

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
ON-THE-JOB TRAINED DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

On March 2, 2016, the Board of Registration in Dentistry voted to eliminate the requirement that an on-the-job trained (OJT) dental assistant provide a letter from a Massachusetts licensed dentist stating that the dentist currently supervises the OJT dental assistant as a condition for licensure. Please be advised that all other requirements for licensure as an OJT dental assistant remain the same. The Board also removed the question “If you obtained your license as OJT dental assistant, has your supervising dentist changed?” from the licensure renewal questionnaire.

Since the Board no longer requires a letter from the supervising dentist, the Board is no longer able to verify whether the supervising dentist is aware of the OJT’s radiology qualifications. Therefore, all OJT dental assistants must provide proof of radiology certification to her/his supervising dentist. If an OJT dental assistant does not have such certification, s/he needs to inform the supervising dentist that s/he is not qualified to expose radiographs. Once the OJT dental assistant successfully completes the appropriate training and/or examination in dental radiography, the OJT dental assistant should immediately provide a copy of her/his certification to the Board so that the OJT dental assistant’s licensure file may be updated.