

STATE OF IDAHO



BOARD OF DENTISTRY

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS - DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE EXTENDED ACCESS RESTORATIVE ENDORSEMENT

TO: Dental Hygienists – Active Status

SUBJECT: Application Instructions – Dental Hygiene License Extended Access Restorative Endorsement

Thank you for your interest in obtaining an extended access restorative endorsement in conjunction with your Idaho dental hygienist's license. Effective April of 2007, the Idaho Legislature authorized the Idaho State Board of Dentistry to issue extended access restorative endorsements to qualified dental hygienists who are licensed in active status by the Board of Dentistry. The extended access restorative endorsement allows a licensed dental hygienist to perform specified restorative duties under the direct supervision of a dentist in an "extended access oral health care program." There are certain requirements that must be satisfied before a dental hygienist who is licensed by the Board of Dentistry is entitled to be issued an extended access restorative endorsement. Please review the following information (presented in a question and answer format) regarding applicable standards in connection with an extended access restorative endorsement before you commence the application process.

1. Is the extended access restorative endorsement different from the extended access dental hygiene endorsement? Yes. Although both the extended access dental hygiene endorsement and the extended access restorative endorsement authorize a qualified dental hygienist to practice in extended access oral health care programs, the qualifications for the endorsements and the permissible scope of practice with the endorsements are substantially different. For example, the extended access dental hygiene endorsement authorizes dental hygienists to practice under the general supervision of a dentist, but does not authorize the dental hygienist to provide restorative treatment. The extended access restorative endorsement authorizes dental hygienists to practice under the direct supervision of a dentist for the sole purpose of providing specified restorative treatment. A qualified dental hygienist may hold either endorsement or both an extended access dental hygiene endorsement and an extended access restorative endorsement at the same time. It is not necessary to hold an extended access dental hygiene endorsement to be qualified for an extended access restorative endorsement, or vice versa. If you are interested in obtaining an extended access dental hygiene endorsement, please contact the Board of Dentistry for information and the appropriate application.

2. Must a dental hygienist hold an active status dental hygienist's license issued by the Board of Dentistry to qualify for an extended access restorative endorsement? Yes. In addition, the dental hygienist's license must be unrestricted, i.e., not subject to any limitations, conditions or discipline. Any extended access restorative endorsement issued by the Board of Dentistry shall immediately expire when the dental hygienist no longer holds an unrestricted active status dental hygiene license in Idaho.

3. Is there a work experience requirement for issuance of an extended access restorative endorsement? No. Unlike an extended access dental hygiene endorsement, there is no work experience requirement to qualify for an extended access restorative endorsement.

4. Is there an examination requirement for issuance of an extended access restorative endorsement? Yes. To qualify for an extended access restorative endorsement, a dental hygienist must have successfully completed the Western Regional Examining Board's (WREB) restorative examination or an equivalent restorative examination approved by the Board of Dentistry.

5. At what locations can a dental hygienist holding an extended access restorative endorsement practice under the direct supervision of a dentist? If issued an extended access restorative endorsement, a dental hygienist can practice under the direct supervision of a dentist in an "extended access oral health care program." An extended access oral health care program can be either 1) a dental or dental hygiene program conducted by a local, county, state or federal agency, hospital, long-term care facility, public health district, dental or dental hygiene school, tribal clinic or migrant health center, or 2) a program conducted by a public or private entity, recognized as a charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that provides free or reduced fee dental and dental hygiene treatment to persons who, due to age, infirmity, handicap, indigence or disability, are unable to receive regular dental and dental hygiene treatment in a private office.

6. What is the scope of permissible restorative treatment permitted to be provided by the holder of an extended access restorative endorsement? A dental hygienist holding an extended access restorative endorsement is permitted to place restorations into teeth prepared by a dentist and to carve, contour and adjust the contacts and occlusions of restorations.

