

February 3, 2021

Dear Educators of Minnesota Dental Programs;

Recent changes to the licensing process will impact graduating students this Spring. Please distribute this communication to your students.

PROOF OF GRADUATION

Starting this year, the Board of Dentistry will **only accept transcripts** sent directly by the school's registrar's office. Please be sure as soon as you have announced graduation that students are contacting their registrar's office and either requesting an e-transcript be sent to our general board e-mail: dental.board@state.mn.us, or have an official/original mailed to the Board office. Transcripts must show the applicant's conferred date of graduation, name, and degree earned.

The Board of Dentistry is migrating to a new database this year. We do not know yet when the "go-live" date will be, but most likely will impact applicants in the later half of 2021. In this new system we will no longer have paper applications, as the process will be online, with the exception of transcripts and also if residencies or faculty licenses require acceptance letters, as those would still be e-mailed/mailed directly to the Board.

PRE-APPLICATION

We encourage dental applicants to initiate the pre-application process on our website. This requires they select their appropriate application type, enter their demographics and pay their full application fee. They still must download the appropriate application packet to complete and mail to the Board of Dentistry office, with supporting documents.

The benefit of the Pre-Application Process is it allows the applicant/student to receive the background check packet as soon as fees are paid. Whether the applicant is opting to submit deferral forms or completing the fingerprinting, these processes both still take the BCA at least 3+ weeks to clear. Our Board will hold applications in queue until the CBC report is provided to our Board, and only then can we move forward with issuance of license, as this is Statutorily required.

BACKGROUND CHECK

In the beginning of the Peacetime Emergency last Spring, our Governor signed an Executive Order that allowed applicants to submit a deferral background check, in lieu of their fingerprints. This option is still available, should your students wish to e-mail our Board and request a deferral packet be e-mailed to them. We cannot provide this unless they have already completed their pre-application, and paid application fees.

What is very important for the applicants/students to know is if they opt for this deferral option, **they must still schedule a fingerprint appointment.** Anyone licensed by deferral has only 180 days to complete the fingerprint requirements and submit their fingerprint card, and the appropriate consent form, or it will impact their issued license.

When showing up to your fingerprint appointment, remember to bring along all instructions and forms. There is a form that the vendor will also need to sign off on.

EXAMS FOR 2021

We did send a previous e-mail to our Educators on January 13, 2021 regarding the accepted exams for this calendar year.

Below is a table showing the current exams we are accepting. This was voted on at our November 2020 Clinical Licensure Exam Committee meeting, and brought before the full Board at their January 2021 meeting. Our Board is continuing to observe some of the All-Manikin exams for Dental licensure and there is the possibility additional exams may be accepted in the future. This would be a decision most likely discussed at our April Board meeting. Please know that we will always post our most up to date information related to licensure on our website.

The table below does not reflect our Dental Therapy applicants. Our previous communication did provide the following:

Dental Therapy applicants must pass:

- Traditional Clinical CDCA DT Examination
- Or the CDCA CompeDont component, in lieu of patient based restorative; Endodontic (pulpotomy) and Prosthodontic (SS crowns) Manikin components
- CDCA DT OSCE Examination
- And Jurisprudence Examination

DENTAL EXAMS		Manikin Components		Additional Components		OSCE	2021 Board Decisions
		Endo.	Prosth.	Op.	Perio.		
Agencies	CRDTS Traditional Exam	Yes	Yes	Yes (Patient)	Not required	No	Yes, already approved
	WREB Traditional Exam	Yes	Yes	Yes (Patient)	Not required	Yes (CTP)	Yes, already approved
	CDCA Traditional Exam (ADEX)	Yes	Yes	Yes (On Patient)	Not required	Yes (DSE OSCE)	Yes, already approved
	CDCA Alternate Exam (ADEX)	Yes	Yes	Yes (CompeDont)	Not required	Yes (DSE OSCE)	Yes, already approved
	SRTA Traditional Exam	Yes	Yes	Yes (Patient)	Not required	No	Yes, already approved
	CITA Traditional Exam	Yes	Yes	Yes (On Patient)	Not required	Yes (DSE OSCE)	Yes, already approved
	Canadiam OSCE Exam					Yes (DL OSCE)	Yes, already approved
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMS							2021 Board Decisions
Agencies	CRDTS Traditional Exam	NA	NA	NA	Yes (Patient)	Not approved	Yes, already approved
	CRDTS Alternate Exam	NA	NA	NA	Yes (Manikin)	Not approved	Yes, already approved
	WREB Traditional Exam	NA	NA	NA	Yes (Patient)	Yes	Yes, already approved
	WREB Alternate Exam	NA	NA	NA	Yes (Manikin)	Yes	Yes, already approved
	CDCA Traditional Exam (ADEX)	NA	NA	NA	Yes (Patient)	Yes	Yes, already approved
	CDCA Alternate Exam (ADEX)	NA	NA	NA	Yes (Manikin)	Yes	Yes, already approved