

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND RULE OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
DENTISTRY  
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 amendments to Georgia Board of Dentistry Rule 150-3-.01 EXAMINATION FOR DENTAL LICENSURE (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the rule including the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the rule including the proposed amendments 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 Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Dentistry's web page at <http://gbd.georgia.gov/>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM on June 12, 2020 via conference call at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed amendments. During 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 prior to June 5, 2020. Written comments should be addressed to Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Dentistry at 2 Peachtree Street NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. You may email your comments to [tbattle@dch.ga.gov](mailto:tbattle@dch.ga.gov).

The proposed rule amendments will be considered by the Georgia State Board of Dentistry during its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:05 AM on June 12, 2020 via conference call at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-40, and 43-11-41.

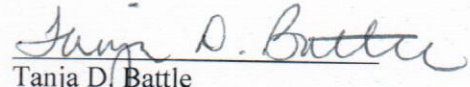
At its meeting on March 13, 2020, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these amendments do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amendments cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7 and 43-11-9.

At its meeting on 3/13/2020, the Board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7 and 43-11-9 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 these amendments 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 404-651-8000.

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

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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Executive Director  
Georgia Board of Dentistry

Posted: May 11, 2020



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

Purpose of rule: The purpose of this amendment is to update what exams will be accepted and what is required as part of regional exams.

Main Features: The main features of this amendment allow for acceptance of the new national exam format and ADEX examination from approved providers, as well as explicitly setting out what is required in regional exams.

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

NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**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 or have a passing score on the Integrated National Board Dental Exam. 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 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. ~~Examination scores from slot preparations of restorative dentistry shall neither be accepted nor recognized by the Board.~~
  - (e) Results from the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX) dental examination as uniformly administered by a testing agency approved by the Board beginning January 1, 2021.
  - (f) Regional examinations must include procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of clinical competencies and shall have included evaluations in the following areas:
    - 1. periodontics, human subject clinical abilities testing;
    - 2. endodontics, clinical abilities testing;
    - 3. posterior class II amalgam or posterior class II composite preparation and restoration, human subject clinical abilities testing;
    - 4. anterior class III composite preparation and restoration, human subject clinical abilities testing;
    - 5. crown preparation, clinical abilities testing;
    - 6. prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing;
    - 7. oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; and
    - 8. oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing.
  - (g) Examination scores from slot preparations of restorative dentistry shall neither be accepted nor recognized by the Board.
- (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, 43-11-20, 43-11-40, and 43-11-41