7. Is there a fee in connection with an extended access restorative endorsement? No. The extended access restorative endorsement has the same two (2) year licensing period (from April 1st of each odd numbered year to March 31st of the immediately subsequent odd numbered year) as an active status dental hygienist's license issued by the Board of Dentistry. Like an active status dental hygienist's license, an extended access restorative endorsement must be renewed at the time that the active status dental hygiene license is renewed.

8. What is required to renew an extended access restorative endorsement? There are no continuing education requirements in connection with an extended access restorative endorsement. When renewing an active status dental hygiene license, an extended access restorative endorsement will also be renewed at the same time if the licensee indicates a desire to do so on the license renewal application.

9. Is a dental hygienist who is actually employed in an extended access oral health care program required to obtain an extended access restorative endorsement in order to perform the specified restorative treatment? Yes. A dental hygienist employed in an extended access oral health care program must still fully complete the application for an extended access restorative endorsement and satisfy all requirements its issuance.

10. Does an extended access restorative endorsement permit a dental hygienist to perform the specified restorative treatment in a private dental office? No. The extended access restorative endorsement is only effective for treatment performed by a dental hygienist in extended access oral health care programs.

The Board of Dentistry requires that an applicant seeking an extended access restorative endorsement must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Applicants must fully complete and submit the Board of Dentistry's Application for an Extended Access Restorative Endorsement. The application must be submitted to the Board of Dentistry's office at the location identified in these materials. There is no application or license fee in connection with an extended access dental hygiene endorsement.

2. To be eligible for an extended access restorative endorsement, a dental hygienist must currently hold an unrestricted, active status dental hygienist's license in Idaho.

3. Applicants for an extended access restorative endorsement must verify successful completion of the WREB restorative examination or an equivalent restorative examination approved by the Board of Dentistry by either submitting the original examination scorecard or a notarized or certified copy of the scorecard.

4. Applicants for an extended access restorative endorsement must report and explain any disciplinary action taken against them by a licensing board.

5. The Board of Dentistry may request other information or documents from an applicant to explain or verify responses to items contained in the application. The Board of Dentistry will consider an applicant's qualifications for an extended access restorative endorsement at such time as all required application materials and information are received.

Endorsement Renewal

An extended access restorative endorsement must be renewed in conjunction with the dental hygienist's license on a biennial basis on or before April 1st of each odd numbered year. The Board of Dentistry will mail each person holding a dental hygienist's license, at their address of record, a license renewal application containing the dental hygiene restorative endorsement renewal materials approximately four (4) weeks prior to the license renewal date. There is no annual renewal fee in connection with an extended access restorative endorsement. There is no continuing education requirement in order to renew an extended access restorative endorsement.

Statutory/Regulatory Authority

The general information contained in this informational document is a summary of the specific requirements and standards contained in the Idaho Dental Practice Act, Chapter 9, Title 54, Idaho Code, and the Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry, IDAPA 19, Title 1, Chapter 1. Both the Idaho Dental Practice Act and the Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry are available for review in their entirety at the Board of Dentistry's home page located at www.idaho.gov/isbd.

VERIFICATION OF WREB RESTORATIVE EXAMINATION

An applicant for an extended access restorative endorsement must verify that he/she has successfully completed the Western Regional Examining Board’s restorative examination or an equivalent restorative examination approved by the Board of Dentistry. **In order to verify this requirement, please provide either the original restorative examination scorecard or a notarized or certified copy of the original scorecard with this application.**

VERIFICATION OF DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE

Name of state licensing authority:	Type of license held:	Period of time during which license was held: (from m/d/y to m/d/y)	Current status of the license: (active, inactive, retired, cancelled, expired, etc.)

Have you ever been disciplined or had your license restricted by any state licensing authority?

YES _____ No _____

If you answered “Yes” to the preceding question, provide an explanation setting forth the type of discipline or restriction imposed, the date upon which the disciplinary action or restriction was imposed and the grounds for the disciplinary action or restriction on your license.
