

NOTICE OF TEXT [Authority G.S. 150B-21.2(c)]

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1. Rule-Making Age	1. Rule-Making Agency: Board of Dental Examiners			
2. Link to agency we	ebsite pursuant to G.S	S. 150B-19.1(c): www.ncdentalboard.org		
3. Proposed Action -	- Check the appropri	iate box(es) and list <u>rule citation(s)</u> beside proposed action:		
ADOPTION: 21	NCAC 16A .0107; 16U	U .0104		
AMENDMENT:	21 NCAC 16A .0101;	; 16B .0303; 16C .0303; 16N .0202, .05010504		
REPEAL:				
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REPEAL through	1 READOPTION:			
4. Proposed effective	e date: 07/01/2024			
5. Is a public hearin	g planned? Yes			
If yes: Date	Time	Location		
04/18/2024	6:00 p.m.	2000 Perimeter Park Drive, #200, Morrisville, NC 27560		
6. If no public heari	ng is scheduled, provi	vide instructions on how to demand a public hearing:		

7. Explain Reason For Proposed Rule(s):

- 21 NCAC 16A .0101 is proposed for amendment to remove the definition of "candidate" as unnecessary and to add a definition of "secure electronic transmission."
- 21 NCAC 16B .0303 is proposed for amendment to require test-administration agencies to assign at least one Board member to each examination administered in North Carolina.
- 21 NCAC 16C .0303 is proposed for amendment to require test-administration agencies to assign at least one Board member to each examination administered in North Carolina.
- 21 NCAC 16N .0202 is proposed for amendment to reflect current procedures for the Board's rulemaking notice mailing list.
- 21 NCAC 16N .0501 is proposed for amendment clarify procedures related to a licensee's or applicant's right to an administrative hearing and the statutory exceptions to the right to a hearing.
- 21 NCAC 16N .0502 is proposed for amendment to clarify procedures related to a licensee's or applicant's request for an administrative hearing.
- 21 NCAC 16N .0503 is proposed for amendment to clarify the Board's procedures related to granting or denying a request for a hearing.
- 21 NCAC 16N .0504 is proposed for amendment to set out information regarding serving the notice of hearing, remove provisions related to the notice of hearing that are not required by G.S. 150B-38, and clarify the procedures around summary suspensions.
- 21 NCAC 16U .0104 is proposed to establish and clarify a licensee's obligations to cooperate with Board inquiries.
- **8. Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:** If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or email. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Rule(s) is automatically subject to legislative review. Cite statutory reference:

9. The person to whom written comments may be submitted on the proposed rule(s):

Name: Bobby White

Address: 2000 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 160

Morrisville, NC 27560

Phone (optional): Fax (optional): EMail (optional)

10. Comment Period Ends: 05/14/2024

11. Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

No fiscal note required

12. Rule-making Coordinator:			The Agency formally proposed the text of this rule(s) on	
Name:	Dauna L. Bartley			
	919-283-1390		Date: 12/08/2023	
	dauna@brockerlawfirm.com			
Agency conta	ect, if any:			
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1 21 NCAC 16A .0101 is proposed for amendment as follows: 2 3 **CHAPTER 16 – BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS** 4 5 **SUBCHAPTER 16A - ORGANIZATION** 6 7 **DEFINITIONS** 21 NCAC 16A .0101 8 As used in this Chapter: 9 "Applicant" means a person applying for any license or permit issued by the Board: Board. (1) 10 (2) "Board" means the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners; Examiners. 11 (3)"Candidate" means a person who has applied and been accepted for examination to practice dentistry 12 or dental hygiene in North Carolina; 13 (4)(3) "Current license" means a license that is renewed by the licensing board; board. 14 "CPR certification" means that the licensee has completed a CPR course that meets American Red (5)(4) 15 Cross or American Heart Association standards for certification and that provides manikin testing 16 on the subjects of cardio pulmonary of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The course must shall also 17 cover the use of an automatic external defibrillator, unconscious and conscious ehoking choking. 18 and rescue breathing, breathing, provided that the foregoing requirements shall not be interpreted in 19 any way that violates the Americans with Disabilities Act. The manikin testing shall be provided by 20 an instructor who is present in the training room with the students; students. "Internship" means practice in an educational training program. Internship does not mean practice 21 (6)(5) 22 under an intern permit while holding an unrestricted general dental or dental specialty license issued 23 by a state, U.S. territory territory, or the District of Columbia; Columbia. 24 "Secure electronic transmission" means an electronic method of communication that ensures that (6) 25 completeness, integrity, and confidentiality of information are maintained during transmission. 26 (7) "Unrestricted license" means a license that is not under suspension or inactivation, or subject to the 27 terms of a consent order or other disciplinary action imposed by the jurisdiction that issued the 28 license, or limited by supervision or location requirements; requirements. 29 (8) Except where otherwise defined by these Rules or by statute, "supervision," "direct supervision," 30 and "supervision and direction" means that the dentist overseeing treatment is present in the same 31 facility or location and available during the performance of the acts that are being performed 32 pursuant to that dentist's order, control, and approval and that the dentist must shall examine and 33 evaluate the results of such acts; and acts. 34 (9) Except where otherwise defined by these Rules or by statute, "direction" or "under direction" means 35 that the dentist ordering treatment does not have to be present in the same facility or location during 36 the performance of the acts that are being performed pursuant to that dentist's order, control, and 37 approval, but that dentist shall be responsible for all consequences or results arising from such acts.

