

The new Infection Control regulations in California have changed again

Hello Fellow ADMC members,

For those of you who have clients in California, the regulations for training unlicensed dental assistants has changed again. The Dental Board of California ruled that only unlicensed dental assistants who are hired after January 1, 2010 are subject to the new training requirements.

Here is the regulation: Beginning 1-1-2010, the supervising licensed dentist will be responsible for ensuring that each unlicensed dental assistant, who is in his or her continuous employ for 120 days or more, has successfully completed board approved courses in Dental Practice Act, basic life support and an eight hour course in infection control within one year.

This is what the new regulation means:

Only unlicensed dental assistants who are hired after 1-1-10 are subject to the regulation. There is no "grandfathering-in" of unlicensed dental assistants. If an unlicensed dental assistant with 20 years of experience gets a new job, she/he is subject to the training. If a dentist sells their practice, the unlicensed dental assistant becomes a "new employee" of the new owner and is subject to the regulation.

To comply with the California Dental Practice Act, the dentist (employer) is responsible for ensuring that the training be completed by their unlicensed dental assistant within one year of the date hired. The regulation does not state who is responsible for the cost of the training.

The training is also a requirement for unlicensed dental assistants who wish to become licensed as "Registered Dental Assistants" or obtain the new permits "Orthodontic Assistant Permit" or "Dental Sedation Assistant Permit".

If you are confused about the regulations, feel free to contact me. I spend a lot of time at California Dental Board meetings tracking the current and upcoming changes. Also as many of you know, I have obtained the permit to teach the 8 hour infection control course and can provide the Dental Practice Act course. Attached is a flyer about the training.

Sincerely,

Leslie Canham
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8 Hour Infection Control Course

Mandatory for All Unlicensed Dental Assistants*

Required for all Unlicensed Dental Assistants hired after January 1, 2010. The mandatory course is given as follows: The didactic (lecture) portion of the course is 4 hours and may be taken as home study. The clinical portion of the course, 4 hours, must be presented live, hands-on in a clinical setting.

For your convenience, Leslie will conduct the clinical portion of the course in your office. Unlicensed dental assistants can get started now to avoid the rush and waiting lists.

Tuition for the 8 hour course is \$495/person or \$450/person for 3 or more and includes:

- 4 hour Didactic online or home study module
- 4 hour Clinical module in your office
- Dental Practice Act home study course
- Flexible schedule-evenings or weekends OK!
- Peace of mind, knowing your practice meets dental board requirements

(Call for pricing on group training)

***California Dental Practice Act Business and Professions Code, Article 7, Section 1750 (c)**

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Instructor Leslie Canham, CDA, RDA is a CA Dental board approved provider for continuing education. Hundreds of dental practices rely on Leslie to conduct training and mock inspections to ensure infection control and OSHA compliance.

Have questions? Call Leslie at 888-853-7543

To Register submit completed form (one per person) and payment. Forms may be Faxed to 209-785-4458 or mailed to: Leslie Canham, PO Box 542, Copperopolis, CA 95228

The on-site clinical module will be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date upon receipt of payment. Training conducted over 150 miles from Leslie's home may incur a reasonable travel and lodging fee.

Name of Dental Assistant	(____) _____ Home Phone		
Name of Employer	(____) _____ Work Phone		
Address	City	State	Zip
Tuition <input type="checkbox"/> \$495 Per Person (\$450 Per Person if 3 or more) Payment Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa/Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Check			
Credit Card Number	Expiration Date		
Billing Address for Credit Card (if different than address above):			
Address	City	State	Zip
Print Card Holder's Name	Card Holder's Signature		