

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Rules Committee Meeting
February 8, 2013
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
8:30 a.m.

The following committee members were present:

Dr. Becky Carlon
Dr. Barry Stacey
Dr. Tom Godfrey

Staff Present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Brandi Howell, Licensure Analyst

Visitors:

Melana McClatchey, GDA
Wendy Blond, GDHA

Open Session

The Rules Committee of the Georgia Board of Dentistry met on Friday, February 8, 2013. The meeting was called into open session at 8:31 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Godfrey stated that a correction needed to be made to the minutes. Dr. Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2013 Rules Committee Meeting as amended. Dr. Carlon seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion Topics

Board Rule 150-3-.01 Examination for Dental Licensure: Dr. Godfrey made a motion that the Committee provide the proposed amended rule for the Board's consideration to vote to post at the Board meeting today. Dr. Carlon seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to provide the following rule for the Board's consideration:

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.

Board Rule 150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants: Dr. Godfrey made a motion that the Committee provide the proposed amended rule for the Board's consideration to vote to post at the Board meeting today. Dr. Carlon seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to provide the following rule for the Board's consideration:

150-9-.01 General Duties of Dental Assistants.

(1) A dental assistant shall be defined as one who is employed in a dental office to perform certain duties that assist the dentist. It is expected that the dental assistant will be familiar with the operations performed in the conduct of a dental practice; specifically, the sterilization of instruments, the general hygiene of the mouth, secretarial work, making appointments and bookkeeping. Under no circumstances may he or she perform any of the operations catalogued as dental hygiene treatments in Board Rule 150-5-.03(5).

(2) Direct supervision and control as it pertains to a dental assistant shall mean that a dentist licensed in Georgia is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental assistant and, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the dental assistant.

- (3) In addition to routine duties, the general duties identified below may be delegated to dental assistants under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. These duties may only be delegated in those instances when they are easily reversible and will not result in increased risk to the patient:
- (a) Make impressions for diagnostic models and opposing models.
 - (b) Place and expose radiographs after completing the training required by Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 290-5-22-.04 entitled X-Rays in the Health Arts.
 - (c) Remove sutures — other than wire sutures.
 - (d) Remove periodontal dressing.
 - (e) Place and remove rubber dams.
 - (f) Apply topical anesthetic.
 - (g) Remove visible excess cement from supramarginal areas of dental restorations and appliances with non-mechanical hand instruments.
 - (h) Fabricate extraorally temporary crowns and bridges.
 - (i) Cement temporary crowns and bridges with intermediate cement.
 - (j) Remove temporary crowns and bridges seated with intermediate cement.
 - (k) Place intracoronal temporary restorations using intermediate cement.
 - (l) Place drying and deoiling agents prior to the cementation of permanent crowns and bridges.
 - (m) Remove dry socket medication.
 - (n) Place and take off a removable prosthesis with a pressure sensitive paste after the appliance has been initially seated by the dentist.
 - (o) Etch unprepared enamel.
 - (p) Polish the enamel and restorations of the anatomical crown; however, this procedure may only be executed through the use of a slow speed handpiece (not to exceed 10,000 rpm), rubber cup and polishing agent. This procedure shall in no way be represented to patient as a prophylaxis. This procedure shall be used only for the purpose of enamel preparation for: 1) Bleaching, 2) Cementation of fixed restorations, 3) Bonding procedures including supramarginal enamel restorations after removal of orthodontic appliances. No direct charge shall be made to the patient for such procedure.
 - (q) Dry canals with absorbent points and place soothing medicaments (not to include endodontic irrigation); and place and remove temporary stopping with non-mechanical hand instruments only.
 - (r) Place matrix bands and wedges.
 - (s) Select, pre-size and seat orthodontic arch wires with brackets which have been placed by the dentist. Adjustment of the arch wire may only be made by the dentist.
 - (t) Select and pre-size orthodontic bands which initially must be seated by the dentist.
 - (u) Place and remove pre-treatment separators.
 - (v) Cut and tuck ligatures, remove ligatures and arch wires, remove loose or broken bands.
 - (w) Remove and recement loose bands that previously have been contoured and fitted by a dentist, but only after a dentist has examined the affected tooth and surrounding gingival and found no evidence of pathology.
 - (x) Perform phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures after appropriate training is acquired.

Board Rule 150-7-.04 Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials: Dr. Carlon made a motion that the Committee provide the proposed amended rule for the Board's consideration to vote to post at the Board meeting today. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Committee voted unanimously to provide the following rule for the Board's consideration:

150-7-.04 Dental Provisional Licensure by Credentials.

- (1) For purposes of this rule "State" includes Washington D.C. and all U.S. territories.
- (2) "Provisional Licensure by Credentials" means a license to practice dentistry in the State of Georgia granted to individuals licensed to practice dentistry in another state who have not met all of the requirements for a regular dental license but who have met equivalent requirements for the practice of dentistry as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-41 and by board rule.

(3) “Full Time Clinical Practice” means a minimum of 1,000 hours for each twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of the application in the hands-on treatment of patients. Training programs do not qualify as full time clinical practice.

