

IN THE MATTER OF
CILARA FREUND
Certificate Number 17093

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND
STATE BOARD OF
DENTAL EXAMINERS

CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND

On or about August 10, 2023, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the “Board”) received an Application for the Reinstatement of Expired Dental Radiation Technologist Certificate from Cilara Freund (the “Respondent”), Dental Radiation Technologist (“DRT”) Certificate Number 17093. On that Application, the Respondent indicated that she had exposed dental radiographs while her certificate was expired. Based on that disclosure, on November 7, 2023, the Respondent attended a settlement conference with Board representatives in an effort to resolve this matter prior to the issuance of charges. The Respondent and the Board subsequently agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. On or about September 29, 2011, the Respondent was initially certified to practice dental radiation technology in the State of Maryland, Certificate Number 17093.
2. On or about March 1, 2015, the Respondent’s certificate expired.
3. On or about August 10, 2023, the Board received an Application for the Reinstatement of Expired Dental Radiation Technologist Certificate (“Application”) from the Respondent.

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4. On that Application, the Respondent answered “YES” to the Character and Fitness question “Have you exposed any dental radiographs since your dental radiation technologist certificate expired?”

5. The Respondent also attached a notarized statement to the Application explaining why she continued to practice as a DRT with an expired certificate. She maintained that she was unaware that her certificate had expired as she did not receive any notice that she was required to renew her DRT certificate; and that she annually renewed her certificate to practice as a Certified Dental Assistant through the Dental Assisting National Board and that she did not realize that she also had to renew her DRT certification with the Board.

6. The Board’s regulations stated that an “individual shall be currently certified by the Board as a dental radiation technologist before the individual may practice dental radiation technology on a human being in this State.” COMAR 10.44.19.02; *see also* COMAR 10.44.19.08.A (“An individual may not practice dental radiation technology on a human being in this State unless the individual is certified by the Board as a dental radiation technologist.”).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent’s unauthorized practice of dental radiation technology constitute violations of the Board’s regulations as cited above.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the certificate of the Respondent to practice as a dental radiation technologist in the State of Maryland is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of **TWO (2) YEARS** subject to the following terms and conditions:

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1. The Respondent's status as a Dental Radiation Technologist shall be listed on the Board's website and the Board's records as being on "Probation."
2. Within 180 days of the effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall (i) 10 hours of Board-approved pro bono community service; or (ii) 10 hours of Board-approved pro bono dental services which the Respondent may lawfully perform.
3. Within 180 days of the effective date of this Order, the Respondent shall make an anonymous donation of \$100 to a Board-approved charitable institution.
4. The Respondent shall satisfactorily complete a Board-approved course in **ETHICS** and shall provide written proof of successful completion of that course to the Board within **180 DAYS** of the effective date of this Order. The course may be taken in-person or online.
5. The Respondent shall obey all laws and regulations.

ORDERED that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order. The Respondent's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be considered a violation of probation and this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing as described in this paragraph. If the Board determines there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Board shall schedule an evidentiary hearing before the Board; and if the Board determines there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show

cause hearing before the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that after the appropriate hearing, if the Board determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Board may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on additional probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend the Respondent's certificate, or revoke the Respondent's certificate to practice dental radiation technology in the State of Maryland. The Board may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further


ORDERED that no earlier than **TWO (2) YEARS** after the effective date of this Consent Order, the Board shall consider a petition for termination of the Respondent's probationary status, provided that the Respondent has been fully compliant with the probationary terms of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by an officer of the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that for purposes of public disclosure and as permitted by Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6), this document consists of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and is reportable to any entity to whom the Board is obligated to report; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a Final Order and as such is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6) and Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 1-607.

12/6/23
Date



Dr. Robert Windsor, D.D.S., President
Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

CONSENT

I, Cilara Freund, assert that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order and in any proceedings that would otherwise result from the charges currently pending. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the Board will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition. I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to COMAR 10.44.19.12 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

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I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

Cilara Freund
Cilara Freund

NOTARIZATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30 day of November, before me, Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, Cilara Freund personally appeared, and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was the voluntary act and deed of Cilara Freund.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

SEAL

Veronica Lynn Puccini
Notary Public
Baltimore County, Maryland
My Commission Expires
August 21, 2025

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