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The Dental Laboratory Certification Council

Role of the Dental Laboratory Certification Council.

The DLCC, as they are called, advises the State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE) on matters relating to Texas dental laboratories and is composed of three members appointed by the SBDE for a two-year term. The DLCC can be contacted by e-mail at: information@tsbde.state.tx.us or by mail at 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 800, Austin, TX 78701-3942.

Gary Morgan, C.D.T.

Mr. Morgan, of Austin, is the owner of Morgan Dental Laboratory. Mr. Morgan was appointed to the DLCC in 2006 and has served as its Presiding Officer since 2007.

Roosevelt Davis, C.D.T.

Mr. Davis serves, of San Antonio as Associate Professor and Chair of the Dental Laboratory Technology Department at the University of Texas Health Science at San Antonio. Mr. Davis is the Past Presiding Officer of the DLCC.

Rick Barton, C.D.T.

Mr. Barton, of Austin, is the owner of Quality Ceramics Laboratory. Mr. Barton was appointed to serve as a member of the DLCC in January 2008.

Rule Changes For Dental Labs

The following rules are being amended after January 1, that will impact Dental Laboratories:

- Rule 116.3 (Registration and Renewal)
- Rule 116.6 (Continuing Education)
- Rule 116.10 (Prosthetic Identification).

The SBDE Rules can be found on the SBDE website under the "Laws and Rules" Section. *For the details on these rule changes see Page 2.*

Jurisprudence Requirement begins Jan 1, 2009 for Dental Labs

SBDE Rule 116.3, concerns the registration and renewal requirements of Texas dental laboratories. The amendment requires the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment be completed to ensure that dental laboratory owners understand Texas statutes and regulations regarding dental laboratories. *For more information on the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment see Page 3.*

Annual Renewal Notices go to a Post Card Format

Beginning in January 2010 the SBDE will begin using a post card to notify Texas Dental Laboratories of their annual registration renewal. Texas Dental Laboratories can renew their registration online now through the SBDE website at the web address below or they may print a paper renewal form from this same web page and renew by mail. Don't have a printer? Contact the Dental Board at (512) 463-6400 to request a Renewal Form be mailed to you.

Renew Online at: www.tsbde.state.tx.us/RenewOnline

Governor Perry Appoints New Board Members to SBDE

Governor Perry appointed five new members to the SBDE for terms to expires on Feb. 1, 2013. The Board is currently composed of 15 members, 8 dentists, 2 registered dental hygienists, and 5 public members. Two statutory committees advise the SBDE: The Dental Laboratory Certification Council and the Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee. *Continued on Page 4.*

Rules Changes For Dental Labs

The following Rules will be amended after January 1, 2009. The changes are reflected in **bold-face** type and underlined.

Rule 116.3 Registration and Renewal

- (a) A dental laboratory shall be registered according to the provisions of Occupations Code, Subchapter D, Section 266.151 - 266.154.
- (b) The Dental Laboratory Certification Council (DLCC) shall review each application for registration or renewal of registration to determine if the applicant meets the requirements of Occupations Code, Chapter 266. The DLCC shall provide the Board with a list of applicants who are eligible for registration with the Board. Applications will be forwarded with a recommendation to the Board for registration if the requirements of Occupations Code, Chapter 266 and this chapter are met, and the following materials are submitted:
- (1) A complete application or renewal, with all required information;
 - (2) proof of compliance with Rule 116.6 of this chapter;
 - (3) the appropriate fee; **and**
 - (4) **effective January 1, 2009, for initial registrations only and once every three years for registration renewals, proof of completion of the Texas Jurisprudence Assessment for dental laboratories.**
- (c) It shall be the duty of each laboratory owner to notify the Board in writing within 60 days of:
- (1) a change in ownership of the laboratory;
 - (2) a change in location of the laboratory;
 - (3) closure of the laboratory;
 - (4) a change of designated CDT, in which case the notice must be accompanied by proof of current CDT certification for the replacement CDT; or,
 - (5) a change of designated employee, if the laboratory is exempted under Rule 116.5 of this chapter. A change of designated employee will require proof within six (6) months of the change that the designated employee meets continuing education requirements.
- (d) Any laboratory owner applying for a new laboratory registration who has pending fees and/or penalties due from a previous laboratory registration when such laboratory was closed for non-compliance with subsection (c) of this section must first remit to the Board any fees and penalties due on that previous registration before the new registration application will be considered by the DLCC.