(4) “Active Dental License” is defined as an unencumbered license held by an individual without restrictions.

(5) “Full Time Clinical Faculty Practice” means a minimum of 1,000 hours for each twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date of the application in the teaching of clinical dental skills at an ADA-accredited dental school/program. Training programs do not qualify as full time clinical faculty practice.

(6) Only those applicants licensed and currently engaged in full time clinical practice as defined in subsection (3) of this rule in a state that has a credentialing law similar to the licensure by credentials law in Georgia will be considered by the board for a provisional license by credentials. Applicants from states not issuing licenses by credentials are ineligible.

(7) The board may, in its discretion, grant a provisional license by credentials to dentists licensed in another state who do not hold a Georgia license to practice dentistry.

(8) As set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-11-41, an applicant for a provisional license by credentials must also meet the following requirements:

(a) Must have an active dental license in good standing from another state.

(b) Must have received a doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) degree or a doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree from a dental school approved by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (A.D.A.) or its successor agency.

(c) Applicants must have been in full time clinical practice, as defined in subsection (3) of this rule; full time faculty as defined in subsection (5) of this rule; or a combination of both for each of the five years immediately preceding the date of the application. The applicant must have practiced all five consecutive twelve month periods immediately preceding the date of the application in one single state that has a credentialing law similar to the licensure by credentials law in Georgia.

(d) Candidates with any felony convictions are not eligible. Candidates convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or dealing with the administering, dispensing or taking of drugs including, but not limited to controlled substances, are not eligible.

(e) Those applicants who have received a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor agency, must provide the following in order to complete their application:

1. Certified copy of the applicant’s testing results showing passage of all sections with a score of 75 or higher or its equivalent score on a clinical examination administered by the board or a testing agency designated and approved by the board.

(i) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be recognized by the board for licensure by credentials in Georgia.

2. Show passage with a score of 75 or higher on a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Georgia. Such examination shall be administered in the English language.

3. Proof of current CPR certification;

4. Copies of any and all National Practitioner’s Data Bank reports pertaining to the applicant;

5. Official transcripts under seal from a school or university from which the applicant received his/her doctorate in dentistry;

6. National Board scores showing passage of all sections of the examination with a score of 75 or higher;

7. Verification of licensure from all states where the applicant has ever held or currently holds a license to practice dentistry; and

8. Furnish a background check. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of a background check.

(9) Those applicants who have received a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its

successor agency, in addition to the information required in subsection (8)(a), (c), (d) and (e) of this rule must also provide the following in order to complete their application:

(a) Successful completion at an accredited dental school approved by the board of the last two years of a program leading to the doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or doctor of dental medicine (D.M.D.) degree; and

(b) Certification by the dean of the accredited dental school where such supplementary program was taken that the candidate has achieved the same level of didactic and clinical competency as expected of a graduate of the school.

(10) A certification letter from a dental board or regional testing agency of a passing score of 75 or higher on each section of a clinical licensure examination substantially equivalent to the clinical licensure examination required in Georgia and which was administered by the dental board or its designated testing agency. A certification letter from the applicants' dental school is not acceptable.

(a) Such certification shall state that the examination included 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.

(b) In addition to the foregoing requirements to be eligible for licensure consideration by credentials, a license examination after January 1, 1998 shall include:

1. anonymity between candidates and examination raters;
2. standardization and calibration of raters; and
3. a mechanism for post exam analysis.

(c) After a fourth failure of one or more sections of any clinical examination, no further attempts will be recognized by the board for licensure by credentials in Georgia.

(d) All applicants must show passage of a jurisprudence examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in the State of Georgia. Such examinations shall be administered in the English language.

(11) Within the first two (2) years of being granted a provisional license by credentials, applicant must establish full-time clinical practice which is defined in subsection (2) of this rule or the license will be automatically revoked.

(12) Active duty military dentists on federal installations are exempt from the state of practice requirement as contained in subsection (6) of this rule as long the applicant has an active license in an acceptable state and meets all other requirements as set forth in this rule.

(13) Contract employees on Georgia federal installations are exempt from the state of practice requirement as contained in subsection (6) of this rule as long the applicant has an active license in an acceptable state and meets all other requirements as set forth in this rule.

(14) These exempt applicants must provide a letter from the supervising authority/commanding officer at the federal installation. Such letter must include but not be limited to the applicants' general service record, any complaint or disciplinary action as well as continuing education the credentialing candidate may have obtained.

(15) For the first five biennial renewal periods, the holder of a dental provisional license by credentials must attest to the fact that he or she has maintained full time clinical practice in the State of Georgia as defined in subsection (3) of this rule.

(16) The Board shall have the authority to refuse to grant a provisional license by credentials to an applicant, or to revoke the provisional license by credentials to a dentist licensed by the Board, or to

discipline a dentist holding a provisional license by credentials in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 43-11-47.

Board Rule 150-3-.07 Inactive Licensure Status. Amended.: Discussion was held concerning possible amendments to this rule. The Committee will continue to review and will discuss further at the next scheduled committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Licensure Analyst
Minutes edited by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director