

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

12.1(1) Completion of regional clinical examination required.

a. *CRDTS accepted for licensure by examination.* To meet the requirements for dental licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS).

b. *Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011.* An applicant who has successfully passed the WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination.

12.1(2) Compliance with testing requirements and procedures.

a. *CRDTS.* Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

b. *Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011.* Examinees who have completed the WREB or ADEX examination prior to September 1, 2011, shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by WREB or ADEX.

12.1(3) Scoring requirements.

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. Between January 1, 2001, and June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by ADEX, CRDTS, or WREB.

d. Post-June 22, 2011, and special transition period.

(1) Effective June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS.

(2) Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB or ADEX examination by September 1, 2011, must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by WREB or ADEX.

12.1(4) Compliance with performance clinical operations requirements.

a. Each examinee shall be required to perform such clinical operations as may be required by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dentistry.

b. Special transition period for dentists passing WREB or ADEX. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB or ADEX examination by September 1, 2011, shall be required to perform such clinical operations as may be required by WREB or ADEX for the purpose of sufficiently evaluating and testing the fitness of the examinee to practice dentistry.

12.1(5) Clinical examinations accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The board is authorized by 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 153.21 to establish the regional or national testing service examinations that will be accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of application for licensure by credentials submitted pursuant to 650—Chapter 11: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB), and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA). [ARC 9510B, IAB 5/18/11, effective 6/22/11; ARC 0265C, IAB 8/8/12, effective 9/12/12]

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 Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc., examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the failure shall be considered a CRDTS failure for the purposes of retakes.

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

12.3(1) Completion of regional clinical examination required.

a. CRDTS accepted for licensure by examination. To meet the requirements for dental hygiene licensure by examination, applicants shall complete the examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

b. Special transition period for dentists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011. An applicant who has successfully passed the WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011, may apply for licensure by examination.

12.3(2) Compliance with testing requirements and procedures.

a. CRDTS. Examinees shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

b. Special transition period for dentists passing WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB examination prior to September 1, 2011, shall meet the requirements for testing and follow the procedures established by WREB.

12.3(3) Scoring requirements.

a. Prior to December 31, 2003, the examinee must attain an average grade of 70 percent on the examination.

b. Between January 1, 2004, and June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS or WREB.

c. Post-June 22, 2011, and special transition period.

(1) Effective June 22, 2011, the examinee must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by CRDTS.

(2) Special transition period for dental hygienists passing WREB. Examinees who successfully complete the WREB examination by September 1, 2011, must attain a comprehensive score that meets the standard for passing established by WREB.

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

12.3(5) *Clinical examinations accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials.* The board is authorized by 2011 Iowa Code Supplement section 153.21 to establish the regional or national testing service examinations that will be accepted for purposes of licensure by credentials. The following regional examinations are approved by the board for purposes of application for licensure by credentials submitted pursuant to 650—Chapter 11: Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board, Inc. (WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB), and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA). [ARC 7790B, IAB 5/20/09, effective 6/24/09; ARC 9510B, IAB 5/18/11, effective 6/22/11; ARC 0265C, IAB 8/8/12, effective 9/12/12]

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.

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. examination after having failed any other state or regional examination, the failure shall be considered a CRDTS failure for the purposes of retakes. [ARC 7790B, IAB 5/20/09, effective 6/24/09; ARC 9510B, IAB 5/18/11, effective 6/22/11]

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