

VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

**AGENDA**  
February 13, 2015

Department of Health Professions - Perimeter Center  
Second Floor Conference Center, Board Room 4  
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233

**TIME**

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order — Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H., Chair**
- Evacuation Announcement – Ms. Reen**
- Approval of March 8, 2013 Minutes P1**
- Status of Portfolio Model Clinical Exam Discussion**
- **Letter Sent to Dr. Sarrett P4**
- VA Dental Law Exam**
- **Report on Current Status**
  - **Review of States' Law Exam Requirements P11**
  - **Review Florida Candidate Information Booklet P13**
  - **Review Texas Jurisprudence Requirements P18**
  - **Review Texas Jurisprudence Assessment**
  - **Discuss Options**
    - **Continue administering for respondents**
    - **Eliminate the Exam**
    - **Require an exam for licensure**
    - **Require an exam periodically**

**Adjourn**

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**MINUTES OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 8, 2013**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The Examination Committee convened on March 8, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.
- PRESIDING:** Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** James D. Watkins, D.D.S.  
Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None
- STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry  
Huong Vu, Operations Manager
- ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** All members of the Committee were present.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Cutright asked if the Committee members had reviewed the February 1, 2013 minutes. No changes or corrections were made. Dr. Watkins moved to accept the February 1, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
- DISCUSS THE CLINICAL EXAM ADVISORY PANEL'S ADVICE:** Dr. Watkins commented that the CA portfolio model won't work in VA. He made the following suggestions:
- Scaling down the CA model;
  - Looking at other portfolio models; and
  - Hiring examiners.
- After much discussion, the Committee agreed by consensus to take the following actions:
- Ms. Reen is to draft and circulate for review a letter to Dr. Sarrett asking that the VCU School of Dentistry (School)

assist in addressing the feasibility of instituting portfolio examinations for dental and dental hygiene candidates by developing descriptions of the models for exam content and administration that would be feasible for administration at the School. The request should ask if it is feasible to plan for the digital review and evaluation of student performance by an objective examiner.

- Request that the School share the model with current students and survey them to determine the interest level in having a portfolio option for licensure to practice in Virginia. The goal is to determine if there would be enough candidates to support implementation of a portfolio option.
- Look at policy options for the Board such as:
  - identifying one or more viable models for independent administration of a portfolio exam,
  - exempting the top 10% of the School's students from the clinical exam requirement, and
  - establishing a hybrid exam by combining the School's portfolio model with the PIE I non-patient based ADEX exam.

The Committee will meet to review the information collected and then reconvene the Clinical Exam Advisory Panel to discuss the information.

**FUTURE OF DENTAL  
LAW EXAM:**

Ms. Reen asked the Committee to consider the recommendation it wishes to make to the Board about the future of the Dental Law Exam. She advised that the expectation for licensees to voluntarily take the Exam for CE credit was not realized and, as a consequence, there were not enough candidates to make it financially feasible for testing agencies to contract for administration of the exam. She added that she is revising the exam to reflect recent regulatory changes, such as the Emergency Regulations for Sedation/Anesthesia Permits, so that it might be administered to respondents at the Board office.

Following discussion of the options - eliminating the exam, requiring it periodically for all licensees, and/or requiring the exam for

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applicants the Committee agreed by consensus to review other states' requirements for passage of law exams before making a recommendation to the Board.

**CITA EXAM:**

Ms. Reen noted that the Board assigned the discussion of corresponding with the NC Board about acceptance of other exams, in addition to CITA, to the Committee. The concern identified was that the VA Board accepts all regional exams, so NC graduates can easily move to VA, whereas NC only accepts CITA, which limits the mobility of VA graduates and licensees. After discussion of the issue and the lack of response by the NC Board to the Board's prior request for acceptance of additional regional exams, by consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend that this matter not be pursued by the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S, Chair

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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August 9, 2013

David C. Sarrett, D.M.D., M.S.  
Dean of the School of Dentistry  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
PO Box 980566  
Richmond, VA 23298-0566

Dear Dr. Sarrett:

On behalf of the Examination Committee of the Board of Dentistry (the Committee), I am following up with you on the discussions that took place in February and March of 2013 on the subject of the Board developing a portfolio exam with the VCU School of Dentistry (the School). As I hope you will recall the Committee met with the Clinical Exam Advisory Panel (Panel) on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The outcome of this meeting was consensus on two issues, as noted on page 4 of the attached minutes. The first point of agreement was that the California model cannot be replicated in Virginia. The second point agreed to was that a study (similar to the study conducted by Comira for the California Board of Dentistry) is needed to address the development of a portfolio exam in Virginia.

The Committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Panel's advice for conducting a study and developing an alternate portfolio model. The Committee decided it was interested in pursuing this matter by determining if there is at least one feasible model to evaluate. To that end, the Committee is asking that you propose one or more models of the exam content and administration that could be accommodated at the School. Several features the Committee asked you to consider are:

- Independent administration,
- Availability for dental and dental hygiene candidates,
- Digital review and evaluation of student performance by an objective examiner, and
- A hybrid exam consisting of a portfolio section and the PIE I section of the ADEX exam.

If you agree to develop one or more models, the Committee also requests that you share the proposed model or models with the current dental and dental hygiene students at the School and survey them to determine the interest level in having this as an option for licensure in Virginia. The Committee would like to know if there would be enough candidates to support implementation of a portfolio model given that this option would only be accepted for licensure in Virginia.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this request at 804-367-4437 or [sandra.reen@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:sandra.reen@dhp.virginia.gov). I know the Committee looks forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,



Sandra K. Reen  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Dentistry

Enclosure

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
MINUTES OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE and  
CLINICAL EXAM ADVISORY PANEL  
FEBRUARY 1, 2013**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Examination Committee convened on February 1, 2013, at 9:40 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**PRESIDING:** Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James D. Watkins, D.D.S.  
Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER BOARD  
MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hebert R. Boyd, D.D.S.

**CLINICAL EXAM  
ADVISORY PANEL:** Mark Crabtree, D.D.S., Virginia Dental Association  
Marge Green, R.D.H., Virginia Dental Hygienists Association  
Charles Hackett, Jr., D.D.S., Old Dominion Dental Society  
Paul Wiley, D.D.S., VCU School of Dentistry

**PANEL MEMBER  
ABSENT:** Kathleen White, Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry  
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

**ESTABLISHMENT OF  
QUORUM:** All members of the Committee were present.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:** Dr. Cutright asked if the Committee members had reviewed the September 9, 2011 minutes. No changes or corrections were made. Dr. Watkins moved to accept the September 9, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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REVIEW OF  
MATERIALS FROM  
CALIFORNIA:

Dr. Cutright asked all to introduce themselves and to state which organization they represent and their preliminary thoughts on the California portfolio exam. After introductions, Dr. Cutright stated that the goal of this meeting is to identify and discuss any issues related to developing a portfolio exam with the VCU School of Dentistry, modeled on the California exam.

Ms. Reen noted that the Code of Virginia would not need to be amended to undertake a portfolio exam, but regulatory action might be needed.

Ms. Green asked if the California Board plans to offer this exam to dental hygienists. Ms. Reen replied no. Ms. Green asked to incorporate a dental hygiene portfolio exam in the initiative and noted that there are six (6) accredited dental hygiene programs in Virginia.

Dr. Crabtree commented that the group needs to think about the value of having independent third party assessments and of assuring the anonymity of candidates in any exam format. He added that another dental school will be opening in Virginia at Bluefield College, which will have 10 chairs and will partner with dental practices to provide educational opportunities.

Ms. Reen noted that she was unsuccessful in getting a contact person at Bluefield College to invite participation on the advisory panel. She went on to state that the California Board has agreed to share their model because of their interest in having use of the model expand to allow for the mobility of candidates.

Dr. Crabtree asked if the Hammond and Buckendahl and the Ranney and Hambleton reports, referenced in the 2009 Comira report, could be obtained for the panel. He noted that the Hammond and Buckendahl report does not support the use of portfolio exams for dental licensure because the model does not provide an assessment of minimum skills that is administered independent of the training program. He added that the Ranney and Hambleton report identified several criteria for the success of a portfolio model, including administration by independent parties.

