

WAC 246-812-240 Nonorthodontic removable oral devices. (1) A licensed denturist may provide nonorthodontic removable oral devices after receiving an endorsement to his or her denturist license. These devices must be accompanied by written encouragement to have regular dental checkups with a licensed dentist.

(2) Nonorthodontic removable oral devices are limited to:

(a) Bruxism devices also known as occlusal splints, occlusal bite guard, bruxism appliance, bite plate, and night guard;

(b) Sports mouth guards;

(c) Removable cosmetic appliances, regardless of whether the patient is missing teeth; and

(d) Snoring devices, but only after a physician has ruled out snoring associated with sleep breathing disorders to include obstructive sleep apnea.

(3) The practice of denturism does not include the making, placing, constructing, altering, reproducing, or repairing of nonorthodontic removable oral devices intended to treat obstructive sleep apnea or to treat temporomandibular joint dysfunction.

(4) To qualify for an endorsement, a denturist must complete the following education and training in nonorthodontic removable oral devices:

(a) A minimum of four hours of instruction in snore guards and sleep apnea; and

(b) A minimum of two hours in bruxism devices, sports mouth guards, and removable cosmetic appliances.

(5) Nonorthodontic removable oral devices education and training must be obtained through a board-approved program or course.

(a) The program or course curriculum must include training on each subject listed under subsection (2)(a) through (d) of this section.

(b) A presenter must submit the training curriculum to the board for review and approval prior to providing the training.

(c) The board may review previously approved curriculums as necessary or as determined by the board.

(6) To receive a nonorthodontic removable oral devices endorsement, the denturist must provide evidence of successfully completing the education and training requirements in this section by submitting to the board:

(a) A declaration on a form approved by the board that verifies proof of completion of education and training signed and dated by both the presenter and the denturist; or

(b) A declaration on a form approved by the board that the education and training was included in a board-approved educational program signed and dated by both the instructor and the student.

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