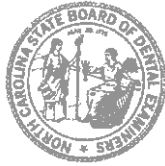


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ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hannah Thomas, R.D.H.
Apartment 219
111 Talisman Way
Raleigh, North Carolina 27615

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This is to inform you that the Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has considered all information gathered as a result of our investigation into allegations that you practiced as a dental hygienist without a North Carolina dental hygienist license. This information establishes that on April 1, 2019 thru November 22, 2019, you continued to actively practice as a dental hygienist in North Carolina without renewing your license. As you are aware, a dental hygienist is required to renew his or her license each year on or before January 31 and no later than the late deadline of March 31st. When you failed to renew your license by the March deadline, your North Carolina dental hygienist license became null and void as of April 1, 2019. G.S. §90-233(c) requires that only a dental hygienist who holds a valid license currently in effect and duly issued by the Board may practice as a dental hygienist in this State.

Based on the information available, it is the Panel's opinion that you violated G.S. §90-233(c) and §90-229(a)(6) in that you continued to actively practice as a licensed dental hygienist in North Carolina for over seven (7) months without first obtaining a valid 2019 renewal certificate and maintaining your license current. For this reason, the Board proposes to officially reprimand you. An official reprimand would include a copy of this letter being placed in your permanent file, notification of the reprimand being sent to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and a copy of the reprimand placed on the Board's web page.

If you wish to accept the reprimand, please sign below and return this letter to the Board office within thirty days from the date of this letter. The case will then be placed on the Board's agenda for consideration. The full Board can vote to accept the reprimand, propose a Consent Order, schedule the matter for a formal hearing, or dismiss the case. If you do not wish to accept the reprimand, the Investigative Panel has the option of

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referring the case for a disciplinary hearing. You also have the right to request a formal hearing. You must make your request in writing and file it with the Board office within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Board office in Morrisville. Thank you for your cooperation with the Board during its investigation of this matter.

Very truly yours,



Betty A. Sines
Investigations Coordinator

ACCEPTED:



HANNAH NORMA JOY THOMAS, R.D.H

12-11-19

DATE



CASIE S. GOODE, DEPUTY OPERATIONS OFFICER
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DECEMBER 19, 2019

DATE EXECUTED BY THE
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cc: Case Officer
Board Counsel