

4715-11-03.1

Coronal polishing certification.

Pursuant to section 4715.39 of the Revised Code and this rule, certified assistants shall receive certification to perform coronal polishing and may do so under the restrictions set forth in rule 4715-11-02 of the Administrative Code.

(A) Qualifications - Within ninety days from receipt of successfully passing the standardized examination required pursuant to division (B)(5) of section 4715.39 of the Revised Code, an applicant to be considered for issuance of coronal polishing certification shall furnish satisfactory proof of all the following on a form prescribed and provided by the state dental board:

- (1) Be currently certified by the dental assisting national board or the Ohio commission on dental assistant certification; and
- (2) Have successfully completed an approved training program as defined by division (B)(5) of section 4715.39 of the Revised Code and paragraph (B) of this rule; and
- (3) Have successfully passed standardized testing as required by division (B)(5) of section 4715.39 of the Revised Code and paragraph (C) of this rule immediately following successful completion of a skills assessment component of an approved training program.

The board executive office shall issue a coronal polishing certificate to those certified assistants who have provided a completed application along with an application fee of fifteen dollars, the appropriate documentation of current certification and approved training program, and successful completion of standardized testing. Certified assistants who do not submit the application and appropriate documentation for a coronal polishing certificate within ninety days after successful completion of the standardized testing required pursuant to division (B)(5) of section 4715.39 of the Revised Code and paragraph (C) of this rule, must retake the training program in its entirety including, but not limited to, successful completion of standardized testing.

(B) Approved training program - training in the polishing of the clinical crowns of teeth through an approved program accredited by the American dental association commission on dental accreditation or equivalent board-approved training through a college or university accredited by the higher learning commission of the North central association of colleges and schools. The college or university must have a classroom and a (pre)clinical facility with the proper armamentarium and equipment to support the educational objectives.

- (1) The board-approved training program must include a minimum of seven hours of coursework of which three are didactic and four are (pre)clinical. The

training shall include courses in:

- (a) Basic dental anatomy; and
 - (b) Infection control; and
 - (c) Coronal polishing which consists of didactic, preclinical, and clinical instruction; and
 - (d) A clinical skills assessment that includes successful completion of a standardized examination.
- (2) The faculty who participate in a coronal polishing course shall be full or part-time. Faculty must be competent educators with educational methodology, professional training, and have experience in coronal polishing. The participating faculty must be associated with an educational institution who is accredited by the American dental association commission on dental accreditation. There shall be a supervising dentist or dental hygienist faculty present for all (pre)clinical portions of the course. This person will be responsible for the learning experiences. Only course faculty will be responsible for final evaluation of students.
- (3) This course shall include an evaluation component, mechanism, or procedure which assesses competence in coronal polishing. Minimal competency level shall be at seventy-five percent and must be demonstrated by the student prior to sitting for the standardized examination. The skills assessment must be on a clinical patient and disclosing solution must be utilized as an evaluation tool.
- (4) An applicant shall not be permitted to take the standardized examination until the instructor certifies that the applicant has successfully completed all components of the training program and that the applicant is deemed capable of safely performing coronal polishing. The board reserves the right to make an independent determination on the issue of completion.
- (5) The board retains the right and authority, upon notification, to audit, monitor, or request evidence demonstrating adherence to Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code for training programs approved by board action. The board may rescind approval status if the career college or school has disseminated any false or misleading information in connection with the training program, or if the career college or school has failed to conform to Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code or agency 4715 of the Administrative Code.

- (C) Standardized testing - A board-approved examination to be administered by the dental assisting national board, the Ohio commission on dental assistant certification, or the educational institution in which the applicant has obtained successful completion of an approved training program.
- (1) The examination shall be conducted within sixty days after the conclusion of the training program and shall be governed in format, content and subject matter by the testing agency and/or educational institution.
 - (2) The minimum passing score for the standardized testing is seventy-five per cent.
 - (3) An applicant must submit the examination fee established by the testing entity each time the applicant takes the examination.
 - (4) An applicant who fails to successfully complete the examination after the third attempt must retake the training program.
 - (5) An applicant must file a new application for each examination to be taken and submit a new examination fee as provided for in paragraph (C)(3) of this rule.
- (D) The board shall issue a certificate to perform coronal polishing to currently certified assistants who, within one year immediately preceding the date of application, have completed the requirements set forth in paragraphs (A)(2) and (A)(3) of this rule.
- (E) A certified assistant shall be exempt from the approved training program and standardized testing requirements provided in paragraphs (A)(2) and (A)(3) of this rule if the dental assistant holds a current license, certificate, or other credential issued by another state that the board determines uses standards that are at least equal to those established by agency 4715 of the Administrative Code.