Dr. Watkins encouraged changing the standard for exams from establishing "minimal competency" to a more positive statement such as "proficiency."

Ms. Reen pointed out that the California model includes the



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participation of examiners from outside schools to strengthen the credibility of the process and ensure objectivity of ratings.

Ms. Reen went on to say that unlike the Virginia Board, the California Board approves dental schools and already has oversight. Dr. Wiley replied that he thinks the reference to approved schools is specific to the portfolio exam because all of the schools are CODA accredited. Dr. Watkins asked if the Board sends representatives to participate in the CODA site visits in Virginia. Ms. Reen replied that the Board does not have a policy requiring representation, but the invitations to participate are sent to board members. She added that three or four members have elected to participate. She also added that she checked California's web page, and Dr. Wiley's understanding about the relationship of the Board and the schools is correct.

Dr. Crabtree stated that the financial impact needs to be addressed and that an audit program would be needed. Dr. Watkins questioned whether the demand for the exam would be worth the expense and resources required. Ms. Swecker stated her concern is that the number of students who may elect to take the exam would be very limited due to lack of mobility. Dr. Crabtree added the concern of who determines the qualification of the students to take the exam.

Ms. Reen noted that the cost to take the California exam is \$350 versus the regional exams, which cost well over \$1000 plus patient expenses. She commented that it appears, based on the discussion thus far, that Virginia may need a different model because of the difference in scale between one dental school in Virginia versus six schools in California.

Dr. Cutright asked the panel members to give their advice on how the Board should proceed.

Dr. Wiley said that the School wants to develop a portfolio exam because students are assessed as they work on patients of record over a course of treatment whereas regional exams are a snapshot. He added that a portfolio exam would:

- reduce the disruptions associated with regional exams,
- reduce the costs to students, and
- have students working with faculty, so the exemption from licensure would definitely apply.

He noted that failure of a section of a regional exam in the first attempt is rarely an indicator of a lack of competence because with very few exceptions the section is passed on the second attempt.

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Dr. Crabtree commented that it is not clear how the California schools are going to be audited by the Board. He said this is a very important factor in deciding if a portfolio is workable in Virginia.

Ms. Reen noted that California has not implemented their exam at this time because its regulations are not in effect. She asked the panel members to state how they think the Board should proceed.

Dr. Crabtree stated that the VDA currently has no policy on portfolio exams. He said if the Board wants to go ahead with the portfolio exam, the Board needs to ensure candidate anonymity and a separation between the school and the Board in the administration of the exam. He said the Board needs a study specific to Virginia, so the place to start might be with a request for proposals.

Ms. Green stated that psychometric validity needs to be addressed, adherence to national standards is necessary, and she agrees a study specific to Virginia is needed. She suggested exploring a partnership between the school and the regional examining agencies.

Ms. Reen noted that Workforce data, which was collected with the 2012 renewals, shows that about 46% of dentists in Virginia completed dental school in Virginia. She said she will provide the survey results at the next meeting.

Dr. Watkins said the Board should consider the feasibility of a portfolio exam and suggested that a modified proposal be developed for discussion.

Dr. Wiley stated that portfolio exam is good for all, Board-school-public, with accepting risks. He added that VCU cannot replicate the clinical experiences required by California before the portfolio can be attempted. He recommended taking a more global look at the portfolio model.

Dr. Hackett stated that there is not enough data to support implementation of the California model, so more information is needed.

Ms. Reen stated that it appears the consensus of the panel is that the California model will not work in Virginia. She suggested that the Committee meet to discuss the advice received for conducting a study and the need for an alternate model before convening another meeting with the Advisory Panel.

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Dr. Cutright said that a meeting of the Committee was in order and then thanked the Panel members for their participation. She asked that they stay tuned for more information from the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S.

Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S. Chair

3/8/2013  
Date

Sandra K. Reen

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

3/8/2013  
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**Review of States' Law Exam Requirements**

TX	Required for licensure then every 3 years
PA	No exam
FL	Required for licensure
MD	Required for licensure
SC	Required for licensure
TN	No exam
WV	Required for licensure
KY	Required for licensure
NC	Required for licensure
GA	Required for licensure
DC	No exam
NY	One Time Course

New York State Education Department  
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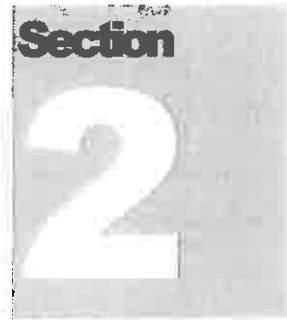
**Mandatory Continuing Education**

On or after the effective date of this subdivision, and no later than the end of the first registration period commencing on or after such date during which he or she is required to comply with the continuing education requirements of this section, each dentist shall have completed on a one-time basis, as part of the mandatory hours of acceptable formal continuing education required by this section, no fewer than three hours in a course approved by the department in dental jurisprudence and ethics, which shall include the laws, rules, regulations and ethical principles relating to the practice of dentistry in New York state, provided that postgraduate dental students enrolled in New York state dental residency programs may satisfy the requirements of this subdivision by taking such an approved course during the period of their dental residency prior to their initial licensure.

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**CANDIDATE INFORMATION BOOKLET**  
*for the*  
**DENTAL AND DENTAL HYGIENE**  
**LAWS AND RULES EXAMINATION**  
**COMPUTER BASED TEST (CBT)**  
**2012**



## **THE EXAMINATION**

### **2.1 Testing procedures**

Once seated at the examination computer, the process will be as follows.

#### **Non-Disclosure Agreement**

- Before beginning the examination, candidates will be **REQUIRED** to agree to a confidentiality clause stating that they will not share the content of the examination.

#### **Tutorial**

- An introductory tutorial covering how to move through the computer-based test will be provided before the examination time begins.
- Fifteen (15) minutes are allotted for the tutorial. This time does **NOT** count against the examination time.
- Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that candidates may practice using the keys, answering questions, and reviewing answers.

#### **Examination**

- Each question will be shown on its own screen.
- Candidates may move back and forth between questions.
- Candidates may review their answers at any time during and after the examination, provided there is still time remaining.
- Minutes remaining will be displayed on the screen.

#### **Post-Exam Survey**

- An optional candidate satisfaction survey will be presented after completion of the examination. This data is used to continually improve the examination process.
- There is a space for notes in the survey for any comments regarding the testing process and/or individual examination questions.

## Preliminary Score Report

- A preliminary score will be provided immediately following completion of the examination. Psychometricians continuously review DOH examinations in order to ensure fair, accurate, and consistent testing. Scores may be changed after expert review if they find a technical problem, misconduct, or unusual pattern in exam question responses. This means that the preliminary score report may not reflect the true score. This preliminary report is intended to give candidates a general idea of how they scored, but is not official or legally binding, and cannot be used to gain licensure or employment. Official examination results can be obtained after approximately ten (10) business days from:  
<http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/OnlineTestNET/default.aspx>
- **The following summary describes the preliminary score reporting process:**
- **On screen** – the preliminary score will appear immediately on the computer screen. This will happen automatically at the end of the time allowed for the examination; if using review features, candidates will be able to obtain their score immediately when they indicate that they have finished and would like to see the results.
  - If a candidate **passes**, they will immediately receive a successful notification on screen.
  - If a candidate **does not pass**, they will immediately receive an unsuccessful notification on screen.
- **On paper** – a preliminary score report will be printed at the examination site.

## 2.2 Content overview

- Candidates will be given one hour and thirty (30) minutes (1.5 hours) to complete the examination. Not including the fifteen (15) minutes for the tutorial.
- The examination consists of sixty-four (64) scored multiple-choice questions.
- Areas covered:
  - Florida Dental Practice Act Section 466, Florida Statutes
  - Florida Dental Practice Act Section 456, Florida Statutes
  - Florida Dental Board Rules Chapter 64B5, Florida Administrative Code

## 2.3 Pilot testing of new questions

The examination may contain a small number of experimental or “pilot” questions. The purpose of including pilot questions within the examination is to expand and improve the bank of questions from which future examinations will be drawn. This is a common practice used by many national and state examination programs and is a critical step in ensuring the continued reliability and validity of these examinations. In the event that pilot questions are included within the examination, these questions will NOT be counted when computing scores. The time allowed for testing has been evaluated to ensure there is adequate time for completing test questions and pilot questions. Pilot questions are NOT identified. If the pilot questions were identified, many of the candidates would skip them and the results would not be valid. The development of a good examination requires accurate candidate response information for the pilot questions.



