

(4) AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE MARYLAND DENTAL HYGIENISTS ASSOCIATION, ~~ESTABLISH~~ ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

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(c) (3) Before a general license to practice dental hygiene or a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an additional term, if the licensee:

(i) Within 3 years before the expiration date of the license has practiced dental hygiene actively:

1. In this State; or
2. As a member of a federal dental service;

(ii) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed;

(iii) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and

(iv) Submits to the Board a renewal application on the form that the Board provides.

(4) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, BEFORE A GENERAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE OR A TEACHER'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE EXPIRES, THE LICENSEE PERIODICALLY MAY RENEW IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM, IF THE LICENSEE SUBMITS TO THE BOARD SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE UNDER § 4-205(A)(4) OF THIS TITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board may not require compliance with the regulations adopted to implement the provisions of this Act earlier than 12 months after the effective date of the regulations.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for the license renewal cycle following implementation of the regulations, the Board may, if the course complies with the regulations established by the Board, accept completion of any continuing education course held within the previous 24 months as counting towards satisfaction of the continuing education requirements established in accordance with this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved May 14, 1991.