

Proposed Changes:

BPC Division 2 Healing Arts Chapter 4 Dentistry. Article 7 Dental Auxiliaries. 1750

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- (b) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform the basic supportive dental procedures, as authorized by Section 1750.1.
- (c) **The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that they have completed a board-approved eight hour course in infection control prior to potential exposure to saliva, blood or OPIM.**
- (d) The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant who has been in continuous employment for 120 days or more, has already successfully completed, or successfully completes, all of the following within a year of the date of employment:
- (1) A board-approved two-hour course in the Dental Practice Act.
 - ~~(2) A board-approved eight hour course in infection control.~~
 - (2) (3) A course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, or any other course approved by the board as equivalent and that provides the student the opportunity to engage in hands-on simulated clinical scenarios.**
- (e) ~~(d)~~ The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant maintains certification in basic life support.
- (f) ~~(e)~~ This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

Current Language:

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC

DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129]

(Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.)

CHAPTER 4. Dentistry [1600 - 1976]

(Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 415.)

ARTICLE 7. Dental Auxiliaries [1740 - 1777]

(Article 7 repealed and added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 128.)

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(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 703, Sec. 16. (SB 1491) Effective January 1, 2019.)