

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

**12.1(1)** To meet the requirements for dental licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX), the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB).

**12.1(2)** Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., or the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.

**12.1(3)** Prior to April 1, 1995, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 70 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 70 percent on the written portion of the examination. Between April 1, 1995, and December 31, 2000, the examinee must attain an average grade of not less than 75 percent on each clinical portion of the examination and 75 percent on the written portion of the examination. Effective January 1, 2001, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by ADEX, CRDTS, or WREB.

**12.1(4)** Each examinee shall be required to perform such clinical operations 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. (WREB) for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dentistry.

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

**12.2(1) *Method of counting failures.***

*a.* Integrated format. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by CRDTS. A dental examinee who has not passed all five parts of the integrated examination format by June 30 following graduation from dental school shall have one examination failure recorded. The dental examinee must then retake all five parts of the examination in the traditional format.

*b.* Traditional format. For the purposes of counting examination failures, the board shall utilize the policies adopted by CRDTS. A dental examinee who fails one or more parts of the examination shall have one examination failure recorded. A dental examinee shall be required to retake only those parts of the examination that the examinee failed. A dental examinee who has not passed all five parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.

*c.* A dental examinee who has two examination failures in the traditional format will be required to complete remedial education requirements set forth in subrule 12.2(2).

**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 five parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.

**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 five parts of the examination within the time frame specified by CRDTS shall be required to retake the entire examination.

**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 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.

**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 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 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 CRDTS or WREB.

**12.3(4)** Each examinee shall be required to perform such practical demonstrations as may be required by 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. [ARC 7790B, IAB 5/20/09, effective 6/24/09]

**650—12.4(147,153) System of retaking dental hygiene examinations.**

**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 the examination shall be required to retake the examination.

c. A dental hygiene examinee who has two examination failures will be required to complete the remedial education requirements set forth in subrule 12.4(2).

**12.4(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.

**12.4(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.

**12.4(4) Subsequent failures.** For purposes of additional study prior to retakes, the fifth examination will be considered the same as the third.

**12.4(5) Failures of other examinations.** If a dental hygiene examinee applies for 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 CRDTS or WREB failures for the purposes of retakes. [ARC 7790B, IAB 5/20/09, effective 6/24/09]

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