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2	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-29(a); 90-29.3; 90-29.4; 90-29.5; 90-30; 90-48; 90-224; 90-224.1; 90-
3		226;
4		Eff. September 3, 1976;
5		Readopted Eff. September 26, 1977;
6		Amended Eff. May 1, 1991; May 1, 1989; September 1, 1988; October 1, 1986;
7		Temporary Amendment Eff. January 1, 2003;
8		Amended Eff. May 1, 2011; January 1, 2004;
9		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9,
10		2018;
11		Amended Eff; October 1, 2019.

1	21 NCAC 16A .0107 is proposed for adoption as follows:
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3	21 NCAC 16A .0107 BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION; SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION AND
4	DOCUMENTS TO THE BOARD
5	(a) To contact or obtain information about the Board:
6	(1) Mailing address: 2000 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 160, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560.
7	(2) Website: www.ncdentalboard.org.
8	(3) Telephone number: (919) 678-8223.
9	(4) Fax number: (919) 678-8472.
10	(5) Email address: info@ncdentalboard.org.
11	(b) Unless otherwise stated, all forms required by the rules of this Chapter are available on the Board's website.
12	(c) For any rule in this Chapter requiring an applicant or licensee to request a testing agency, educational program, or
13	other entity to send information or documents directly to the Board office, the Board accepts information and
14	documents sent by the entity via secure electronic transmission, as well as documents sent in a sealed envelope directly
15	from the entity to the Board office.
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17	History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-48.
18	$\it Eff.$

1 21 NCAC 16B .0303 is proposed for amendment as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 16B .0303 **BOARD APPROVED EXAMINATIONS** 4 (a) All applicants for dental licensure shall achieve a passing score of at least 80 percent on the Board's sterilization 5 and jurisprudence examinations. Applicants may take a reexamination in accordance with Rule .0317 of this Section. 6 (b) All applicants for dental licensure shall achieve passing seores scores, as set by the testing agency, on the 7 examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and clinical examinations 8 developed and administered by Board approved testing agencies. The Board shall determine which testing agencies 9 are approved based on the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule. 10 (c) To qualify as an approved testing agency, the test-development or test-administration agency shall allow a 11 representative of the Dental Board to serve on the agency's Board of Directors and the Examination Review Committee 12 for the limited purpose of allowing Dental Board input in the development and administration of the examination. 13 When Dental Board members offer to participate as examiners for examinations administered in North Carolina, the 14 test-administration agency shall assign at least one of those Dental Board members to each examination administered 15 in North Carolina. 16 (d) To qualify as an approved testing agency, the clinical examination developed or administered by a-the testing agency shall: 17 18 (1) include procedures performed on human subjects or an alternative method that simulates human 19 subjects, including manikins, as part of the assessment of restorative clinical competencies; 20 (2) include evaluations in clinical periodontics and at least three of the following subject matter areas: 21 (A) endodontics, clinical abilities testing; 22 (B) amalgam preparation and restoration; 23 (C) anterior composite preparation and restoration; 24 posterior ceramic or composite preparation and restoration; (D) 25 (E) prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing; 26 (F) oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; or 27 (G) oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing; and 28 (3) provide the following: 29 (A) anonymity between applicants and examination graders; 30 (B) standardization and calibration of graders; 31 (C) a mechanism for post exam analysis; 32 (D) conjunctive scoring, which is scoring that requires applicants to earn a passing grade on all 33 sections or areas tested and that does not allow weighted, averaged, or overall scoring to 34 compensate for failures in individual subject areas; 35 (E) a minimum passing score set by the testing agency for each subject area tested; 36 (F) an annual review of the examination conducted by the testing agency;

