

1 21 NCAC 16C .0312 is adopted under emergency procedures as follows:

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3 **21 NCAC 16C .0312 TEMPORARY LIMITED LICENSE DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

4 (a) An individual shall be eligible for a temporary limited dental hygiene license during a state of emergency, subject  
5 to the requirements and limitations set out in this Rule, if he or she:

6 (1) is a graduate of a dental hygiene program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of  
7 the American Dental Association;

8 (2) satisfies the requirements set out in Rules .0301(a), (b), and (c)(1)-(3) of this Subchapter; and

9 (3) satisfies the examination requirements in Rule .0303(a) of this Subchapter.

10 (b) A temporary limited dental hygiene license shall not be granted to an individual who:

11 (1) is licensed to practice dental hygiene in any jurisdiction;

12 (2) lacks good moral character;

13 (3) has been disciplined by any dental board or other licensing body in another state or country; or

14 (4) has failed the clinical examinations required by Rule .0303(b) of this Subchapter or any other  
15 clinical examinations accepted by another jurisdiction.

16 (c) An applicant for a temporary limited dental hygiene license under this Rule shall submit to the Board:

17 (1) a notarized application form provided by the Board at [www.ncdentalboard.org](http://www.ncdentalboard.org) that includes the  
18 information and materials required by Rule .0301(a) of this Subchapter;

19 (2) the nonrefundable application fee set forth in 21 NCAC 16M .0102;

20 (3) a letter from the dean of the dental hygiene program satisfying the requirements of Subparagraph  
21 (a)(1) of this Rule, confirming:

22 (A) the applicant is a graduate of the dental hygiene program; and

23 (B) the applicant is competent to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a North  
24 Carolina licensed dentist; and

25 (4) a statement disclosing and explaining any investigations, malpractice claims, or state or federal  
26 agency complaints, judgments, or settlements that are related to licensure and are not disclosed  
27 elsewhere in the application.

28 (d) In addition to the requirements of Paragraph (c) of this Rule, an applicant for a temporary limited dental hygiene  
29 license shall request the applicable entity to provide the following required information or documents to the Board  
30 office, with each document in an unopened envelope sealed by the entity involved:

31 (1) the information or documents as set out in Rule .0301(c)(1)-(3) of this Subchapter;

32 (2) examination scores on the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental  
33 Examinations required by Rule .0303(b) of this Subchapter if the applicant has taken the  
34 examination prior to submitting the application; and

35 (3) examination scores on the clinical examinations required by Rule .0303(b) of this Subchapter or any  
36 other clinical examinations accepted by another jurisdiction if the applicant has taken all or any  
37 portion of a clinical examination prior to submitting the application.

1 (e) The Board shall receive all information and documentation set forth in Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule and the  
2 applicant's passing scores on all examinations required by Rule .0303(a) of this Subchapter for the application to be  
3 complete. Applications that are not completed within one year of being submitted to the Board shall be disregarded  
4 as expired without a refund of the application fee.

5 (f) The temporary limited dental hygiene license shall not take effect until the Board receives a letter from a North  
6 Carolina licensed dentist stating he or she will supervise the licensee and be responsible for all consequences or results  
7 arising from the temporary licensee's practice of dental hygiene. The temporary licensee shall maintain documentation  
8 of any additional dentists under whose supervision the licensee practices, including a signed statement from each  
9 dentist agreeing to supervise the licensee and be responsible for all consequences or results arising from the temporary  
10 licensee's practice of dental hygiene. The licensee shall provide the documentation to the Board at its request.

11 (g) A temporary limited dental hygiene license granted under this Rule shall be in effect until the earlier of:

12 (1) the applicant completes the written and clinical examinations required by Rule .0303(b) of this  
13 Subchapter and receives passing scores, in which event the applicant's temporary dental hygiene  
14 license shall be converted to a dental hygiene license under Rule .0301 of this Subchapter as of the  
15 date the passing scores are provided to the Board by the testing agencies;

16 (2) the applicant completes the written examination administered by the Joint Commission on National  
17 Dental Examinations required by Rule .0303(b) of this Subchapter and receives failing scores three  
18 times, thereby requiring additional study pursuant to Rule .0311(c) of this Subchapter, in which  
19 event the applicant shall promptly notify the Board of the third failing score and the applicant's  
20 temporary dental hygiene license shall expire as of the date the third failing score is issued;

21 (3) the applicant completes the clinical examinations required by Rule .0303(b) of this Subchapter or  
22 any other clinical examinations accepted by another jurisdiction and receives failing scores, in which  
23 event the applicant shall promptly notify the Board and the applicant's temporary dental hygiene  
24 license shall expire as of the date the failing scores are issued; or

25 (4) one year from the date the temporary limited dental hygiene license is issued.

26 (h) Any applicant who changes his or her address shall notify the Board office in writing within 10 business days.

27 (i) Any license obtained through fraud or by any false representation shall be revoked.

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