



CHAPTER 90
ARTICLE 16 - DENTAL HYGIENE ACT

N.C.G.S. § 90-221.

Definitions.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2021-95, s. 2(a), (b) — fifth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 03:45 UTC	30dcb6d76011c9521345f6ad - e8bfba6c0d5b74a15ae25325 - 2e73601c8b5c1d01

- § 90-221(a)

"Dental hygiene" as used in this Article shall mean the performance of the following functions: Complete oral prophylaxis, application of preventive agents to oral structures, exposure and processing of radiographs, administration of medicaments prescribed by a licensed dentist, preparation of diagnostic aids, and written records of oral conditions for interpretation by the dentist, together with such other and further functions as may be permitted by rules and regulations of the Board not inconsistent herewith. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 90-29(b)(6), dental hygiene shall include the administration of local anesthetics by infiltration and block techniques by dental hygienists certified pursuant to G.S. 90-225.2, if a dental hygienist conducts administration of local anesthetics under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed to practice dentistry under Article 2 of this Chapter.
- § 90-221(b)

"Dental hygienist" as used in this Article, shall mean any person who is a graduate of a Board-accredited school of dental hygiene, who has been licensed by the Board, and who practices dental hygiene as prescribed by the Board.
- § 90-221(b1)

"Direct supervision" as used in this Article shall mean that acts are deemed to be under required supervision only when performed in a locale where the supervising licensed dentist is physically present and shall not include supervision under G.S. 90-233(a) and (a1).
- § 90-221(c)

"License" shall mean a certificate issued to any applicant upon completion of requirements for admission to practice dental hygiene.

- § 90-221(d)

"Renewal certificate" shall mean the annual certificate of renewal of license to continue practice of dental hygiene in the State of North Carolina.
- § 90-221(e)

"Board" shall mean "The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners" created by Chapter 139, Public Laws of 1879, and Chapter 178, Public Laws of 1915 as continued in existence by G.S. 90-22.
- § 90-221(f)

"Supervision" as used in this Article shall mean that acts are deemed to be under the supervision of a licensed dentist when performed in a locale where a licensed dentist is physically present during the performance of such acts, except those acts performed under direction and in compliance with G.S. 90-233(a) or G.S. 90-233(a1), and such acts are being performed pursuant to the dentist's order, control and approval.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1945

1983

2021

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1945	c. 639, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1971	c. 756, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1981	c. 824, s. 1	AMENDED
04	2007	S.L. 2007-124, s. 1	AMENDED
05	2021	S.L. 2021-95, s. 2(a), (b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
6 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 90-29(b)(6)	(a)	"inconsistent herewith. Notwithstanding the provisions of"

G.S. 90-225.2	(a)	"by dental hygienists certified pursuant to"
G.S. 90-233(a) and (a1)	(b1)	"and shall not include supervision under"
G.S. 90-22	(e)	"1915 as continued in existence by"
G.S. 90-233(a)	(f)	"under direction and in compliance with"
G.S. 90-233(a1)	(f)	"in compliance with G.S. 90-233(a) or"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-221 (2021).

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(1945, c. 639, s. 1; 1971, c. 756, s. 1; 1981, c. 824, s. 1; 2007-124, s. 1; 2021-95, s. 2(a), (b).)

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