

## Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

### Division 2110—Missouri Dental Board Chapter 2—General Rules

#### EMERGENCY RULE

##### 20 CSR 2110-2.020 Limited Temporary Dental License

*PURPOSE: This rule creates a limited temporary dental license to allow recent dental school graduates to practice dentistry while they are waiting for clinical competency examinations to be rescheduled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: On January 31, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. The Governor of Missouri declared a similar State of Emergency on March 13, 2020, finding that COVID-19 poses a serious health risk for Missouri residents and visitors. As a result, the clinical examinations that had been scheduled for March and April at Missouri's two (2) dental schools were cancelled. The current pandemic may result in it being several months before the exams can be rescheduled as the testing companies are currently closed nationwide. Completion of these clinical examinations is required for licensure as a dentist. This created a situation where graduates from both of Missouri's dental schools will be unable to obtain licensure upon graduating in May. Many graduating students already have jobs lined up in the dental field. The inability to obtain licensure could cause many of them to lose those jobs and render them unable to obtain work as a dentist. The board has determined that this emergency rule is necessary in order to create this temporary license as a way to enable those graduates to obtain a form of licensure and enter the healthcare workforce. As a result, the Missouri State Dental Board finds there is an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and/or welfare and a compelling governmental interest that requires this emergency action. The scope of this emergency rule is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and United States Constitutions. The Missouri State Dental Board believes this emergency rule is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency rule was filed April 23, 2020, effective May 7, 2020, and expires February 16, 2021.*

(1) The holder of a limited temporary dental license may practice dentistry, as defined in section 332.071, RSMo, under the direct supervision of a Missouri licensed dentist. For the purposes of this rule, direct supervision shall mean that the supervising dentist is physically present and remains in the treatment facility while the dental work is being performed by the limited temporary dental license holder. The supervising dentist shall check the work performed by the limited temporary dental license holder prior to the patient being discharged.

(2) To qualify for a limited temporary dental license each applicant shall—

(A) Be a graduate of and hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree or a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree from an accredited dental school as defined in section 332.011, RSMo, and meet the other requirements of sections 332.131 and 332.151, RSMo; and

(B) Have passed the National Board Examination in accordance with the criteria established by the sponsoring body; and

(C) Have passed a written examination given by the board on the Missouri dental laws and rules (hereinafter referred to as the jurisprudence examination) with a grade of at least eighty percent (80%).

(3) To apply for a limited temporary dental license each applicant shall submit the following:

(A) A completed application form provided by the board; and

(B) A nonrefundable application/examination fee of fifty dollars (\$50) payable to the Missouri Dental Board; and

(C) A two-inch by three-inch (2" × 3") photograph or passport photograph taken no more than six (6) months prior to the application date; and

(D) An official copy of his/her educational transcript from an accredited dental school as defined in 332.011, RSMo. Transcripts must be sent directly to the board from the accredited dental school; and

(E) Certification of passage of the National Board Examination sent directly to the board from the sponsoring body; and

(F) A form provided by the board and signed by the dean of the dental school the applicant graduated from attesting that the applicant is fit to practice.

(4) A limited temporary dental license shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date it is issued. At the completion of that ninety (90) day period, the board may renew a limited temporary dental license for an additional ninety (90) days. A limited temporary dental license shall become void once the holder obtains full licensure or becomes ineligible to take a clinical competency examination.

*AUTHORITY: section 332.031, RSMo 2016. Emergency rule filed April 23, 2020, effective May 7, 2020, expires Feb. 16, 2021. An emergency rule covering this same material will be published in the June 1, 2020 issue of the Missouri Register.*

*PUBLIC COST: This emergency rule will increase the revenue of the Missouri Dental Board by seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in the time the emergency is effective.*

*PRIVATE COST: This emergency rule will cost private entities seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) in the time the emergency is effective.*

## PUBLIC FISCAL NOTE

### I. RULE NUMBER

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### II. SUMMARY OF FISCAL IMPACT

Affected Agency or Political Subdivision	Estimated Revenue	
Missouri Dental Board		\$7,500
	Estimated Revenue In the Time the Emergency is Effective	\$7,500

### III. WORKSHEET

See Private Entity Fiscal Note

### IV. ASSUMPTION

1. The total revenue is based on the cost to private entities reflected in the Private Fiscal Note filed with this rule.

## PRIVATE FISCAL NOTE

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### II. SUMMARY OF FISCAL IMPACT

Estimate the number of entities by class which would likely be affected by the adoption of the proposed rule:	Classification by type of the business entities which would likely be affected:	Estimated costs for the life of the rule by affected entities:
150	Limited Temporary License (Temporary Fee @ \$50)	\$7,500
	<b>Estimated Total Cost in the Time the Emergency is Effective</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

### III. WORKSHEET

See Table Above

### IV. ASSUMPTION

1. The above figures are based on the projected number of graduates from both Missouri Dental schools that will seek temporary licensure.