

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DENTISTS EMPLOYING
ON-THE-JOB TRAINED (OJT) 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 OJT dental assistant's supervising dentist, the Board is no longer able to verify whether the supervising dentist is aware of the OJT dental assistant's radiology qualifications. Therefore, any dentist employing an OJT dental assistant must request of proof of radiology certification before allowing an OJT dental assistant to expose dental radiographs. Once an OJT dental assistant successfully completes the appropriate training and/or examination in dental radiography, the OJT dental assistant should immediately provide a copy of this certification to the Board so that the OJT dental assistant's licensure file may be updated.

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