

## MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

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Executive Director  
MEMBERS, Ohio State Dental Board

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RE: LICENSURE PROCEDURES FOR DISPLACED  
DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS OF  
HURRICANE KATRINA

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The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the procedures for applying for a license to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist who have been displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina to apply for and receive an expedited license to practice here in Ohio. This can be done using our same application procedures, but the granting of the license will be based on the applicant's information which he/she certifies to be true. Official supporting documentation will be required if the applicant intends to remain in Ohio for more than six (6) months.

The following considerations will apply to this licensure process. More detailed information is contained in the application form itself, which must be completed for consideration. These considerations are being extended to displaced Louisiana or Mississippi applicants, and include the following:

1. Licensure by reciprocity can be considered if a dentist or dental hygienist can verify licensure in good standing either by the state dental board of Louisiana or Mississippi, or, in the alternative, via the state or local dental/dental hygiene society, or a colleague who has personal knowledge of the licensure history of the applicant—which must be presented on official letterhead.

2. We will permit a license issued for six (6) months. The applicant must certify that he/she meets all of the requirements set forth in ORC 4715.10/4715.21. The Executive Office will keep a separate database for these licenses, tracking each one processed thereunder in order to follow up after that time has elapsed. The fee would be \$200.00/dentist, \$96.00/dental hygienist, which is the fee to apply in an odd year. Should the licensee want to pursue a license to be in effect after the initial six (6) month period, additional necessary supporting documentation must be submitted and approved by the Board.
3. Under this licensure, during the first six months and/or until all supporting documentation is received, the MS or LA dentist is required to work with an Ohio licensed dentist. This is also required for dental hygiene based on scope of practice requiring supervision by an Ohio licensed dentist.

The Board Executive Office will process all applications received in two (2) business days, and will approve those meeting all requirements. The Board will then approve these applications at the next Board meeting.

Applications for this license process are included on the Board's Website. Please call the Board office with any questions.