1		(G)	a task analysis performed by the testing agency at least once every seven years that surveys		
2			dentists nationwide to determine the content of the examination;		
3		(H)	a system of quality assurance to ensure uniform, consistent administration of the		
4			examination at each testing site; and		
5		(I)	a system of quality assurance that does not permit a dental instructor to grade candidates		
6			at any institution at which the instructor is employed.		
7	(e) The Board	shall acce	pt examination scores for five years following the date of the examinations. Each applicant		
8	shall request the applicable entity to send the applicant's scores to the Board office. Individuals who apply for licensure				
9	more than five years after the examination date shall re-take the examination.				
10	(f) The applican	nt shall co	mply with all requirements of the testing agency in applying for and taking the examination.		
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12	History Note:	Authori	ty G.S. 90-30; 90-48;		
13		Eff. September 3, 1976;			
14		Readopted Eff. September 26, 1977;			
15		Amended Eff. September 1, 2014; June 1, 2009; March 1, 2006; August 1, 1998; March 1, 1988;			
16		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9,			
17		2018;			
18		Amende	ed Eff; December 1, 2022; October 1, 2019.		

1 21 NCAC 16C .0303 is proposed for amendment as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 16C .0303 **BOARD APPROVED EXAMINATIONS** 4 (a) All applicants for dental hygiene licensure shall achieve a passing scores-score of at least 80 percent on the Board's 5 sterilization and jurisprudence examinations. Reexamination shall be governed by Rule .0311 of this Section. 6 (b) All applicants for dental hygiene licensure shall achieve passing scores, as set by the testing agency, on the 7 examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and clinical examinations 8 developed and administered by Board approved testing agencies. The Board shall determine which testing agencies 9 are approved based on the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule. 10 (c) To qualify as an approved testing agency, the test-development or test-administration agency shall allow a 11 representative of the Dental Board to serve on the agency's Board of Directors and Examination Review Committee 12 for the limited purpose of allowing Dental Board input in the development and administration of the examination. 13 When Dental Board members offer to participate as examiners for examinations administered in North Carolina, the 14 test-administration agency shall assign at least one of those Dental Board members to each examination administered 15 in North Carolina. 16 (d) To qualify as an approved testing agency, the clinical examination developed or administered by a-the testing agency shall: 17 18 (1) include procedures performed on human subjects or an alternative method that simulates human 19 subjects, including manikins, as part of the assessment of clinical competency; 20 (2) include probing, supra- and subgingival scaling, and soft tissue management; and 21 (3) provide the following: 22 (A) anonymity between applicants and examination graders; 23 (B) standardization and calibration of graders; 24 a mechanism for post exam analysis; (C) 25 (D) conjunctive scoring, which is scoring that requires applicants to earn a passing grade on all 26 sections or areas tested and that does not allow weighted, averaged, or overall scoring to 27 compensate for failures in individual subject areas; 28 (E) a minimum passing score set by the testing agency for each subject area tested; 29 (F) an annual review of the examination conducted by the testing agency; 30 (G) a task analysis performed by the testing agency at least once every seven years that surveys 31 dentists nationwide to determine the content of the examination; 32 (H) a system of quality assurance to ensure uniform, consistent administration of the 33 examination at each testing site; and 34 (I) a system of quality assurance that does not permit a dental hygiene instructor to grade

candidates at any institution at which the instructor is employed.

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1 (e) The Board shall accept examination scores for five years following the date of the examination. Individuals who 2 apply for licensure more than five years after the examination date shall re-take the examination. Each applicant shall 3 request the applicable entity to send the applicant's scores to the Board office. 4 (f) The applicant shall comply with all requirements of the testing agency in applying for and taking the examination. 5 6 History Note: Authority G.S. <u>90-223;</u> 90-224; 7 Eff. September 3, 1976; 8 Readopted Eff. September 26, 1977; 9 Amended Eff. September 1, 2014; June 1, 2009; June 1, 2006; May 1, 1989; March 1, 1988; 10 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018; 11

Amended Eff. _____; December 1, 2022; September 1, 2020.

