

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DENTISTS  
REGARDING LICENSURE FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), §447-1(a)(3) requires a dental hygiene applicant to be officially certified in the administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and intra-oral block anesthesia by an accredited dental hygiene school or by a certification program previously approved by the board.

An individual who has met the above requirements and has received a dental hygienist license may administer intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia.

In order for a licensed dental hygienist to administer intra-oral block anesthesia, the licensed dental hygienist needs to have successfully completed a certification course to administer intra-oral block anesthesia in accordance with standards provided in HRS, §447-3.5.

The supervising dentist needs to be aware of the dental hygienist’s privileges before directing them to do intra-oral infiltration or intra-oral block anesthesia. Such privileges are noted on the dental hygienist’s pocket I.D. card.

The Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners recommends all practitioners familiarize themselves with licensing laws and rules at their website <http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/dentist/>