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## 2.4 Sample questions

Sample questions are provided below. These questions are included only to provide examples of the type and structure of the examination questions. The answer for each question is in **bold type**.

1. What is NOT included in the definition of DIRECT supervision?
  - A. diagnosing the condition to be treated
  - B. authorizing the procedure to be performed
  - C. remaining on the premises
  - D. **writing work authorizations to a commercial laboratory**
  
2. What is the minimum number of continuing education hours that a dental hygienist must complete biennially for re-licensure?
  - A. 22
  - B. **24**
  - C. 26
  - D. 28
  
3. A dentist who administers any form of anesthesia must possess certification
  - A. from the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
  - B. from the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology.
  - C. in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
  - D. **in conscious sedation.**
  
4. When examining an established patient in a multi-dentist practice, the new dentist of record is NOT required to
  - A. **develop a new treatment plan.**
  - B. examine the patient.
  - C. review the patient's dental records.
  - D. review the patient's medical history.
  
5. Advertised fees for dental service must state a specified period which the fee is in effect or that the service will remain at or below the advertised fee for at least how many days?
  - A. 30
  - B. 60
  - C. **90**
  - D. 120
  
6. Appropriate subject matter for continuing education for dental hygienists would include
  - A. dental financial management.
  - B. dental office management.
  - C. dental personnel management.
  - D. **patient stress management.**

## SCORING INFORMATION AND SCORE NOTIFICATION

### 3.1 Scoring procedures

Candidates must obtain a score of 75% or better to pass the examination.

The grading process includes a statistical analysis of the examination. The statistical analysis and review are done prior to release of the scores by the Department of Health in order to ensure the accuracy of all examination results.

### 3.2 Notification of results

At the end of the computer based examination **candidates will receive their preliminary score report**. When candidates check-out, the Proctor will print a copy of this preliminary score report.

Official scores will be posted on the Practitioner Reporting & Examination Services Unit Website approximately ten (10) business days following the examination at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/Exam>. Candidates may log in to the website at anytime to check the status of the online posting of scores. According to section 456.017, *Florida Statutes*, the date that the examination scores are published to the website is the official date of score release utilized by the Department of Health, Practitioner Reporting & Examination Services Unit in all record keeping.

- Hardcopy score reports **will NOT** be mailed to candidates.
- Paper score reports will only be available upon request by the candidate.
- Score results CANNOT be given out over the telephone.
- Score results CANNOT be picked up in person.
- Score results WILL NOT be sent via mail.
- **Please do not call the Board Office, Practitioner Reporting & Examination Services Unit, or Prometric for this information.**

## TEXAS JURISPRUDENCE REQUIREMENTS



### Take the Jurisprudence Assessment Online

Click the "Continue Button" to select the online assessment you need to take.

**Note:** The Jurisprudence Assessment must be taken online using a computer. It is not available for download in written form.



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### General Information on the Texas Jurisprudence Requirements

- Dentists [CLICK HERE](#)
- Dental Hygienists [CLICK HERE](#)
- Dental Assistants [CLICK HERE](#)
- Dental Laboratories [CLICK HERE](#)

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### General Information About the Jurisprudence Assessment

- No advanced preparation or study materials are needed. The assessment is viewed as a learning tool.
- Content for the applicable rule or law for each question is available in the form of a link for use any time above each question.
- A "No Fail" Question & Answer Format. Questions must be answered correctly in order to advance forward within the assessment.
- Take it at your convenience 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Take all the time you need to complete your assessment. Log out at any time to finish later.
- Your purchase is confirmed by e-mail.
- No cost for duplicate certificates.
- The fee is \$55. Payment can be made with a major credit card, bank card or by electronic check.

