

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 544 Department or Agency Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama
Rule No. Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-3-.04
Rule Title: Alabama Dental Hygiene Program Requirements
New XX Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? N/A

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

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Signature of certifying officer

Date August 13, 2021

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**Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

RULE NO. & TITLE: Ala. Admin. Code r. 270-X-3-.04: Alabama Dental Hygiene Program Requirements

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Rule is being amended in one minor technical aspect to allow the Board to allow license applicants to take examinations other than those provided by the Board.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Executive Director of the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama at any time up to and including 6:00 p.m. on November 4, 2021, or by personally appearing before the Board at its meeting to be held at 2229 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 4, 2021.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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**Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama**  
**Proposed Amendments to**  
**Administrative Rule 270-X-3-.04**  
**Alabama Dental Hygiene Program**  
**Requirements**

(1) Each applicant for the ADHP must be at least nineteen (19) years of age when applying to begin training, of good moral character, free of communicable diseases, a citizen of the United States or a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government, and must be a graduate of an accredited high school or hold a GED certificate.

(2) Each ADHP student must have had at least twenty-four (24) full months of full time employment as a dental assistant, or the equivalent of twenty-four (24) full months in part-time employment within the three (3) years immediately preceding the student's enrollment in the ADHP. That time must have been spent assisting a dentist(s) and/or hygienist(s) at the chair. Full time shall mean employment of at least three and one-half (3-1/2) days or thirty (30) hours of Board approved employment per week. Graduates of an approved school of dental assisting will be given credit for such course on a formula determined by the Board.

(3) Each ADHP student must be employed full time during the effective period of the training permit before being eligible to take the dDental hHygiene lLicensure examinations specified by the Board. Full time shall mean employment of at least three and one-half (3-1/2) days or thirty (30) hours of Board approved employment per week with their primary certified dentist instructor whose name appears on the training permit. "Board approved employment" means employment that can provide the student the opportunity to perform the types and quantities of procedures required by the ADHP. Any dentist licensed and practicing dentistry full time in the State of Alabama may be issued an "ADHP Instructor Certificate" upon completion of the ADHP Instructor Certification Training and