

3100.3400 EXAMINATION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The act provides that the examination of applicants for a license to practice dental hygiene in this state shall be sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dental hygiene.

Subp. 2. **National board examination.** Each applicant must pass a national board examination. At the discretion of the board, any dental hygienist duly licensed to practice as such in another state which has and maintains laws regulating the practice of dental hygiene by dental hygienists, equivalent to this state's, who is of good professional character and is desirous of licensure in this state and presents a certificate from the examining board of the state in which the applicant is licensed so certifying, may be exempted from taking a national board examination provided the applicant has been licensed for five or more years.

Subp. 3. **Additional examination content.** All applicants shall be examined for general knowledge of the act and the rules of the board. Additional written theoretical examinations may be administered by the board.

Subp. 3a. **Additional education for two failed clinical examinations.** When an applicant fails twice any part of the clinical examination required by Minnesota Statutes, section 150A.06, subdivision 2, the applicant may not take it again until the applicant successfully completes additional education provided by an institution accredited by the Commission on Accreditation. The education must cover all of the subject areas failed by the applicant in each of the two clinical examinations. The applicant may retake the examination only after the institution provides to the board information specifying the areas failed in the previous examinations and the instruction provided to address the areas failed, and certifies that the applicant has successfully completed the instruction. The applicant must take the additional instruction provided above each time the applicant fails the clinical examination twice.

Subp. 4. **Examination for continued licensure.** The board may administer any other examination it deems necessary to determine qualifications for continued licensure.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 150A.04; 150A.06; 150A.08; 150A.09; 150A.10; 150A.11; 214.06*

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