

**650—20.9(153) Examination requirements.** Beginning July 2, 2001, applicants for registration must successfully pass an examination approved by the board on infection control, hazardous waste, and jurisprudence.

**20.9(1)** Examinations approved by the board are those administered by the board or board's approved testing centers or the Dental Assisting National Board Infection Control Examination, if taken after June 1, 1991, in conjunction with the board-approved jurisprudence examination. In lieu of the board's infection control examination, the board may approve an infection control examination given by another state licensing board if the board determines that the examination is substantially equivalent to the examination administered by the board.

**20.9(2)** Information on taking the examination may be obtained by contacting the board office at 400 S.W. 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687.

**20.9(3)** An examinee must meet such other requirements as may be imposed by the board's approved dental assistant testing centers.

**20.9(4)** A dental assistant trainee must successfully pass the examination within 12 months of the first date of employment. A dental assistant trainee who does not successfully pass the examination within 12 months shall be prohibited from working as a dental assistant until the dental assistant trainee passes the examination in accordance with these rules.

**20.9(5)** A score of 75 or better on the board infection control/hazardous material exam and a score of 75 or better on the board jurisprudence exam shall be considered successful completion of the examination. The board accepts the passing standard established by the Dental Assisting National Board for applicants who take the Dental Assisting National Board Infection Control Examination.

**20.9(6)** The written examination may be waived by the board, in accordance with the board's waiver rules at 650—Chapter 7, in practice situations where the written examination is deemed to be unnecessary or detrimental to the dentist's practice.