

BOARD REGULATION NUMBER 49--ACTIVE STATUS

Purpose: To define what constitutes actively practicing three (3) months in the State of Mississippi pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-19 ¶ 5; and to set forth the other information which may be required by the Board when considering eligibility of a dentist or dental hygienist on the “inactive” list for registration on the “active” list pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-19 ¶ 8.

1. Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-19 ¶ 5 stipulates that dentists and dental hygienists must actively practice their respective professions for at least three (3) months of the immediately preceding license renewal period to be considered in active practice.
2. Since the Board collects renewal fees for dentists and dental hygienists on a biennial basis, the Board has defined a biennial collection cycle as consisting of two (2) consecutive one-year license renewal periods.
3. The Board has defined three (3) months to mean that a dentist or dental hygienist must actively practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the State of Mississippi a minimum of one (1) day per month for any three (3) months during each of the one-year license renewal periods in the biennial collection cycle noted in item 2 to remain on active status with the Board. The three (3) months worked during each one-year license renewal period do not need to be consecutive. Otherwise, dentists and dental hygienists will be listed as inactive.
4. As noted in Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-19 ¶ 4, dentists and dental hygienists actively practicing in another state at a veterans hospital, federal government facility, or residency graduate school program at the time of renewal shall be listed as active.
5. When a dentist or dental hygienist, registered on the “inactive” list, seeks return to the “active” list, the Board, in addition to the written application required by § 73-9-19, may request other information as deemed necessary on an individual basis. If the dentist or dental hygienist has not practiced dentistry or dental hygiene for a period of three (3) or more years preceding the request for registration on the active list, the Board may require the applicant to submit to a clinical competency assessment administered either by the Board or other institution capable of administering such an assessment. The length and areas of testing shall be left to the discretion of the Board, and determined based on the individual needs and circumstances of each applicant. Clinical competency assessments will be administered a minimum of two (2) times each year: (a) during the annual licensure examinations; or (b) on a date to be determined by the Board. All costs attributable to the assessment shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

Regulation Forty-Nine adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners on March 8, 1996; amended May 12, 2000; amended September 13, 2002; amended February 28, 2003; amended November 10, 2017.