

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [~~omitted material~~] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: 635.030(2).

A REGULATION relating to podiatry; adding new provisions relating to the training of podiatry hygienists.

Section 1. NAC chapter 635 is hereby amended to add the following new language:

- 1. A person who desires to perform services as a podiatry hygienist must apply to obtain a license from the Board on a form provided by the Board.*
- 2. The application shall include proof that the applicant has:*
 - (a) Successfully completed a course for podiatric hygienists as approved by the Board and listed on its website; or*
 - (b) Successfully completed 960 hours of training in a podiatric physician's office.*
- 3. A licensed podiatry hygienist may perform the following tasks as directed by and under the supervision of a podiatric physician, without limitation:*
 - (a) Apply orthopedic padding.*
 - (b) Administer to patients by means of physiotherapeutic equipment.*
 - (c) Make up surgical packs.*
 - (d) Strap and cast for orthopedic appliances.*
 - (e) Take and develop X-rays.*
 - (f) Assist in foot surgery.*

(g) Administer oral medications.

4. When taking X-rays, a podiatry hygienist shall be trained in and shall make the X-rays pursuant to ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) principles.

5. A person training to obtain 960 hours in the tasks and duties of a podiatry hygienist must be required by the podiatric physician employing the podiatry hygienist in training to perform all of the tasks set out in subsection 3 to gain proficiency, competency, and skill in each of the tasks and duties. All tasks and duties performed by the podiatry hygienist in training must be performed only at the direction of and under the direct supervision of the employing podiatric physician. At the completion of at least 960 hours of training, the podiatric physician shall certify that the podiatry hygienist in training has completed 960 hours of training and that the podiatry hygienist in training is competent to perform all of the tasks and duties set out in subsection 3.

6. A person who holds a license as a podiatry hygienist or who is training to become a podiatry hygienist may take and develop X-rays only after the supervising licensee has:

(a) Determined that X-rays are appropriate for the patient; and

(b) Ordered the person to take and develop X-rays for the patient.