

## **Policy Statement**

<p><b>Policy For Payment of Lapse License Penalty Fees, Civil Penalty Fees and Cost Assessment Fees</b></p>
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The position of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry is the payment of lapse license penalty fees, civil penalty fees and cost assessment fees is to be paid within thirty (30) days of notice that the fees are due. In cases that the licensee or individual is unable to pay all fees due within thirty (30) days, the Board will allow the licensee or individual to make arrangements with Health Related Boards (HRB) to pay monthly or twice a month for up to twelve (12) months as long as a payment is made each month.

If a licensee or individual is paying a civil penalty or cost assessment to satisfy an order from the Board, then the licensee or individual will not be in compliance with the order until all fees due are received. If the licensee or individual does not pay all fees due under the terms of the agreement with HRB, then they will be in violation of the order of the Board and such action or inaction could result in additional disciplinary action by the Board.

If the licensee is paying a lapse license penalty resulting from practicing on a lapsed license, then the licensee will not be reinstated until all fees are paid. If the fees due are not paid under the terms of the agreement with HRB or the licensee practices as either a dentist, dental hygienist or registered dental assistant before the license is reinstated, the licensee may be disciplined by the Board and/or assessed additional penalty fees.

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