

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING	:	ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE	:	DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD	:	ADOPTING RULES
	:	(CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 21-032)

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ORDER

An order of the Dentistry Examining Board to create DE 2.035, relating to reciprocal credentials for service members, former service members, and their spouses.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:**

Section 440.09, Stats.

**Statutory authority:**

Sections 15.08 (5) (b) and 440.09 (5), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats., provides that an examining board “[s]hall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.”

Section 440.09 (5), Stats., provides that “[t]he department or credentialing board, as appropriate, may promulgate rules necessary to implement this section.”

**Related statute or rule:**

Section 440.09, Stats., specifies the requirements for issuing reciprocal credentials to service members, former service members, and the spouses of service members and former service members.

Wisconsin Administrative Rule s. DE 2.01 specifies standard licensing provisions for dentists and dental hygienists.

**Plain language analysis:**

The proposed rule creates a provision to implement s. 440.09, Stats., as amended by 2019 Wisconsin Act 143. Section 440.09, Stats., specifies the requirements for issuing reciprocal credentials to service members, former service members, and the spouses of service members and former service members.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:**

None.

**Summary of public comments received on statement of scope and a description of how and to what extent those comments and feedback were taken into account in drafting the proposed rule:**

None.

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:**

The Illinois Statutes provide for the expedited licensure of service members and their spouses (20 ILCS 5/5-715). “Service member” includes a person whose active duty service concluded within the 2 years preceding application for licensure. A license issued to a service member or the spouse of a service member may be renewed.

**Iowa:**

Rules of the Professional Licensure Division of the Iowa Department of Public Health provide for the expedited reciprocal licensure of a veteran or a spouse of an active duty service member (645 IAC 645.20.3). A reciprocal license issued to a veteran or a spouse of an active duty service member may be renewed.

**Michigan:**

The Michigan Statutes provide for temporary licensure of the spouse of an active duty service member (MCL 339.213). A temporary license is valid for 6 months and may be renewed for one additional 6-month term if it is determined the licensee continues to meet the requirements for temporary licensure and needs additional time to fulfill the requirements for initial licensure.

**Minnesota:**

The Minnesota Statutes provide for temporary licensure of an individual who is an active duty military member, the spouse of an active duty military member, or a veteran who has left service in the 2 years preceding the date of license application (2020 Minnesota Statutes, Section 197.4552). A temporary license allows a qualified individual to perform regulated professional services for a limited length of time as determined by the applicable licensing board. During the temporary license period, the individual must complete the full application procedure as required by applicable law.

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The proposed rules were developed by reviewing the provisions of s. 440.09, Stats., as amended by 2019 Wisconsin Act 143, and obtaining input and feedback from the Dentistry Examining Board.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The proposed rules were posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals. No comments were received.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

**Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at Daniel.Hereth@wisconsin.gov, or by calling (608) 267-2435.

**Agency contact person:**

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. DE 2.035 is created to read:

**DE 2.035 Application procedure for service members, former service members, and their spouses. (1)** In this section:

- (a) "Former service member" has the meaning given in s. 440.09 (1) (a), Stats.
- (b) "Service member" has the meaning given in s. 440.09 (1) (b), Stats.
- (c) "Spouse" has the meaning given in s. 440.09 (1) (c), Stats.

**(2)** Each applicant for reciprocal licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist shall submit all of the following:

- (a) A completed application form with the signature of the applicant and date of signature.

**Note:** An application form is available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services by calling (608) 266 - 2112, or online at <https://dsps.wi.gov>

- (b) Fees as determined by the department under s. 440.05 (2), Stats.
- (c) A statement that the applicant resides in this state.

(d) Documentation that the applicant is a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member. If an applicant is unable to provide the documentation, the applicant may submit an affidavit to the board stating that the applicant is a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member.

(e) Evidence the applicant is in good standing with the governmental authorities in a every jurisdiction outside this state that have granted the applicant a license, certification, registration, or permit that qualifies the individual to perform acts authorized under a dentist or dental hygienist license granted by the board.

(3) A license granted under this section expires on the renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., except that if the first renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., after the date on which the license is granted is within 180 days of the date on which the license is granted, the license expires on the 2nd renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., after the date on which the license is granted.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)  
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