Permit L Instructions Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To all RDHs:

To apply for your Permit L to administer local anesthesia in the state of Massachusetts, the RDH must submit/fulfill a three step process to the Massachusetts Board of Dentistry Registration.

 Submit a copy of your successfully passed CDCA (formerly NERB) computerized exam results.
Submit a copy of your successfully passed local anesthesia certification course certificate (such as MCC's Local Anesthesia Certification course).

3) Complete and submit your Permit L application to the Massachusetts dental board. You obtain this form from the Massachusetts Dental Board.

The Massachusetts Dental Board has a two (2) year statute of limitations from the time you took and passed the clinical anesthesia course (whether through a dental hygiene program or a certification course such as this course) and when you submit your Permit L application to the board. If that 2-year window has lapsed the hygienist will be required to take a local anesthesia certification course all over again.

It is recommended that the RDH take the CDCA computerized exam as soon as possible since the material is fresh in your memory from preparing for this course. However, the CDCA computerized exam can be taken before or after you complete your local anesthesia certification course.

The CDCA exam and Permit L application are separate fees.

Questions on the Permit L application should be directed to the Massachusetts Board of Dentistry Registration.

More info on the CDCA exam: http://www.cdcaexams.org/

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