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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE IN LIFE SUPPORT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE

Dear Licensee:

The Maine Board of Dental Practice (“the Board”) is sending this important notice to inform you of a statutory change regarding the life support certification requirement for both initial licensure and renewal of licensure which becomes effective **October 25, 2023**, pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 354.

Specifically, the new law increases the level of life support certification from cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“CPR”) to basic life support (“BLS”) for individuals seeking initial licensure or renewal of licensure as a dentist (all categories), resident dentist, dental hygienist (all categories), denturist (all categories), expanded function dental assistant and dental radiographer.

Below is a table identifying each licensure type and the deadline to obtain the new life support certification to satisfy the licensure renewal requirements. (Note: you will be asked as part of the licensure renewal questions to affirm whether you have obtained and maintained BLS life support certification).

License Type	License Expiration Date	Deadline to complete BLS
Dentist (all categories)	December 31, 2023	Prior to filing a renewal application but no later than 12/31/2023
Resident Dentist	December 31, 2023	Prior to filing a renewal application but no later than 12/31/2023
Dental Radiographer	December 31, 2023	Prior to filing a renewal application but no later than 12/31/2023
Dental Hygienist (all categories)	December 31, 2024	Prior to filing a renewal application but no later than 12/31/2024
Denturist (all categories)	December 31, 2024	Prior to filing a renewal application but no later than 12/31/2024
Expanded Function Dental Assistant	December 31, 2024	Prior to filing a renewal application but no later than 12/31/2024

To access recent statutory changes, please visit the Board’s website at <https://www.maine.gov/dental/statutes-rules/statutes-rules.html> or contact the Board’s office.

Thank you.