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October 3, 2017

Ashraf Aziz
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CASE: In Re Ashraf Aziz
Docket No.: 2017-594 - Preliminary Denial of Application for Licensure

Dear Mr. Aziz:

The *Notice of Preliminary Denial* in the above-captioned matter was served by International Mail. The 30-day appeal period has run and you have not requested a hearing. Accordingly, the decision to deny the application is final and the application is closed.

Enclosed please find a copy of the *Notice of Final Application Denial* that was issued by the Office of Professional Regulation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at (802) 828-2367.

Sincerely,

Colin Benjamin
Director

Enclosure

cc: Rachel Allen, Esq., Prosecutor
Carla Preston, Case Manager
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Tara Grenier, Licensing Administrator

(International Mail)

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

IN RE:)
Ashraf E. Aziz) **Docket No. 2017-594**
Application Tracking No. 016.0131487)

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DENIAL

On June 15, 2017, Ashraf E. Aziz's Vermont application for licensure as a Dentist ("Application") was received by the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation. The Application was complete on August 10, 2017.

The Application has been **preliminarily denied** by the State of Vermont for the following reasons:

Board Authority

1. The Vermont Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") has authority to deny an applicant's license if it finds that the applicant has engaged in unprofessional conduct in any jurisdiction. 3 V.S.A. § 129(a); 26 V.S.A. § 584; and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation.

Basis for Denial

Basis for Denial # 1: 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(1). Fraudulent or deceptive procurement or use of a license.

2. In the Application, Ashraf E. Aziz ("Applicant") answered "NO" to the following question:
 - a. "Are you currently under investigation by a licensing authority in Vermont or any other state, federal authority or other jurisdiction (US or elsewhere)?"
3. This answer was false.
4. The Vermont Office of Professional Regulation received documents dated July 17, 2017, from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario ("RCDSO"). The RCDSO is the statutory governing body for dentists in Ontario, Canada. Applicant's Ontario license is currently subject to two active investigations by the RCDSO.

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As a result of the foregoing reasons, the Application for licensure is **PRELIMINARILY DENIED**. If you would like this decision to be reviewed, please refer to the appeal rights at the bottom of this notice.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 31st day of August, 2017.

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By: 

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To appeal this preliminary denial, you must file a written appeal with the Docket Clerk within 30 days of the date of this notification. In order to expedite the appellate process, your appeal shall include a statement of issues, that is, why the preliminary denial should be reversed and that the license should be granted.

Please send your appeal to the address below:

Liz Amaral, Docket Clerk
Office of Professional Regulation
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A hearing will then be scheduled. The State will be represented by the state prosecutor. At the hearing you will have the burden of showing that this preliminary denial should be reversed and that your license should be granted. 3 V.S.A. §129(e). The tribunal may uphold the denial, in whole, or in part, or may issue an unrestricted license, or may issue a license that is sanctioned. 3 V.S.A. §129(a)(3).

If you do not appeal this preliminary denial it will become final in 30 days. As a final disciplinary decision it will be reported to all required national data banks and shall be public pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §131.

Once the decision is final, it may be appealed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §130a.

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