

Retired License: Dentist and Dental Hygienist

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A retired Colorado dentist or dental hygienist can apply for retired status license. A retired license allows a dentist or dental hygienist to provide care voluntarily and without a fee on a limited basis. An individual possessing a retired dental or dental hygiene license will not be held legally responsible for the care they provide voluntarily and without a fee.

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- (1) Any person licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene pursuant to this article may apply to the board for retired licensure status. Any such application shall be in the form and manner designated by the board. The board may grant such status by issuing a retired license, or it may deny the application if the licensee has been disciplined for any of the causes set forth in section 12-35-129.
- (2) Any person applying for a license under this section shall:
 - (a) Provide an affidavit to the board stating that, after a date certain, the applicant shall not practice dentistry or dental hygiene, shall no longer earn income as a dentist or dental hygiene administrator or consultant, and shall not perform any activity that constitutes practicing dentistry or dental hygiene pursuant to sections 12-35-113, 12-35-124, and 12-35-125 unless said applicant is issued a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene pursuant to subsection (5) of this section; and
 - (b) Pay the license fee authorized by section 24-34-105, C.R.S., which fee shall not exceed fifty dollars.
- (3) The retired status of a licensee shall be plainly indicated on the face of any retired license certificate issued under this section.
- (4) The board may take disciplinary action pursuant to sections 12-35-129.1 to 12-35-129.5 against any person licensed under this section for an act committed while such person was licensed pursuant to this article.

(5) Any person licensed under this section may apply to the board for a return to active licensure status by filing an application in the form and manner the board designates, paying the appropriate license fee established pursuant to section 24-34-105, C.R.S., and meeting the financial responsibility requirements or the professional liability insurance requirements in section 12-35-141, as applicable. The board may approve the application and issue a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene or may deny the application if the licensee has been disciplined for any of the causes set forth in section 12-35-129.

(6) A dentist or dental hygienist on retired status may provide dental or dental hygiene services on a voluntary basis to the indigent if the retired dentist or dental hygienist provides the services on a limited basis and does not charge a fee for the services. A retired dentist or dental hygienist providing voluntary care pursuant to this subsection (6) is immune from any liability resulting from the voluntary care he or she provided.