

PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

****SPECIAL NOTICE – RADIOLOGY PERSONNEL****

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, with the 2018 transition to PALS, the State Board of Dentistry will no longer require auxiliary personnel to apply to the Board or pay a fee, and will no longer register auxiliary personnel or issue any document authorizing auxiliary personnel to apply ionizing radiation in the office of a dentist. Radiologic personnel who have already registered with the Board will continue to be able to verify their registration in PALS as evidence of their authority to perform radiologic procedures.

Going forward, in accordance with Section 11.4 of the Dental Law, 63 P.S. § 130e, any individual who has passed the Board's radiologic procedures examination may perform radiologic procedures on the premises of and under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. Currently, since December 12, 2009, the Board's approved examination is the Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Examination administered by The Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) as set forth in the Board's regulations at 49 Pa. Code, Chapter 33, Subchapter E (relating to performance of radiologic procedures by auxiliary personnel). Prior to adopting the DANB RHS examination, the Board's radiologic procedures examination was administered by Experior Assessments/Thompson Prometric/Prometric. Evidence of having passed the required exam should be retained by the auxiliary personnel and the licensed dentist as evidence of the individual's authority to perform radiologic procedures. If an individual is unable to provide proof of having previously registered with the board or having passed the applicable exam, that individual would need to take and pass the DANB exam prior to performing radiologic procedures.

The Board's Regulations relating to the performance of radiologic procedures by auxiliary personnel are available at the following link:

<https://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter33/subchapDtoc.html>.

Requests for examination information must be directed to the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). To contact DANB, please visit their website at www.danb.org or by phone at 1-800-367-3262.