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Our Mission is to assure the public health, safety and welfare in the state of Idaho by the licensure and regulation of dentists and dental hygienists.

Welcome to the State Board of Dentistry's website. General information about the Board and specific information about the professions regulated by the Board may be accessed through the links of this page.

Please e-mail any questions regarding the website and its performance to sbdinfo@isbd.idaho.gov (<mailto:sbdinfo@isbd.idaho.gov>).

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Currently there are no mandates directing closure or limiting practice for Idaho dental practices. Each practitioner should evaluate how they will practice based on CDC and OSHA guidelines. These guidance documents are advisory in nature, informational in content, and are intended to assist practitioners in making the best decisions possible for their staff and patients.

Recent CDC Guidelines as of 4/27/2020 can be found HERE (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html>).

Please be advised that, although the Board of Dentistry is currently operating under business as usual procedures, the Board is also dedicated to the safety of its employees. Normal processing of licenses and disciplinary complaints may be impacted as the severity of the outbreak in Idaho increases. Until further notice, the Board of Dentistry will not be admitting any walk-in traffic to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. All applicants and licensees will need to transact their business needs through the mail, by phone, via email, or through other means. Thank you for your understanding.

Temporary Suspension of Rule for Duration of Emergency Declaration

IDAPA Chapter Number and Title:	IDAPA 19 Rules of the Idaho Board of Dentistry
Specific Rule(s) or Rule Subpart(s) to Suspend:	IDAPA 19.01.01.021.04
Brief Description of Need to Suspend These Rules to Address the Emergency and How the Agency Will Ensure Safety is Maintained (Not to Exceed 250 Words)	Provisional licenses may need to be extended beyond one year due to the licensee’s inability to complete testing requirements. Many testing entities have temporarily suspended examinations due to Covid-19.

2020 Applicants for Licensure by Examination

The Idaho Board of Dentistry has authorized the issuance of a temporary license for dentist and dental hygienist licensure applicants who have met all other qualifications for licensure by examination but are unable to complete a clinical board examination as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board is authorized under Idaho Code 54-920 (6)(c), (7)(c) to issue a license with special status. Issuance of a license under this authority and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic will have an effective period of six (6) months and will require the licensee to be indirectly supervised by an Idaho licensed dentist. The special status license becomes void once the person passes a clinical exam as required by the Idaho Board of Dentistry, or is no longer eligible to take a clinical exam

(due to failures), or after six months. If the applicant is unable to find a clinical exam being offered within the six month period, the board may extend the special status license for an additional six months on a case-by-case basis.

A full list of requirements for licensure by examination is found under the “Dentists” and “Dental Hygienists” tabs at the top of this page.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently finalized a new set of rules for the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals. Effective August 21, 2019, the EPA is prohibiting disposal of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals by flushing them down the drain. This sewer ban is effective nationally. The fact sheet can be viewed [HERE](https://isbd.idaho.gov/IBODPortal/BOD/General/Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet.pdf) (<https://isbd.idaho.gov/IBODPortal/BOD/General/Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet.pdf>).

SCAM ALERT

The Board has been made aware of a scam that may target licensees. If you get a call, e-mail, text or other communication from an individual claiming to represent the Board of Dentistry, here is some information to help you identify whether it is a scam:

The Board does NOT:

- Ask for personal information that does not relate to your license (such as your credit card number or bank account number)
- Offer to alter a disciplinary order that has already been entered by the Board
- Ask for or take payments over the phone

If you question whether a communication is from the Board, do not provide personal information or payment. Instead, call the Board at (208) 334-2369 to verify the communication.

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