

**DENTAL BOARD[650]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rule making related to clinical examinations on manikins**

The Dental Board hereby amends Chapter 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 153.33A.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 147.36.

*Purpose and Summary*

These amendments allow applicants for a dental hygiene license to complete clinical examinations on manikins for the purposes of licensure in Iowa.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making*

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on January 13, 2021, as **ARC 5382C**. The Board received one written comment stating that manikin examinations should be offered to all dental hygienists. The rules allow this as an option for all dental hygiene schools. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rule Making*

This rule making was adopted by the Board on February 26, 2021.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no impact on jobs because the amendments apply to requirements for licensure and provide additional opportunities for meeting those requirements.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to rule 650—7.4(17A,147,153).

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rule making will become effective on May 12, 2021.

The following rule-making actions are adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 11.5(2) as follows:

**11.5(2)** Applications for licensure must be filed with the dental hygiene committee along with:

*a. Documentation of graduation from dental hygiene school.* Satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited school of dental hygiene approved by the dental hygiene committee.

*b. Certification of good standing from dean or designee.* Certification by the dean or other authorized representative of the school of dental hygiene that the applicant has been a student in good standing while attending that dental hygiene school.

*c. Documentation of passage of national dental hygiene examination.* Evidence of successful passage of the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

*d. Documentation of passage of a regional clinical examination.* Successful passage of a board-approved clinical examination within the previous five-year period.

~~(1) Successful passage of a patient-based regional clinical examination within the previous five-year period.~~

~~(2) (1)~~ The following patient-based regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. examination as administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board examination as administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. examination as administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination as administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA).

(2) The following manikin-based regional clinical examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination as administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), and the examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB).

*e. to i.* No change.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 650—11.6(153) as follows:

**650—11.6(153) Dental hygiene licensure by credentials.** To be issued a license to practice dental hygiene in Iowa on the basis of credentials, an applicant shall meet the following requirements.

**11.6(1)** No change.

**11.6(2)** Applications must be filed with the dental hygiene committee along with:

*a.* Satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited school of dental hygiene approved by the dental hygiene committee.

*b.* Evidence of successful passage of the examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. Any dental hygienist who has lawfully practiced dental hygiene in another state or territory for five or more years may be exempted from presenting this evidence.

*c.* A statement of any dental hygiene examinations taken by the applicant, with indication of pass/fail for each examination taken. Any dental hygienist who has lawfully practiced dental hygiene in another state or territory for five or more years may be exempted from presenting this evidence.

*d.* Evidence of a current, valid license to practice dental hygiene in another state, territory or district of the United States issued under requirements equivalent or substantially equivalent to those of this state.

*e.* Evidence that the applicant has met at least one of the following:

(1) Has less than three consecutive years of practice immediately prior to the filing of the application and evidence of successful passage of a regional clinical examination pursuant to subrule 11.5(2) within the previous five-year period.—~~The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of licensure by examination: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. examination as administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board examination as administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. examination as administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), and the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination as administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA); or~~

(2) Has for three consecutive years immediately prior to the filing of the application been in the lawful practice of dental hygiene in such other state, territory or district of the United States.

*f. to k.* No change.

**11.6(3) to 11.6(6)** No change.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 147.80 and chapter 153.

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