

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Dentistry Examining Board

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

ORDER OF THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD  
ADOPTING RULES  
CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 15-013

ORDER

An order of the Dentistry Examining Board to repeal DE 2.01(1m) (c) and create DE 2.01(1m) (d) relating to foreign trained dentists.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** s. 447.04, Wis. Stats.

**Statutory authority:** ss. 15.08(5) (b) and 447.04 (1) (b) 1., Wis. Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

The Board shall promulgate rules for the guidance of the profession not inconsistent with the law relating to the profession. The Board shall establish requirements for licensure established by rule for granting a license to an applicant licensed in another state, territory or country.

**Related statute or rule:**

None

**Plain language analysis:**

The current rule requires an applicant who is a graduate of a foreign dental school to provide evidence that they have completed a postgraduate program or a residency program. The proposed rule eliminates this requirement. To bring Wisconsin's requirements in line with other states, the proposed rule requires a foreign trained dentist

to provide verification of being awarded a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school or a dental diploma, degree, or certificate from a dental education program lasting at least two years at an accredited dental school which is equivalent to the didactic and clinical education at the level of a DDS or DMD degree.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:**

None

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:** Illinois requires graduates of programs outside of the United States or Canada to provide certification of completion of a minimum of 2 years of clinical training from an approved dental college in the United States or Canada in which the applicant met the same level of scientific knowledge and clinical competence as all graduates from that school or certification of completion of no less than 2 academic years of advanced dental education program.

**Iowa:** Iowa requires foreign trained applicants to receive a dental diploma, degree or certificate from a full-time, undergraduate supplemental dental education program of at least 2 academic years at an accredited dental college. The program must provide didactic and clinical education to the level of a DDS or DMD graduate.

**Michigan:** Michigan requires foreign trained applicants to complete a minimum 2 year program in dentistry in an approved school that leads to the awarding of a DDS or DMD or a minimum 2 year master's degree or certificate program in an approved dental school that leads to the awarding of a degree or certificate from a dental specialty program.

**Minnesota:** Minnesota requires foreign trained applicants to have an evaluation of the foreign dental school done by the International Credentialing Associates that the foreign dental school's education is equivalent to a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The Board reviewed the requirements of the surrounding states.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The rule was posted for public comment on the economic impact of the proposed rule, including how this proposed rule may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals, for a period of 14 days and received no comment.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis document is attached.

**Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Eric.Esser@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 267-2435.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. DE 2.01 (1m) (c) is repealed.

SECTION 2. DE 2.01 (1m) (d) is created to read:

**DE 2.01 (1m)** (d) Evidence of one of the following:

1. Verification of having been awarded a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school.

2. Verification of having received a dental diploma, degree or certificate from a full time, undergraduate supplemental dental education program of at least two academic years at an accredited dental school. The program must provide didactic and clinical education to the level of a DDS or DMD graduate.

SECTION 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)

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