

Final Action on Regulations

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- Roman type indicates text already existing at the time of the proposed action.
- *Italic type* indicates new text added at the time of proposed action.
- Single underline, italic indicates new text added at the time of final action.
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- ~~[[Double brackets]]~~ indicate text deleted at the time of final action.

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

Notice of Final Action

[26-067-F]

On August 11, 2026, the Secretary of Natural Resources adopted amendments to:

- (1) Regulation **.01** under **COMAR 08.02.03 Blue Crabs**;
- (2) Regulations **.01**, **.02**, **.03**, **.08**, **.10**, and **.12** under **COMAR 08.02.04 Oysters**;
- (3) Regulation **.19** under **COMAR 08.02.05 Fish**;
- (4) Regulations **.02** and **.03** under **COMAR 08.02.07 Hard-Shell Clams**; and
- (5) Regulations **.02** and **.03** under **COMAR 08.02.25 Gear**.

This action, which was proposed for adoption in 53:13 Md. R. 590—592 (June 26, 2026), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: August 31, 2026.

JOSH KURTZ

Secretary of Natural Resources

08.02.08 Shellfish—General

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§4-206, 4-215, 4-1007, 4-1020, 4-1028, 4-1033, and 4-1035, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[26-070-F]

On August 11, 2026, the Secretary of Natural Resources adopted amendments to Regulation **.09** under **COMAR 08.02.08 Shellfish—General**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 53:13 Md. R. 592—593 (June 26, 2026), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: August 31, 2026.

JOSH KURTZ

Secretary of Natural Resources

Title 10 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Subtitle 44 BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

10.44.01 Dental Assistants

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§4-205(a)(1)(iii), 4-301.1, 4-302.1, 4-304.1, 4-305.1, and 4-311.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[25-178-F]

On August 4, 2026, the Secretary of Health adopted the repeal of existing Regulations **.01—****.08** and new Regulations **.01—****.30** under **COMAR 10.44.01 Dental Assistants**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 52:17 Md. R. 882—888 (August 22, 2025), has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes shown below.

Effective Date: August 31, 2026.

Attorney General's Certification

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following changes do not differ substantively from the proposed text. The nature of the changes and the basis for this conclusion are as follows:

Regulation **.09**: Nonsubstantive changes are being made at final action to replace “the effective date of this chapter” with the actual date upon which the proposal will be finalized, which was unknown at the time of initial publication. Additionally, a small typographical error is being addressed.

.09 Dental Assistants Previously Recognized as Qualified in Orthodontics.

A. Except as otherwise provided in this regulation, in order to perform the intraoral procedures of an orthodontic EFDA, a dental assistant recognized by the Board as qualified in orthodontics prior to [[the effective date of this chapter]] August 31, 2026 shall:

(1)—(4) (proposed text unchanged)

B. A dental assistant recognized by the Board as qualified in orthodontics prior to [[the effective date of this chapter]] August 31, 2026 is not required to take the Board-approved course or take the DANB orthodontic EFDA examination.

*C. After initial orthodontic EFDA certification, a dental assistant recognized by the Board as qualified in orthodontics prior to [[the effective date of this chapter]] August 31, 2026 who becomes an orthodontic EFDA shall meet all of the requirements [o]f renewal in accordance with Regulation **.11** of this chapter.*

D. Grace Period.

(1) A dental assistant recognized by the Board as qualified in orthodontics prior to [[the effective date of this chapter]] August 31, 2026 may lawfully perform the duties of an orthodontic EFDA [for 6