

CHAPTER 12  
DENTAL AND DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINATIONS  
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**650—12.1(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dentistry.**

**12.1(1) Compliance with regional clinical examination testing requirements and procedures.** Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow procedures established by each respective testing agency. Examinees must take all parts offered by the respective testing agency, including the CDCA periodontal scaling non-patient component.

**12.1(2) Scoring requirements.** The examinee must attain a passing score on each clinical portion of the examination and on the written portion of the examination.

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**650—12.2(147,153) System of retaking dental examinations.**

**12.2(1) Method of counting failures.** For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize policies adopted by each respective testing agency.

**12.2(2) Remedial education required prior to third examination.**

*a.* Prior to the third examination attempt, a dental examinee must submit proof of additional formal education or clinical experience approved in advance by the board.

*b.* A dental examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, a dental examinee who has not passed all parts of the examination within the time frame specified shall be required to retake the entire examination. The dental examinee shall refer to the policies of each respective testing agency to determine applicable time frames.

**12.2(3) Remedial education required prior to fourth examination.**

*a.* Prior to the fourth examination attempt, a dental examinee must submit proof of satisfactory completion of the equivalent of an additional senior year of an approved curriculum in dentistry at a university or school with an approved curriculum.

*b.* At the fourth examination, the dental examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. However, a dental examinee who has not passed all parts of the examination within the time frame specified shall be required to retake the entire examination. The dental examinee shall refer to the policies of each respective testing agency to determine applicable time frames.

**12.2(4) Subsequent failures.** For the purposes of additional study prior to retakes, the fifth examination will be considered the same as the third.

**12.2(5) Failures of other examinations.** If a dental examinee applies for an examination after having failed any other state or regional examinations, the failure shall be counted for the purposes of retakes.

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**650—12.3(147,153) Portfolio examination procedure for dentistry.**

**12.3(1) Completion of a portfolio examination.** The 2014 California portfolio examination is accepted for licensure by examination for University of Iowa graduates. To meet the requirements for dental licensure and portfolio examination, applicants shall complete the portfolio examination as administered at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry (College of Dentistry).

**12.3(2) Compliance with testing requirements and procedures.**

*a.* The board shall oversee all aspects of the portfolio examination process but shall not interfere with the College of Dentistry's authority to establish and deliver an accredited curriculum. The board shall determine an end-of-year deadline, in consultation with the College of Dentistry, to determine when the portfolio examinations shall be completed and submitted to the board for review by the board's examiners.

*b.* The portfolio examination shall be conducted while the applicant is actively enrolled as a student at the College of Dentistry. This examination shall utilize uniform standards of clinical experiences and competencies as outlined in the 2014 California portfolio examination. The applicant

shall pass a final assessment of the submitted portfolio at the end of the applicant's dental school education at the College of Dentistry.

c. Before any portfolio examination may be submitted to the board, the applicant shall remit to the board the required portfolio examination fee as specified in 650—Chapter 15 and a letter of good standing signed by the dean of the College of Dentistry stating that the applicant has graduated or will graduate with no pending ethical issues.

**12.3(3) Scoring requirements.**

a. Final clinical competencies performed by the applicant must be evaluated by two examiners who have participated in standardization, calibration and training. The examiners shall be approved by the board and may include faculty, board members or board member designees. Board members or board member designees shall have priority as examiners at all times. The College of Dentistry shall submit to the board the names of the portfolio examiners for consideration by January 1 of each calendar year.

b. The College of Dentistry shall provide a minimum of a seven-day notice for all final competencies. In the event that a seven-day notice cannot be provided, the College of Dentistry must notify the board immediately. In the event that no board members or designees are available to participate in an evaluation, the College of Dentistry may use two board-approved portfolio examiners.

c. Successful completion of each competency shall result in a score that meets minimum competence-level performance. Scoring criteria for each competency is outlined in the 2014/2015 California Examiner Training Manual.

d. The board shall monitor and audit the standardization and calibration of examiners at least biennially to ensure standardization and an acceptable level of calibration in the grading of the examination. The College of Dentistry's competency examinations with regard to the portfolio examination shall be audited annually by the board.

**12.3(4) Compliance with clinical operation requirements.**

a. The board shall require and verify the successful completion of a minimum number of clinical experiences for the portfolio examination.

b. The board shall require and verify the successful completion of a set number of competency examinations performed on a patient of record. The clinical experiences include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Comprehensive oral diagnosis and treatment planning;
- (2) Periodontics;
- (3) Direct restorations;
- (4) Indirect restorations;
- (5) Removable prosthodontics; and
- (6) Endodontics.

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**650—12.4(147,153) Clinical examination procedure for dental hygiene.**

**12.4(1) Compliance with regional clinical examination testing requirements and procedures.** Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by each respective testing agency. Examinees must take all parts offered by the respective testing agency.

**12.4(2) Scoring requirements.** The examinee must attain a passing score on each clinical portion of the examination and on the written portion of the examination.

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**650—12.5(147,153) System of retaking dental hygiene examinations.**

**12.5(1) Method of counting failures.**

a. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by each respective testing agency.

b. A dental hygiene examinee who has two examination failures will be required to complete the remedial education requirements set forth in subrule 12.5(2).

**12.5(2) Remedial education required prior to third examination.** 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.

**12.5(3) Remedial education required prior to fourth examination.** 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.

**12.5(4) Subsequent failures.** For purposes of additional study prior to retakes, the fifth examination will be considered the same as the third.

**12.5(5) Failures of other examinations.** If a dental hygiene examinee applies for an examination after having failed any other state or regional examinations, the failure shall be counted for the purposes of retakes.

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