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1 21 NCAC 16N .0202 is proposed for amendment as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 16N .0202 NOTICE OF MAILING LIST 4 The Board maintains a mailing list of persons that have requested notice of rulemaking, and sends notices of 5 rulemaking to persons on the mailing list by electronic mail. Any person or agency desiring to be placed on the mailing 6 list for the Board's rulemaking notices may file-submit a written request by email, fax, or first-class mail to in-the 7 Board's office. The letter of request shall provide the email address to which notices will be sent. should state those 8 particular subject areas within the authority of the Board concerning which notice is desired. The If circumstances 9 require that rulemaking notices be sent by first-class mail, the Board may require reasonable postage and stationery 10 costs to be paid by those requesting such the notices. 11 12 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-48; 90-223(b); 150B-21.2(d); 150B-12(c); 13 Eff. August 25, 1977; 14 Amended Eff. May 1, 1989; March 1, 1985; 15 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 2018.2018; 16 17 Amended Eff. .

1 21 NCAC 16N .0501 is proposed for amendment as follows: 2 3 SECTION .0500 - ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCEDURES 4 5 21 NCAC 16N .0501 RIGHT TO HEARING 6 (a) When the Board aets, acts or proposes to act, other than in rulemaking or declaratory ruling proceedings, act in a 7 manner that will affect the rights, duties, or privileges of a licensee or applicant for a license or permit, such person 8 applicant, the licensee or applicant has a right to an administrative hearing. When the Board proposes to act in such a 9 manner, it shall give such person notice of his right to a hearing by mailing by certified mail to him at his last known 10 address a notice of the proposed action and a notice of a right to a hearing. Notice of hearing may also be given by 11 any method of service permitted in G.S. 150B-38(c), by a signed acceptance of service from such person, or by 12 delivery to the person's attorney of record who accepts service on behalf of the person. 13 (b) Except in contested cases for which the Board serves a notice of hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B-3 and 14 150B-38, the Board shall give the affected person notice of the right to a hearing by mail to the affected person's last 15 known address. If the affected person desires a hearing, they shall request a hearing within 30 days of the date of the Board's notice of right to a hearing. The request shall be in writing, and shall contain a clear and specific statement of 16 17 request for a hearing. The request shall be sent to the Board's office by email, fax, or delivery to the Board's mailing 18 address, as set out in 21 NCAC 16A .0107. Upon receipt of the affected person's request for a hearing, the Board shall 19 issue a notice of hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B-38 and Rule .0504 of this Section. 20 (c) The right to an administrative hearing does not apply to rulemaking or declaratory ruling proceedings, to applicants 21 for reinstatement after revocation, or to applicants for license by comity or credentials pursuant to G.S. 90-36. 22 23 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-41.1; 150B-3; 150B-38; 150B-38(h); 24 Eff. August 25, 1977; 25 Amended Eff. May 1, 1989; November 20, 1980; Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 26 27 2018; 28 Amended Eff. _____; October 1, 2019.

2 3 21 NCAC 16N .0502 REQUEST FOR HEARING 4 (a) Any individual A licensee or applicant who believes his or her their rights, duties, or privileges have been affected 5 by the Board's administrative action, but and who has not received a notice of a hearing or notice of a right to an 6 administrative hearing, may file submit to the Board a request for hearing. a hearing within 30 days of the date of the 7 action taken by the Board which is challenged. 8 (b) The individual licensee or applicant shall submit a the request to the Board's office, office by email, fax, or delivery 9 to the Board's mailing address, as set out in 21 NCAC 16A .0107. The request shall contain: containing the following 10 information: 11 (1) Name the name and address of the petitioner; 12 (2) A-a concise statement of the action taken by the Board which is challenged; 13 (3) A a concise statement of the way in which petitioner has been aggrieved; and 14 (4) A-a clear and specific statement of request for a hearing. 15 16 History Note: *Authority G.S. 150B-38;* 17 Eff. August 25, 1977; 18 Amended Eff. April 1, 2015; May 1, 1989; March 1, 1985; November 20, 1980; 19 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 20 2018.2018; 21 Amended Eff.

