

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE
BOARD OF DENTISTRY, CHAPTER 150-3 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS,
RULE 150-3-.01 EXAMINATION FOR DENTAL LICENSURE
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry, (hereinafter "Board") proposes to adopt amendments to the rule for the Georgia State Board of Dentistry, Rule 150-3-.01 *Examination for Dental Licensure* (hereinafter "proposed amended rule").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed amended rule and a synopsis of the proposed amended rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed amended rule, and a synopsis of the proposed amended rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board's web page at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/dentistry. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board's office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amended rule. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before April 5, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Dentistry, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 866-888-1308.

The proposed amended rule will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:05 a.m. on April 12, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry has the authority to adopt this rule amendment pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-20 and 43-11-40.

At its meeting on February 8, 2013, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this new rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-20 and 43-11-40. Also, at its meeting on February 8, 2013, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-20, and 43-11-40 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of Dentistry.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 5th day of March, 2013.

Lisa Durden
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE OF THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
CHAPTER 150-3, RULE 150-3-.01 EXAMINATION FOR DENTAL LICENSURE**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to provide a period for acceptance of scores for examination.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule details what examinations will be accepted and during what period they will be considered for licensure.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED RULE FOR THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
CHAPTER 150-3, RULE 150-3-.01 EXAMINATION FOR DENTAL LICENSURE**

150-3-.01 Examination for Dental Licensure.

- (1) Each candidate submitting an application for a dental license must have passed all sections of the National Board Theory Examinations – Part I and Part II with a score of 75 or higher. The President of the Georgia Board of Dentistry may appoint one or more members of the Board to proctor the National Dental Board Examinations held in Georgia.
- (2) Each candidate for a license to practice dentistry must pass with a score of 75 or higher a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Georgia. Such examination shall be in the English language. The score will be valid for one year.
- (3) Each candidate for a license to practice dentistry must pass all sections with a score of 75 or higher on any clinical examination administered by the Georgia Board of Dentistry, or a testing agency designated and approved by the Board. Such examination shall be in the English language.
- (4) Any candidate who fails one or two sections of any clinical examination or any combination of one, two, or three sections of the clinical examination, three times must take a remedial course of study designated and pre-approved by the board.
 - (a) Once the candidate shows written proof of successful completion of the approved course of study, the Board will grant the candidate one additional attempt at successful passage of a clinical licensing examination approved by the board.
 - (b) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be authorized or scores recognized by the board for licensure in Georgia.
- (5) Any candidate who fails three or more sections of any clinical examination three times must successfully complete a one-year American Dental Association-accredited course of study pre-approved by the board.
 - (a) Once the candidate provides written proof of successful completion of this one-year course of study, the board will grant the candidate one additional attempt at successful passage of a clinical licensing examination approved by the Georgia Board.
 - (b) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be authorized or scores recognized by the board for licensure in Georgia.
- (6) For purposes of this rule, failure of the completed curriculum integrated format type examination shall only be counted as one (1) examination failure. The final section/sections failed with the curriculum integrated format type examination will be applicable to sections (4) and (5) of this rule.
- (7) In determining whether an applicant has met the requirements for licensure, the board will only consider:
 - (a) The examination given by the Georgia Board of Dentistry prior to February 22, 1993.
 - (b) Results from the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) that were attained between February 22, 1993 and December 31, 2005; to include SRTA retake examination results until December 31, 2006.
 - (c) Results from the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination as uniformly administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) and the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) that were attained ~~prior to~~ between January 1, 2006 and June 30, 2009.
 - (d) Results from the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) examination or any other testing agency designated and approved by the Board attained subsequent to June 30, 2009. Results from the retake examinations administered by the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) or the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) are accepted through June 30, 2010. Such retakes must be from initial examinations taken prior to June 30, 2009 and must include at least one successful score from Parts II, III, IV or V.

(8) Each candidate for Georgia licensure must furnish a background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.

(9) The Board may hold other examinations as may be required and necessary.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-8, 43-11-20, and 43-11-40.