



# MARYLAND Department of Health State Board of Dental Examiners

## Bulletin

### **New License and Certificate Renewal Requirements for Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Radiation Technologists**

As the result of Senate Bill 5 and House Bill 28, passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2021, all applicants for renewal of licenses or certifications for health occupations, including dentists, dental hygienists, and dental radiation technologists, are required to complete an Implicit Bias Training Program approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program within the Maryland Department of Health. Because this requirement becomes effective as of April 1, 2022, it affects dentists and dental hygienists who wish to renew their license beginning in 2022, and dental radiation technologists who wish to renew their certificates in 2023. This requirement applies only to the first renewal cycle after April 1, 2022.

For dentists and dental hygienists, although this is not considered to be continuing education, you will receive continuing education credit for completion of the program. Keep in mind that during any renewal cycle, a licensee may receive up to *a combined total of 4* continuing education hours for Board-approved courses on cultural competency, military culture, and implicit bias training.

**Dentists, dental hygienists, and dental radiation technologists must successfully complete the program one time only. See below for course availability.**

### **Dentists and Dental Hygienists**

Dentists and dental hygienists who are scheduled to renew their license in 2022 must complete the program as a condition of license renewal. Those who are scheduled to renew their license in 2023 must complete the program as a condition of license renewal. You must complete the program to be eligible for your license renewal. You are required to complete the program one

time. You must attest in your first renewal application after April 1, 2022, that you have completed the program.

Ordinarily, those who are scheduled to renew their license in 2022 would be required to complete all required continuing education by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the year of the renewal, that is, by December 31, 2021. Because the requirement is effective after April 1, 2022, licensees renewing their license in 2022 may complete the program at any time before they submit their renewal application. Those who are scheduled to renew their license in 2023 must complete the program and all continuing education requirements by December 31, 2022.

## **Dental Radiation Technologists**

In accordance with the law, dental radiation technologists renewing their certificate must complete the program beginning with the 2023 renewal cycle. If you do not complete the program, you may not be eligible for your certificate renewal. You are required to complete the program one time. You must attest in your renewal application that you have completed the program.

### **Course Availability**

The implicit bias training program must be approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program within the Maryland Department of Health. **Other courses are not approved.**

The list of approved courses may be accessed at  
[https://health.maryland.gov/mhhd/Documents/MHHD\\_Implicit\\_Bias.pdf](https://health.maryland.gov/mhhd/Documents/MHHD_Implicit_Bias.pdf)

Please retain written proof of program completion indefinitely. It must be presented to the Board upon request.

The Board apologizes to dentists and dental hygienists scheduled to renew their license in 2022 for the relatively short period of time that the law provides to complete the course.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate individual:  
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