

Dental Hygiene Committee of California

MILITARY RENEWALS

Section 1136.5 Division 11 of Title 16, Article 9 entitled "Continuing Education" of the California Code of Regulations is added to read:

Article 9. Continuing Education

Section 1136.5. Military Renewals.

a) A licensee with a current and valid license who is called to active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard, and whose license is set to expire while the licensee is on active duty service, may renew the license in "military active status." "Military active status" means that a licensee may provide services for which he or she is licensed for the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard while on active duty, but shall not privately engage in any activities requiring a license for members of the public. The continuing education requirements as set forth in Section 1136 and the renewal fees as set forth in Section 1944 of the Code shall not be conditions for renewing in military active status and are waived. Military active status shall be valid for the normal two-year renewal period, but may at any time be converted to active status upon a licensee's request and upon the licensee's completion of the requirements as set forth in this section and all other renewal requirements as determined by the Committee. No limit exists on the number of times a licensee may renew in military active status.

(b) If a licensee is discharged from active military service and less than 12 months immediately precede the time for renewal, the continuing education requirements as set forth in Section 1136 shall not be conditions for the following renewal of the license and are waived.

(c) If a licensee is discharged from active military service and 12 or more months immediately precede the time for renewal, the licensee shall be subject to the continuing education requirements as set forth in Section 1136, except that the schedule of continuing education units as set forth in Section 1136(c) is replaced with the following modified schedule:

- (1) Registered dental hygienists: Twelve (12) units.
- (2) Registered dental hygienists in extended functions: Twelve (12) units.
- (3) Registered dental hygienists in alternative practice: Seventeen (17) units.

(d) For the purpose of Section 114.3(a)(3) of the Code, "written documentation that substantiates the licensee or registrant's active duty service" shall be a copy of the military orders calling the licensee to active duty.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 114.3, 1905, 1935, 1936, and 1936.1, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 114.3, 1935, 1936, and 1936.1, Business and Professions Code.