

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6506, 6507, 6601 and 6604 of the Education Law and Chapter 613 of the Laws of 2022

1. Section 61.18 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

Section 61.18 Residency program requirement for dental licensure

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) ...

(2) [Clinical means relating to or involving the direct examination and treatment of patients.

(3) Competent to practice dentistry means the level of knowledge and skills necessary to perform safely and independently the practice of dentistry consistent with the definition of the practice of dentistry in section 6601 of the Education Law.

(b) Residency program. To be acceptable to the department for purposes of licensure under section 6604 of the Education Law, a residency program shall meet the requirements of this section.

(1) The residency program shall be a postdoctoral [clinical] dental residency program in either general dentistry, or a specialty of dentistry as defined in paragraph (2) of this subdivision, of at least one year's duration in a hospital or [dental] facility accredited for teaching purposes by an acceptable national accrediting body, which is completed successfully by the applicant prior to the submission to the department of the application for licensure.

(2) The accredited residency program in a specialty of dentistry shall be in the specialty of endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, dental anesthesiology, dental public health, orofacial pain, oral medicine, or another specialty of dentistry, as determined by the department[,for which at least 50 percent of the accredited residency program consists of clinical training in one or more of the following areas: general dentistry, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, and/or dental anesthesiology].

(3) The accredited residency program shall include a formal written outcome assessment which is acceptable to the department.

(i) ...

(a) an acceptable [notarized] written statement by the residency program director attesting that the applicant has completed successfully the accredited residency program and is in the director's judgment competent to practice dentistry; and

(b) acceptable [notarized] written statement(s) by the residency program director who supervised the dental procedures performed by the applicant, and/or the attending dentist(s) who supervised the dental procedures performed by the applicant if different from the residency program director, attesting that the applicant completed independently, and to generally accepted professional standards for dentistry, two full crowns, two endodontically treated teeth, four restorations (two anterior, two posterior) and one periodontal case during the accredited residency program.

(ii) For an accredited residency program in a specialty of dentistry, as defined in paragraph (2) of this subdivision, the formal written outcome assessment used by the residency program shall be acceptable to the department if it includes an acceptable [notarized] written statement by the residency program director attesting that the applicant has successfully completed the accredited residency program in a specialty of dentistry, as defined in paragraph (2) of this subdivision, and is in the director's judgment competent to practice [dentistry] the completed dental specialty.

(c) ...

(d) ...