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Don't Forget Your Ethics Continuing Education Hours

During the last license renewal cycle, many licensees discovered that they had not yet acquired continuing education hours in ethics for purposes of renewing their licenses to practice dentistry or dental hygiene. All licensees must have ethics courses to renew an active license.

Each dentist licensee must have at least 60 hours of continuing dental education courses, including 2 ethics hours. Further, each dentist licensee who holds a specialist certificate must ensure that at least 40 of the 60 hours of continuing dental education are in courses in the specialty for which the licensee holds a specialist certificate. Each required course hour shall have been completed in the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the license.

Each dental hygienist li-

censee must have at least 30 hours of continuing dental education courses, including one ethics hour. Each required course hour shall have been completed in the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the license.

Dentists and dental hygienists who have questions about whether courses qualify for credit are encouraged to review K.A.R. 71-4-2, which outlines the general standards that are used by the Board in determining which courses will qualify for continuing dental education credits.



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Scott Hamilton, D.D.S., Completes Board Term

At its Board meeting on Friday, April 8, 2016, a long-standing Topeka orthodontist, Scott Hamilton, D.D.S., was recognized for his 5 years of dedicated service as a member of the Board. Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S., President of the Board, happily presented Dr. Hamilton with a plaque honoring his sacrificial public service to the Board and the dental community.

During his years of service on the Board, Dr. Hamilton was instrumental in assisting the Board's investigative committee by acting as its chief subject matter expert in complaints filed with

the Board relating to orthodontics. Dr. Hamilton also assisted in streamlining the application process to acquire a specialty license in orthodontics.

The Kansas Dental Association is currently compiling a list of three dentists who have the recognized ability and qualifications to serve on the Board. When the list is completed, it will be submitted to the Office of the Governor, who will select a replacement for Dr. Hamilton.

Dr. Hamilton will be missed and is congratulated on his public service.



Dentists and Dental Hygienists Required To Report Name and Address Changes

Under state law, dentists must provide the Board with a new practice location address within 30 days of relocation or acquisition of a secondary practice location. Dental hygienists must provide the Board with a new home address and business / employer address within 30 days of relocation.

Updating your home and practice locations within 30 days ensures that the Board office can continue to send you official communications, such as license renewal notifications, and also locate your office for an inspection.

If you have a requested name change, the Board office requires that you submit a copy of the official court documents that authorize the name change. The court documents are intended to protect your official licensing file from being altered without your authority. The court documents are also maintained in your official licensing file.

The name and address change form can be found in the Quick Links box on the Board's main website: www.dental.ks.gov.

Dentists Required To Report Supragingival Scalers

Recently, the Board approved an amendment to K.A.R. 71-6-5, which now requires a dentist to report the use of supragingival scalers to the Board.

The information provided will be included in a dentist's licensing file. Dentists may easily submit the required information by using the Board's electronic form for supragingival scalers.

The electronic form can be found under the informational heading of "Supragingival Scaling Assistant Reporting," which is found on the following webpage: <http://dental.ks.gov/professions/dentist>.

The Board appreciates the continued cooperation of each dentist who timely reports the information.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: How long does the estate or agent of a deceased or substantially disabled dentist have to sell or close the practice following the date of death or substantial disability?

ANSWER: The estate or agent of a deceased or substantially disabled dentist generally has 18 months to sell or close the practice. (K.S.A. 65-1424(b)).

Future Board Meetings

Friday, August 19, 2016
Friday, November 18, 2016
All meetings held in Topeka.