Rule 116.6 Continuing Education

- (a) A dental laboratory renewing a certificate must provide proof that the designated CDT has met the continuing education requirements of a recognized board of certification for dental technology, or its successor.
- (b) A dental laboratory that meets the exemption qualifications in Rule 116.5 of this chapter must provide, in lieu of the requirement of subsection (a) of this section, proof, that the designated employee has completed at least 12 hours of continuing education during the preceding 12-month period. Continuing education hours may only be used for one renewal period.
- (c) Acceptable continuing education shall be comprised of business management, infection control, and technical competency courses presented in seminars or clinics as accepted by a recognized organization of dentistry or dental technology, subject to the following requirements:
- (1) The designated employee must complete at least one course in **regulatory compliance annually. Examples include courses in Infection Control, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Federal Drug Administration (FDA), Texas Jurisprudence, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or Ethics.**
 - (2) No more than one course in business management may be applied toward the annual continuing education requirement.
 - (3) Self-study in a course approved by a recognized organization of dentistry or dental technology may be taken for not more than four hours of the annual continuing education requirement.
- (d) In lieu of furnishing proof of continuing education as set forth in subsection (c) of this section, a dental laboratory may furnish proof that the designated dental technician has a current certification from a recognized board of certification for dental technology or its successor. Certification as "retired" does not qualify the technician.

Rule 116.10 Prosthetic Identification

- (a) It shall be the duty of the licensed dentist to insure that all removable prosthetic devices or removable orthodontic appliances delivered to a patient under his or her care bear a permanent identification marking suitable to determine that the prosthetic device or removable orthodontic appliance belongs to that patient.
- (b) A suitable marking shall be defined as one that includes the patient's last name and first initial, and/or social security number. This marking shall be placed in the denture base of the removable prosthetic device or acrylic portion of the removable orthodontic appliance in such a manner as not to compromise the aesthetics of the restoration.
- (c) The licensed dentist shall install this identification marking or shall request on the prescription to a registered dental laboratory that the laboratory place the identification marking in the removable prosthetic device or removable orthodontic appliance.
- (d) Nothing in this rule shall preclude a dental laboratory from charging a fee for this service.
- (e) This rule shall not apply to any removable prosthetic device or removable orthodontic appliance that contains no acrylic, vinyl or plastic denture base, or if said appliance is too small to reasonably accomplish this procedure.
- (f) **A dental laboratory that is required to register with the State Board of Dental Examiners shall clearly label or certify in writing to the prescribing dentist that the prosthesis or appliance being delivered to the prescribing dentist was either:**
- (1) manufactured entirely by the SBDE registered dental laboratory;**
 - (2) manufactured in part or whole by a domestic laboratory inside of the United States; or,**
 - (3) manufactured in part or whole by a foreign laboratory outside of the United States.**

Jurisprudence Requirement for Dental Laboratories

In accordance with SBDE Rule 116.3, effective January 1, 2009, for initial registrations only and once every three years for registration renewals, proof of completion of the Texas Jurisprudence Assessment for dental laboratories. Therefore all currently registered dental laboratories have until January 1, 2012 to complete the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment and new laboratories will need to complete the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment before making application for initial registration.

General Information and Benefits

The SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment is offered as a learning experience. The SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment affirms your knowledge of the applicable rules and laws as they apply to the dental profession in the State of Texas.

Learn more and take the
SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment at:
www.tsbde.state.tx.us/Jurisprudence

- **No advance preparation or study is necessary.** The content for the applicable rule or law for each assessment question is available directly above the question in the form of a link for you to review at any time while you are taking the assessment.
- **No Time Limit and “NO FAIL” Format.** Take all the time you need to complete your assessment. There is no time limit and it’s a “No Fail” format.
- **Take it at Your Convenience.** The SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment is available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. After you establish an Online Learning Account, you may return as often as desired to complete your assessment.
- **Help Desk Support.** Help Desk Support are available to provide assistance through a toll free number and by e-mail Monday through Friday from 10AM to 4PM.
- **E-Mail Confirmation for Purchasing the Assessment.** An e-mail is sent to you upon successful registration and purchase of the assessment. Please retain this information for reference.
- **Certificate of Completion.** A certificate will be available for you to print for validation purposes. There is no cost for logging in to your Online Learning Account at a later date to print additional copies of your certificate.
- **Fee .** The fee is \$55. Payment can be made by major credit card or electronic check.

Jurisprudence Assessments for Laboratories Include:

- **Jurisprudence Assessment for Renewal of a Texas Dental Laboratory Registration.**
This assessment is to be taken by current Texas dental laboratories fulfilling the jurisprudence requirement once every three years for registration renewal.
- **Jurisprudence Assessment for Dental Laboratory Initial Registration.**
This assessment is intended to allow dental laboratories an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Texas Occupations Code (statutes that govern the practice of this profession in Texas) and the Rules and Regulations of the Board for Initial Registration.

Have Questions?

Questions regarding the requirement for taking the Jurisprudence Assessment can be directed to the Dental Board by e-mail at: information@tsbde.state.tx.us or you may call (512) 463-6400 between 8AM to 5PM, Monday – Friday.

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