

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Iowa Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 11, "Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene," and Chapter 12, "Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations," Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of the amendments is to remove the examination administered by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) from the list of examinations that dental hygiene applicants may complete to qualify for licensure by examination. The ADEX examination is no longer administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), of which Iowa is a member. Applicants for dental hygiene licensure by examination may take either the CRDTS examination or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB) to qualify for licensure.

These amendments are subject to waiver at the sole discretion of the Board in accordance with 650—Chapter 7.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before March 3, 2009. Such written comments should be directed to Jennifer Hart, Executive Officer, Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687. E-mail may be sent to Jennifer.Hart@iowa.gov.

Also, there will be a public hearing on March 3, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Board Conference Room, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments. Any person who plans to attend the public hearing and who may have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Board and advise of specific needs.

These amendments were approved at the January 15, 2009, regular meeting of the Iowa Dental Board. The Iowa Dental Board ratified the recommendation of the Dental Hygiene Committee of the Board regarding the proposed changes for the dental hygiene examination for licensure.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 153.33 and 153.34.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **11.5(2)"e"** as follows:

e. Evidence of successful completion of the examination taken in the last five years, with resulting scores, administered by ~~the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.~~, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.; or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 650—12.3(147,153) as follows:

650—12.3(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dental hygiene.

12.3(1) To meet the requirements for dental hygiene licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by either the ~~American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX)~~, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS); or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB).

12.3(2) Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by either the ~~American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.~~, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.; or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.

12.3(3) Prior to December 31, 2003, the examinee must attain an average grade of 70 percent on the examination. Effective January 1, 2004, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by ~~ADEX~~, CRDTS, or WREB.

12.3(4) Each examinee shall be required to perform such practical demonstrations as may be required by the ~~American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.~~, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc., for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dental hygiene.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **12.4(1)“a”** as follows:

a. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by CRDTS or WREB.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 12.4(5) as follows:

12.4(5) Failures of other examinations. If a dental hygiene examinee applies for the ~~American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.~~, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc., examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the failures shall be considered ~~ADEX~~, CRDTS, or WREB failures for the purposes of retakes.