

1 21 NCAC 16B .0303 is amended as published in 37:03 NCR 236-37 as follows:

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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 reexamination in accordance with Rule .0317 of this Section.

6 (b) All applicants for dental licensure shall achieve passing scores on the examination administered by the Joint
7 Commission on National Dental Examinations and clinical examinations administered by Board approved testing
8 agencies. The Board shall determine which testing agencies are approved based on the requirements set forth in
9 Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule.

10 (c) To qualify as an approved testing agency, the test-development agencies shall allow a representative of the Board
11 to serve on the Board of Directors and the Examination Review Committee of the ~~agency.~~ agency and allow Board
12 input in the examination development and administration.

13 (d) To qualify as an approved testing agency, the clinical examination administered by a testing agency shall:

14 (1) include procedures performed on human subjects or an alternative method that simulates human
15 subjects, including manikins, as part of the assessment of restorative clinical competencies;

16 (2) include evaluations in clinical periodontics and at least three of the following subject matter areas:

17 (A) endodontics, clinical abilities testing;

18 (B) amalgam preparation and restoration;

19 (C) anterior composite preparation and restoration;

20 (D) posterior ceramic or composite preparation and restoration;

21 (E) prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing;

22 (F) oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; or

23 (G) oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing; and

24 (3) provide the following:

25 (A) anonymity between applicants and examination graders;

26 (B) standardization and calibration of graders;

27 (C) a mechanism for post exam analysis;

28 (D) conjunctive scoring, which is scoring that requires applicants to earn a passing grade on all
29 sections or areas tested and that does not allow weighted, averaged, or overall scoring to
30 compensate for failures in individual subject areas;

31 (E) a minimum passing score set by the testing agency for each subject area tested;

32 (F) an annual review of the examination;

33 (G) a task analysis performed at least once every seven years, that surveys dentists nationwide
34 to determine the content of the examination;

35 (H) a system of quality assurance to ensure uniform, consistent administration of the
36 examination at each testing site; and

1 (I) does not permit a dental instructor to grade candidates at any institution at which the
2 instructor is employed.

3 (e) The Board shall accept examination scores for five years following the date of the examinations. Each applicant
4 shall arrange for ~~and ensure the submission of the applicant's scores to be submitted to the Board office. office the~~
5 ~~applicant's scores.~~ Individuals who apply for licensure more than five years after the examination date ~~to seek licensure~~
6 shall re-take the examination.

7 (f) The applicant shall comply with all requirements of the testing agency in applying for and taking the examination.
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14 *2018;*
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