

## Volunteer Dentist/Dental Hygienist License Designation

In an effort to help address the issue of dental care access, the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) recently developed a Volunteer Dentist/Dental Hygienist License designation in the state of Oregon.

The OBD has partnered with the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) and Dentists Benefits Insurance Company (DBIC) to develop a Volunteer Program for dentists and dental hygienists who wish to maintain their Oregon license, but wish to volunteer their time instead of work for remuneration.

A volunteer license allows those licensees to maintain their active status and gives them the ability to give back to those in their community the opportunity to receive reduced or free quality dental care.

The requirements for applying for the volunteer designation are as follows:

- Applicant must hold an active license and will be practicing for a supervised volunteer dental clinic as defined in ORS 679.020 (3)(e) and (f).
- Applicant has to register with the OBD as a health care professional and meet the requirements set forth in ORS 676.345.
- Applicant must agree to not practice dentistry or dental hygiene for remuneration in any capacity while having the volunteer licensee designation.
- Applicant must agree to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours per calendar year.
- Applicant must comply with all continuing education requirements that all active dentists/dental hygienists are required to complete.

Since licensees who hold volunteer licenses do not receive remuneration for their services:

The OBD has established that licensees will pay no fees for the Volunteer Dentist and Dental Hygienist license.

The ODA has agreed to waive the fees for ODA Sponsored Continuing Education Programs for all ODA Dental members who have the volunteer designation.

DBIC has agreed to provide malpractice insurance coverage at a reduced rate for all Dentists who have the volunteer designation.

If you would like more information about the volunteer license designation or have any questions, please feel free to contact the OBD office or you can download the application and instruction forms from our Web site.

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