

poration or other entity that is engaged, either directly or indirectly, in constructing, repairing, or altering extraorally, oral prosthesis, orthodontic appliances, regulatory appliances, supportive appliances, or any other intra-oral appliance or restoration to be used as a substitute for or as a part of natural teeth or jaws, or that are to be used for the correction of malocclusions or deformities; except that any dental laboratory or dental workroom operated as a part of a dental office on the premises of the office for the exclusive use of the licensed dentist or dentists practicing therein shall be specifically excluded from this definition.

b. "Written Work Authorization" shall mean a written request for dental laboratory work which has been issued by a licensed dentist and containing the items of information specified in, and otherwise conforming to the requirements of Sections 25 (a), (b) and (c) of the Article.

c. "Dental Technician." The trained skilled artisan who performs such laboratory procedures as fabricating, extraorally repairing or adjusting crowns, bridges, dentures, orthodontic appliances, and such other prosthetic or replacement devices used in the maintenance of oral health in compliance with the dentist's written work authorization.

2. The written work authorization form shall be authorized by the State Board of Dental Examiners and must contain the following:

a. Name and address of the laboratory to do such work.

b. Identification of the patient by name or number; if the patient is to be identified by number on the form, there must be available in the dentist's office a cross-reference translating the number to a specific patient's name.

c. Date on which the authorization was written.

d. Description of the work to be done, including diagrams if necessary.

e. A specification of the type of dental materials to be used.

f. Signature of the dentist and the number of his license to practice dentistry shall accompany his printed or typed name.

3. All dental technological work delegated to a dental laboratory by a dentist shall be accompanied by a written work authorization form, by the issuing dentist who must affix his signature thereto. The written work authorization, which can only be completed by a licensed dentist, shall be completed in duplicate, with the original being sent to the laboratory and the duplicate copy being retained by the issuing dentist. The dental laboratory is hereby required to retain the original written work authorization for a period of at least one year, and the dentist is hereby required to retain the duplicate copy for a period of at least one year. No dental laboratory in the State shall accept requests for work unless it is accompanied by a completed written work authorization form. Out-of-state dentists submitting work requests for dental technological work to Maryland dental laboratories must comply with all the terms of the Maryland law, except that they ~~need not~~ MAY utilize the standard form authorized by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners. OR A REASONABLE EQUIVALENT THEREOF.