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### Contact the Dental Board

Questions pertaining to Licensure, Registrations, Renewals or Board Order/Conditional Dismissal Compliance relative to the Jurisprudence Assessment should be directed to Dental Board Staff at:

**E-Mail:** [information@tsbde.state.tx.us](mailto:information@tsbde.state.tx.us)

**Fax:** (512) 463-7452

**Mail:** State Board of Dental Examiners, 333 Guadalupe, Tower 3, Suite 800, Austin, TX 78701-3942

**Telephone:** (512) 463-6400 (Calls are answered in the order they are received and messages are returned within 24 hours.)

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### **Jurisprudence Requirements for Dentists**

#### **Requirement:**

Effective **January 1, 2008** the Jurisprudence requirement may only be met by taking the online Jurisprudence Assessment once every three years.

**Note:** Take the Jurisprudence Assessment before the 3-year anniversary date of when you last took your jurisprudence component (whether you took a course in a classroom setting prior to January 1, 2008 or whether you took the online Jurisprudence Assessment after January 1, 2008.

#### **Submitting Proof of Completion to the Dental Board:**

The licensee is responsible for maintaining a copy of his/her Jurisprudence Assessment **Certificate of Completion** for a period of three (3) years and shall present proof of completion to the Board upon request for:

- **Initial Licensure:** Submit proof with the Initial Licensure Application. The certificate must be dated within the preceding 12 months of making application to the Dental Board.
- **Board Order or Conditional Dismissal:** Respondents should submit proof in accordance with the requirements outlined in their Board Order or Conditional Dismissal documentation. Please include your Case Number on all of your correspondence.
- **Reinstatement of a Retired License:** Submit proof when making application for reinstatement of the license. The certificate must be dated within the preceding 12 months of making application to the Dental Board.
- **Other Reasons:** If selected for **Continuing Education Audit**, the Dental Board will request a copy of the Certificate of Completion for the **Jurisprudence Assessment for License Renewal**. You are not required to submit of your Certificate of Completion when renewing your license, only when your license is selected for CE audit.

#### **Continuing Education:**

The Dental Board does not award Continuing Education (CE) credit for taking the online Jurisprudence Assessment **however**, if you take a Jurisprudence course **in addition** to taking the Dental Board's Jurisprudence Assessment you may apply your **coursework** credits earned towards your annual CE requirement.

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### Jurisprudence Requirements for Dental Hygienists

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- **Board Order or Conditional Dismissal:** Respondents should submit proof in accordance with the requirements outlined in their Board Order or Conditional Dismissal documentation. Please include your Case Number in all of your correspondence.
- **Non-Texas Trained Hygienists Seeking Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Certification:** Hygienists must have received training in a non-Texas dental hygiene program within the previous 5 years. The Jurisprudence Certificate of Completion must be dated within the preceding 12 months.
- **Reinstatement of a Retired License:** Submit proof when making application for reinstatement of the license. The certificate must be dated within the preceding 12 months of making application to the Dental Board.
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### Jurisprudence Requirements for a Dental Laboratories

#### Requirements:

- **New Laboratories:** Effective January 1, 2009, all new laboratories conducting business in Texas will need to complete the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment for Dental Laboratory Initial Registration before making application with the Dental Board. A copy of the

Jurisprudence Assessment Certificate of Completion must be submitted with the Application for Registration of a Dental Laboratory and must be dated within the preceding 12 months.

- **Currently Registered Laboratories:** Effective January 1, 2009, currently registered dental laboratories have until January 1, 2012 to complete the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment for Renewal of a Texas Dental Laboratory Registration. This assessment is to be completed once every three years for registration renewal. A copy of the Jurisprudence Assessment Certificate of Completion should be maintained on file with the Laboratory and made available upon request by the Dental Board.

#### **Jurisprudence Assessments for Dental Laboratories:**

- **Dental Laboratory Applying for Initial Registration in Texas (New Applicants)**

This assessment is intended to allow dental laboratories an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Texas Occupations Code (statutes that govern the practice of this profession in Texas) and the Rules and Regulations of the Board for Initial Registration.

