

Radiation Safety Course

What you will learn and do for this course:

1. Review instructional videos and workbooks.
2. Take a written examination
3. Take 2 sets of full mouth x-rays and 2 sets of bite wing x-rays on a manikin at laboratory class.
4. Take 4 sets of full mouth x-rays plus 2 sets of bite wing x-rays at your dentist employer's office within 1 month of completing the laboratory class. This will require you to obtain the permission of the patient to have the x-rays released to the dental society.
5. Upon completion of these steps with the return of the videos and necessary x-rays, your work will be evaluated and if the x-rays are acceptable, you will receive your certificate of completion.

Step 1:

- Register for the class and pay the necessary registration fees.
- The instructional video and workbooks will be mailed to you.
- Your employer must sign and return a signed contract to the dental society which indicates that he/she will administer the written examination and allow you to take the necessary x-rays on patients in his/her office.

Step 2:

- After you have completed the instructional video and workbooks, you will return the videos to the dental society.
- The dental society will provide the written examination to be given by your employer dentist.
- The test will be faxed to the dental society for grading. You must achieve 80% on the examination to pass and be scheduled for the laboratory class.

Step 3:

- You will attend a lab session where you will be trained on how to take x-rays on a manikin. Plan to stay at least four hours for this portion of your training. You must complete two sets of full mouth x-rays and 2 sets of bitewing x-rays before taking x-rays on patients. Keep the completed x-rays to send to the dental society with the completed patient x-rays.

Step 4:

- Your dentist has agreed by contract with the dental society to supervise you while taking x-rays on patients. You must take four sets of full mouth x-rays plus 2 sets of bitewing x-rays within 30 days of taking the laboratory portion of the class. These x-rays are taken on double film – one set is to be kept in the dental office with patient records and one set plus a record release and health history forms are to be sent to the dental society along with the manikin x-rays taken at the laboratory class.
- The patient x-rays will be graded by an instructor. If acceptable, your name will be sent to the Dental Board of California as successfully completing the Radiology Course and you will receive your Certificate of Completion by the dental society.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE TO THESE REQUIREMENTS. THE DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA WILL AUDIT OUR COURSE FILES EVERY TWO YEARS AND WE CANNOT DEVIATE FROM THE COURSE AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY APPROVED.