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Dear School of Dental Radiologic Technology:

As a result of the Bureau of X-ray Compliance's (Bureau) October 14, 2011 first meeting with dental radiography educators, the Bureau has drafted a revised dental radiography curriculum for your input and comments. A meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, June 5, 2012** from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon to discuss this draft curriculum. The meeting will be held at: Hamilton Township Public Library, 1 Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. Way, Hamilton, New Jersey 08619 (609-581-4060)

Directions can be obtained at: <http://www.hamiltonnjpl.org/content/233/111/default.aspx>

The draft curriculum and associated forms can be obtained at [www.x-ray.nj.gov](http://www.x-ray.nj.gov) and click on "Dental School Meeting" on the upper right of the page.

In developing this draft, the Bureau used the Board's existing curriculum, DANB's RHS exam specifications, the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Accreditation Standards of Dental Assisting Education Programs and comments received during the October 2011 meeting. The following are some notable changes:

- a. Unlike the current curriculum, didactic, laboratory and clinical requirements are separated. We believe that this format will make it easier for schools to develop their curriculum and ensures that all schools have the same minimum laboratory and clinical competencies.
- b. Didactic and Laboratory Instructor Qualifications have been enhanced to include 2 years of work experience (as per NJDLWD requirements) and documented proficiency in educational theory and methodologies.
- c. The draft minimum instructional hours includes 25 didactic hours, 20 laboratory hours and no specific number of clinical hours. Note: The proposed number of laboratory hours is increased by 5 hours.
- d. Instead of clinical hours, the draft requires students to demonstrate their competency in performing the following three dental radiographic procedures: (1)

a full mouth series using paralleling technique or if a FMS is not available, competency can be obtained by the cumulative performance of 4 bitewing and 14 periapical exposures; (2) 2 bitewing exposures using bisecting angle technique; and (3) a panoramic procedure. Also, one of the three procedures must be performed using digital equipment. Lastly, prior to a competency evaluation, each of the above procedures must be satisfactorily performed on at least 3 patients.

A Clinical Competency Evaluation form was developed for schools to use.

- e. HIPAA and specific content and objectives in New Jersey radiation regulations and the Board's accreditation standards have been added.
- f. A revised clinical affiliate application and process has been written.

If your school would like to participate in the meeting, please respond to me at [al.orlandi@dep.state.nj.us](mailto:al.orlandi@dep.state.nj.us) by May 15, 2012 with the number and names of those attending. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to submit comments, please e-mail them to me at the above address by June 15, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call me at 609-984-5890.

Sincerely yours,

Albert V Orlandi, Secretary  
Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners