



Iowa Dental Board Temporary Licenses for Dentists

Pursuant to Section Thirteen of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by Governor Kim Reynolds on April 24, 2020, the Iowa Dental Board is authorized to issue temporary licenses to dentists. The Board will issue temporary licenses in accordance with the following:

Temporary license eligibility

To be eligible for a temporary dentist license, the applicant:

- Must have graduated from an accredited dental college between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020;
- Must not have previously failed a clinical examination; and
- Must submit a completed license application on or before September 30, 2020.

How to apply

The applicant must submit a completed license application, including payment of all applicable fees, and all application supporting materials described in 650 IAC 11.2(2), except for documentation of passage of a clinical examination.

- A temporary license is subject to the same 2020 renewal requirements as a standard license. Applicants may select the joint issue/renewal option prior to issuance of the temporary license.
- The requirement for a “hands-on” clinical component for current CPR certification has been temporarily waived. Applicants are required to submit proof of completion for a hands-on clinical component within six months of the expiration or termination of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency.
- Applications will be processed without a completed fingerprint packet, but applicants must submit required waiver forms and answer all questions on the application completely and honestly. Applicants will be required to submit completed fingerprint cards for a criminal history background check within 60 days of the expiration or termination of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency.

Practicing under a temporary license

- The licensee must successfully complete a clinical examination listed in 650 IAC 11.2(2)(d)(2), or an alternative clinical examination in accordance with an approved waiver, by August 31, 2021.
- A dentist shall display the Board-issued license renewal card that indicates the license is a temporary license, which will satisfy the requirement in 650 IAC 10.2.

Duration of temporary license

A temporary license will automatically terminate upon the earliest of either of the following:

- Receiving a failing score on a clinical examination; or
- August 31, 2021.

Conversion to standard license

When the Board receives proof of successful completion of a clinical examination, the license will no longer be considered a “temporary” license.

- The Board will issue an original license certificate (wall license) along with a new license renewal card without the “temporary license” designation.
- The Board will remove the licensee’s name from its published list of dentists practicing under a temporary license.
- Once the temporary license converts to a standard license, the expiration date for the standard license will be August 31, 2022, regardless of when the conversion occurred.

Clinical examination failure

- If the temporary license is terminated due to a failing score on a clinical examination, the dentist must stop practicing immediately.
- The individual may apply for a standard license when all requirements in 650 IAC 11.2 are met. A new completed license application is required.



Iowa Dental Board Temporary Licenses for Dental Hygienists

Pursuant to Section Thirteen of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by Governor Kim Reynolds on April 24, 2020, the Iowa Dental Board is authorized to issue temporary licenses to dental hygienists. The Board will issue temporary licenses in accordance with the following:

Temporary license eligibility

To be eligible for a temporary dental hygienist license, the applicant:

- Must have graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program between March 1, 2020, and September 30, 2020;
- Must not have previously failed a regional clinical examination; and
- Must submit a completed license application on or before September 30, 2020.

How to apply

The applicant must submit a completed license application, including payment of all applicable fees, and all application supporting materials described in 650 IAC 11.5(2), except for documentation of passage of a regional clinical examination.

- The requirement for a “hands-on” clinical component for current CPR certification has been temporarily waived. Applicants are required to submit proof of completion for a hands-on clinical component within six months of the expiration or termination of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency.
- Applications will be processed without a completed fingerprint packet, but applicants must submit required waiver forms and answer all questions on the application completely and honestly. Applicants will be required to submit completed fingerprint cards for a criminal history background check within 60 days of the expiration or termination of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency.

Practicing under a temporary license

- The licensee must successfully complete a regional clinical examination listed in 650 IAC 11.5(2)(d)(2), or an alternative clinical examination in accordance with an approved waiver, by August 31, 2021.
- A dental hygienist may only perform hygiene services under the direct or personal supervision of a dentist; public health supervision is not permitted.

- A dental hygienist shall display the Board-issued license renewal card that indicates the license is a temporary license, which will satisfy the requirement in 650 IAC 10.2.

Duration of temporary license

A temporary license will automatically terminate upon the earliest of either of the following:

- Receiving a failing score on a clinical examination; or
- August 31, 2021.

Conversion to standard license

When the Board receives proof of successful completion of a clinical examination, the license will no longer be considered a “temporary” license.

- The Board will issue an original license certificate (wall license) along with a new license renewal card without the “temporary license” designation.
- The Board will remove the licensee’s name from its published list of dental hygienists practicing under a temporary license.
- Once the temporary license converts to a standard license, the expiration date for the standard license will be August 31, 2021, regardless of when the conversion occurred.

Clinical examination failure

- If the temporary license is terminated due to a failing score on a clinical examination, the dental hygienist must stop practicing immediately.
- The individual may apply for a standard license when all requirements in 650 IAC 11.5 are met. A new completed license application is required.