

**DENTAL BOARD[650]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Iowa Dental Board hereby amends Chapter 11, “Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene,” and Chapter 12, “Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of these 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) examination to qualify for licensure.

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

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on February 11, 2009, as **ARC 7567B**. A public hearing on the amendments was held on March 3, 2009. No oral or written comments were received. One change to the noticed rules has been made. In Item 3, subrules 12.4(1) to 12.4(3) have been amended to clarify procedures for retaking a failed examination. Previously, the CRDTS dental hygiene examination consisted of two separate parts; however, beginning in April 2009, the CRDTS examination has only one part.

These amendments were approved at the April 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.

These amendments will become effective on June 24, 2009.

The following amendments are adopted.

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 subrules 12.4(1) to 12.4(3) as follows:

**12.4(1) Method of counting failures.**

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

~~b. A dental hygiene examinee who fails one or both parts of the examination shall have one examination failure recorded. A dental hygiene examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, a dental hygiene examinee who has not passed both parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.~~

c. No change.

**12.4(2) Remedial education required prior to third examination.** ~~a.~~ Prior to the third examination attempt, a dental hygiene examinee must submit proof of a minimum of 40 hours of additional formal education or a minimum of 40 hours of clinical experience that is approved in advance by the dental hygiene committee.

~~b. — A dental hygiene examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, a dental hygiene examinee who has not passed both parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.~~

**12.4(3) Remedial education required prior to fourth examination.** ~~a.~~ Prior to the fourth examination attempt, a dental hygiene examinee must submit proof of satisfactory completion of the equivalent of an additional semester of dental hygiene at a university or school approved by the dental hygiene committee.

~~b. — A dental hygiene examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, a dental hygiene examinee who has not passed both parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.~~

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.

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