

313.035 Scope of administrative regulations -- Specialties -- Limitation of liability -- Power to prescribe -- Exceptions from requirements of chapter.

- (1) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A relating to dentists. The administrative regulations shall include the classification of and licensure of dentists, by examination or credentials, the licensure of specialists, student limited licenses, faculty limited licenses, reciprocity, retirement of a license, reinstatement of a license, charity licenses, and sedation and anesthesia permits.
- (2) Renewal programs shall be organized to include continuing education approved by the board.
- (3) For the purposes of licensure of specialists, the board shall only recognize fields of specialty duly recognized and approved by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards. Individuals licensed as specialists shall not practice outside of that specialty except:
 - (a) Upon documented referral by a general dentist to perform a procedure within the specialist's scope of training; or
 - (b) As provided for in charitable dentistry as defined by administrative regulation, during a declared disaster by order of the Governor, or when the special needs of the patient require they be followed past the age of eighteen (18) by a pediatric dentist.
- (4) A person licensed under this chapter, who in good faith renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency, shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of any acts or omissions by such person in rendering the emergency care.
- (5) Any dentist who serves on any committee, board, commission, or other entity which is duly constituted by any licensed hospital, dental society or association affiliated with the American Dental Association, dental care foundation affiliated with such dental society or association or governmental or quasi-governmental agency for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the dental acts of other dentists, or dental auxiliary personnel, shall not be required to respond in damages for any action taken by him or her in good faith as a member of such committee, board, commission, or other entity.
- (6) Licensed dentists may prescribe any drug necessary within the scope of their practice.
- (7) Dentists may sign death certificates the same as physicians, when necessary in the line of their profession.
- (8) This chapter shall not apply to a legally licensed doctor of medicine unless he or she practices dentistry as a specialty.
- (9) This chapter shall not apply to a practitioner of dentistry duly licensed in the United States while making a clinical demonstration before a dental society, convention, association of dentists, or a dental school.

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