21 NCAC 16N .0502 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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1 21 NCAC 16N .0503 is proposed for amendment as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 16N .0503 GRANTING OR DENYING HEARING REQUEST 4 (a) The-Upon receipt of a request for a hearing submitted in accordance with Rule .0502 of this Section, the Board 5 will decide whether to grant a request for a hearing the request. Whenever the Board finds good cause exists to deny 6 a request for a hearing, the Board may deny the request. For purposes of this Rule, good cause for denial of a hearing 7 request exists when: 8 the petitioner has not demonstrated a right to an administrative hearing pursuant to Rule .0501 of (1) 9 this Section; 10 (2) the request does not satisfy all the requirements set out in Rule .0502 of this Section; or 11 (3) the Board determines that the request should be denied for some other reason in the interests of 12 justice. 13 (b) The denial of <u>a</u> request for a hearing will be issued <u>in writing immediately</u> upon decision, and in no ease later than 14 60 days after the submission of the request. Such The denial shall contain a statement of state the reasons leading the 15 Board to deny the request. 16 (c) Approval of a request for a hearing will be signified by the Board issuing a notice of hearing in accordance with 17 as required by G.S. 150B-38 and explained in Rule .0504 of this Section. 18 19 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-28; 150B-38; 20 Eff. August 25, 1977; 21 Amended Eff. May 1, 1989; April 1, 1988; October 1, 1986; November 20, 1980; 22 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. January 9, 23 2018.2018; 24 Amended Eff.

1	21 NCAC 16N .0504 is proposed for amendment as follows:	
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3	21 NCAC 16N .0504 NOTICE OF HEARING	
4	(a) The Board shall give the party or parties in a contested case a notice of hearing not less than 15 days b	efore the
5	hearing. Said notice shall contain the following information, in addition to the items specified in G.S. 150B-	38(b):
6	(1) The name, position, address and telephone number of a person at the office of the Board to	o contact
7	for further information or discussion; and	
8	(2) A statement explaining that the Respondent may be represented by counsel, testify, offer of	vidence,
9	and cross examine adverse witnesses at the hearing.	
10	(a) The Board shall give the party or parties in a contested case a notice of hearing by one of the following to	nethods:
11	(1) a signed acceptance of service from the party;	
12	(2) delivery to the party's attorney of record who accepts service on behalf of the party; or	
13	(3) any method of service permitted pursuant to G.S. 150B-38(c).	
14	(b) If the Board determines that the public health, safety, or welfare requires such-emergency action, it may	issue an
15	order summarily suspending a license pursuant to G.S. 150B-3. Upon service of the order, the The licensee	to whom
16	the order is directed shall immediately cease practicing in North Carolina. Carolina effective on the date of s	ervice of
17	the order. The Board shall promptly give notice of hearing pursuant to G.S. 150B-3 and 150B-38 following s	ervice of
18	the order. The suspension shall remain in effect pending issuance by the Board of a final agency decision pu	rsuant to
19	G.S. 150B-42.	
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21	History Note: Authority G.S. <u>90-41.1;</u> 150B-3; 150B-38;	
22	Eff. August 25, 1977;	
23	Amended Eff. April 1, 2015; May 1, 1989; April 1, 1988; October 1, 1986; November 20,	1980;
24	Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. Ja	nuary 9,
25	2018. 2018;	
26	Amended Eff	

1 21 NCAC 16U .0104 is proposed for adoption as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 16U .0104 **COOPERATION WITH BOARD INQUIRY** 4 (a) A licensee shall cooperate with the Board in connection with any inquiry it shall make. Cooperation includes: 5 acknowledging and responding in a timely manner to all inquiries from the Board or its 6 representatives; 7 claiming Board correspondence in a timely manner from the U. S. Postal Service or other delivery (2) 8 service, including correspondence by email; 9 (3) being available in a timely manner for investigative interviews with Board representatives; and 10 providing accurate and complete information in response to all Board inquiries. (4) 11 (b) For purposes of this Rule, an "inquiry" means any request from the Board or its representatives for information or 12 documentation, including investigative subpoenas and interview requests. "Timely" means within the time specified 13 by the Board for response to an inquiry or, if no time is specified, within five business days of receipt. 14 (c) A licensee shall notify the Board in writing within 10 business days of any change in the licensee's addresses or 15 telephone numbers, and shall provide the Board with an email address through which the Board may communicate 16 inquiries to the licensee. 17 18 Authority G.S. 90-27; 90-28; 90-41; 90-48; History Note: 19