

TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 5 DENTISTRY (DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, ETC.)
PART 24 DENTAL HYGIENISTS, LICENSE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL

16.5.24.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico board of dental health care.
[16.5.24.1 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.1 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.2 SCOPE: The provisions of Part 24 of Chapter 5 apply to all dental hygienists with a license to practice in New Mexico.
[16.5.24.2 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.2 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Part 24 of Chapter 5 is promulgated pursuant to the Dental Health Care Act, Section 61-5A-16 NMSA 1978 (1996 Repl. Pamp.).
[16.5.24.3 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.3 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[16.5.24.4 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.4 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: April 21, 2026 unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[16.5.24.5 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.5 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.6 OBJECTIVE: To establish procedures for license issuance, expiration and renewal.
[16.5.24.6 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.6 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.7 DEFINITIONS: [RESERVED]
[16.5.24.7 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.7 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.8 LICENSE EXPIRATION: Initial licenses expire on July 1 in the third year of licensure. No license will be issued for longer than 36 months or less than 25 months.
[16.5.24.8 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.8 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.9 RENEWAL PERIOD AND EXPIRATION: After the initial license period, dental hygiene licenses expire every three years on June 30. Dental hygiene licenses not renewed by July 1 are considered expired.
[16.5.24.9 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.9 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.10 RENEWAL PROCESS: Each applicant for license renewal must submit the required fee as set forth in 16.5.18.8 NMAC, along with the required proof of completion of 45 hours of continuing education as set forth in 16.5.1.15 NMAC and 16.5.23 NMAC. The completed renewal application must be submitted on or before July 1, of the renewal year.
[16.5.24.10 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.10 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.11 LICENSEE RESPONSIBILITY: The board assumes no responsibility for renewal applications not received by the licensee for any reason. It is the licensee's responsibility to make timely request for the renewal form if one has not been received thirty days prior to license expiration. Incomplete renewal applications shall be returned to the licensee for completion and may result in the assessment of a late renewal fee as set forth in 16.5.18.8 NMAC.
[16.5.24.11 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.11 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.12 RENEWAL AFTER JUNE 30: Renewal applications submitted after July 1, and prior to August 1, of the renewal year must be accompanied by the completed renewal application with the required proof of completion of 45 hours of continuing education as set forth in 16.5.23.8 NMAC, along with the triennial renewal fee, impairment fee and the late fee as set forth in 16.5.18.8 NMAC.
[16.5.24.12 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.12 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.13 RENEWAL AFTER AUGUST 1 AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1: Renewal applications submitted on or after August 1, but before September 1, of the renewal year, must be accompanied by the completed renewal application with the required proof of completion of 45 hours of continuing education as set forth in 16.5.23.8 NMAC, along with the triennial renewal fee, impairment fee, late fee and the cumulative late fee as set forth in 16.5.18.8 NMAC.
[16.5.24.13 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.13 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

16.5.24.14 RENEWAL APPLICATION UNDELIVERABLE: If the notice of renewal is returned to the office and the licensee has not sent a change of address, the revocation order will be considered undeliverable and will not be mailed.
[16.5.24.14 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.24.14 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

HISTORY OF 16.5.24 NMAC:

Pre-NMAC History: The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the commission of public records - state records center and archives as:

Article VIII, Licensing of Dental Hygienists, filed 3/12/1981.

Article VIII, Licensing of Dental Hygienists, filed 1/12/1982.

Article VIII, Licensing of Dental Hygienists, filed 3/30/1982.

BOD Rule 7, Licensing of Dental Hygienists, filed 2/9/1989.

BODHC Rule DH 4-95, Dental Hygienists, Initial Licensing Period, Renewal, filed 5/5/1995.

History of Repealed Material:

16.5.24 NMAC, Dental Hygienists, License Expiration and Renewal (filed 3/16/2006) Repealed effective 4/21/2026.

Other History:

BODHC Rule DH 4-95, Dental Hygienists, Initial Licensing Period, Renewal (filed 5/5/1995) was renumbered, reformatted, amended and replaced by 16 NMAC 5.24, Dental IHygienists, License Expiration and Renewal, effective 9/30/1996.

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