection, the Board may take disciplinary action against the person in accordance with NRS 631.350.

8. As used in this section, “historically underserved community” has the meaning ascribed to it in section 5 of Assembly Bill No. 483, chapter 482, Statutes of Nevada 2025, at page 3148 (NRS 622.540).