**NBC Professional Development Credit Awarded.** One hour of Professional Development Credit is awarded by the National Board of Certification (NBC) in Dental Laboratory Technology for completion of the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment. The NBC Professional Development Credit Course Number is found on every assessment Certificate of Completion. The Certificate of Completion can be printed immediately upon completing the assessment or you may log into your user account at a later date to print a copy.

- **Renewal of an Existing Texas Dental Laboratory Registration**

This assessment is to be taken by current Texas dental laboratories fulfilling the jurisprudence requirement once every three years for registration renewal.

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- **Jurisprudence Assessment for Compliance of an SBDE Board Order or Conditional Dismissal**

Respondents who have received documentation from the SBDE Legal Division or SBDE Compliance Officer will complete this assessment. When providing proof of completion please include your SBDE Case Number on your fax or cover letter for faster processing.

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#### **Jurisprudence Assessment Requirements for Dental Assistants**

- **Dental Assistant Registration Procedures for RDA (Radiology) Certificate:**

- **To view a list of Approved Course Providers** who offer a course and examination that will meet the qualification requirements for registration with the Dental Board and receive the RDA Credential to make x-rays in Texas - **CLICK HERE**

When a Dental Assistant has fully completed the registration process, the State Board of Dental Examiners will issue the **Dental Assistant Registration Certificate and a Registration Number** to the dental assistant. The Certificate must be displayed where services are provided in order to make and position radiographs (x-rays) legally in Texas.

• **Jurisprudence Assessment for Dental Assistant National Board Certified Dental Assistants** registering to make Radiographs in Texas. Not sure you have a DANB CDA Credential or have completed the DANB RAD or ICE Exams? Contact DANB at [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org).

Dental Assistants who hold a current DANB CDA Credential or possess a Certificate of Completion of the DANB Infection Control Examination and a Certificate of Completion of the DANB Dental Radiation Health and Safety Examination will want to take the SBDE Jurisprudence Assessment online to complete the Texas Jurisprudence component for registration purposes.

• **Jurisprudence Assessment for Coronal Polishing Certificate:**

- 1) This assessment is **only** to be taken by assistants who qualify under **Option 2** or **Option 3** as stated in the Coronal Polishing Certificate Instructions.
- 2) To learn more about the Qualification Options for the Coronal Polishing Certificate **CLICK HERE**

**Submitting Proof of Completion to the Dental Board:**

**No Jurisprudence Registration Renewal Requirement:** Dental Assistants are **not** required to take the Jurisprudence Assessment once every three years for registration (license) renewal purposes like that of dentists and dental hygienists. Dental Assistants only take a Jurisprudence component prior to initial registration with the Dental Board.

The dental assistant is responsible for maintaining a copy of his/her online Jurisprudence Assessment Certificate of Completion for a period of three (3) years and shall present proof of completion to the Board upon request for:

- **DANB CDA Initial Registration to Make Radiographs in Texas:** In lieu of having the DANB CDA Credential you may submit a copy of both the Certificate of Completion for the DANB Infection Control Examination and DANB Radiation Health and Safety Exam along with your Jurisprudence Certificate of Completion. Submit proof of completion with your Dental Assistant Registration Application. Your Jurisprudence Assessment Certificate of Completion must be dated within the preceding 12 months of making application to the Dental Board.
- **Coronal Polishing Certificate:** In addition to submitting your application and documents showing successful completion from DANB, or graduation from a CODA-Accredited Dental Assisting Program that included didactic course work and clinical training in Coronal Polishing, you must submit a copy of your Jurisprudence Assessment Coronal Polishing Certificate of Completion dated within the preceding 12 months of making application to the Dental Board.
- **Board Order or Conditional Dismissal:** Dental Assistants who are named as a Respondent in legal action taken by the Board should submit proof of completion in accordance with the requirements outlined in their Board Order or Conditional Dismissal documentation. Please include your Case Number in all of your correspondence.

**Continuing Education Information:**

The Dental Board does not award Continuing Education (CE) credit for taking the online Jurisprudence Assessment.

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