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## GOT ETHICS?

Ethics is now a requirement of continuing education for both dentists and dental hygienists. Each dentist must have 2 CE hours of ethics as part of the 60-hour CE requirement. Each dental hygienist must have 1 CE hour of ethics as part of the 30-hour requirement. These requirements must be met during each license renewal period. The first licensees that will be impacted by these changes are all odd-numbered licensees that will be renewing at the end of 2015. Make sure you have your ethics requirement completed as part of your CE.

There are several groups that are providing ethics classes. You may visit the Kansas Dental Association at

[www.ksdental.org](http://www.ksdental.org) to see a list of ethics classes being offered. You can also check out [www.dentaethics.org](http://www.dentaethics.org) and [www.dentallearning.org](http://www.dentallearning.org) for more ethics classes. The requirements for continuing education are outlined in K.A.R 71-4-1.



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## Sanitation Inspections

The Board's sanitation inspection team works diligently across the state of Kansas to inspect dental offices. The sanitation inspection team works throughout the year to inspect at least 350 offices. The sanitation inspection team consists of licensed dentists who work for the Board. This ensures better communication between the inspector and the dentist whose dental office is being inspected.

One of the most common problems identified in sanitation inspections includes the failure to keep a clear and concise log of biological spore testing results that are readily accessible in a dental office for a period of three years. Remember that all sterilization units, including chemclaves, autoclaves, statims, dry heat, and the like, must be spore tested at least once for every six days of use. If the unit is used less than six days each month, then monthly spore testing is required on the unit.

Another common problem is the failure to ensure that heat stable instruments are placed in a closed bag or container for sterilization and thereafter maintained in that bag or container until immediately before use.

## Name and Address Changes

All licensees are required to update the Board within 30 days of any change of address. The update must be submitted in writing. The Board has a form on its website that may be submitted electronically for address changes.

Any requested name changes must also be in writing. A name change requires a copy of the official government document that permits a name change.

Submitting written updates protect all licensing files and ensure receipt of official Board communications.



## ADVERTISING CLAIMS

Claims of advertising superiority can cost you time and money. Please be advised that you cannot claim to be the most advanced, the most modern, or the best dentist in a city or area or the state. The applicable law (K.S.A. 65-1437) follows:

A licensee cannot use the following types of advertising:

1. One that contains false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive statements, or claims;
2. represents that the licensee is specially qualified in or limits the practice of the licensee

to a branch of dentistry which is specially recognized by the Kansas dental board unless the licensee holds a special certificate of qualification within such specialty authorized under K.S.A. 65-1427 and amendments thereto; or

3. contains statements regarding the professional superiority or the performance of professional services in a superior manner by the licensee or group of licensees, unless each statement can be factually substantiated.

If you have advertising doubts, please consult with an attorney.

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:** I am moving and need a license in another state. How can the Kansas Dental Board verify my Kansas license to another state?

**ANSWER:** Submit the "Verification to Another State" form with the \$20 fee to the Kansas Dental Board.

### Audits are Completed

Audits are completed for the 2014 renewal period. We appreciate the timely responses from all of our dentists and dental hygienists. The audits were satisfactory. Keep up the good work!



### Future Board Meetings

Friday, August 7, 2015  
Friday, November 13, 2015

All meetings held in Topeka.

