
ATTENTION ALL LICENSING APPLICANTS FOR 2021

The Board passed the attached resolution at the January 15, 2021 meeting due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency Declaration and lack of availability of live patient exams. To meet the requirements for dental licensure for 2021, sections 59 O.S. 328.21(D)(2)(*the periodontal component*) and (D)(4)(*the anterior class iii and posterior class ii restorative component*), may be completed on a live patient during clinic at a CODA approved dental school as certified by the Dean of the school, the instructor and the student.

The three remaining portions/components of the exam, must be completed by successful passage of the three components during a CDCA or WREB exam.

SEE BELOW FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION

59 O.S. § 328.21

- (1) a fixed prosthetic component of the preparation of an anterior all porcelain crown and the preparation of a three-unit posterior bridge, (MANNIKIN EXAM)
- (2) a periodontal component on a live patient,
(MAY BE COMPLETED BY PORTFOLIO WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION)
- (3) an endodontic component, (MANNIKIN EXAM)
- (4) an anterior class III and posterior class II restorative component on a live patient,
(MAY BE COMPLETED BY PORTFOLIO WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION)
- (5) a diagnosis and treatment planning section as approved by the Board, as specified in Section 328.15 of this title,
and (EXAM ONLY)

Sections 2 and 4 may ALSO be completed by mannikin with portfolio documentation to meet the live patient portion requirement of the statute.

THE BOARD HIGHLY ENCOURAGES ALL CANDIDATES FOR LICENSURE TO TAKE A FULL COMPONENT EXAM AS OFFERED BY CDCA AND WREB AS YOU WILL LIKELY BE LIMITED ON PORTABILITY TO OTHER STATES AND LIMITED IN CREDENTIALING BY SOME GROUPS.

RESOLUTION R-2021-1
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
January 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION GIVING GUIDANCE FOR LIVE PATIENT EXAMS FOR DENTAL STUDENTS AND DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENTS DURING THE COVID-19 NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND STATE-WIDE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

This is a resolution by the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry.

This resolution is enacted pursuant to
59 O.S. § 328.15(B)(1)ⁱ and 59 O.S. § 328.15(B)(2)ⁱⁱ

This resolution of the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry shall be to advise Dental Students and Dental Hygiene Students seeking licensure from the Board between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 during the COVID-19 declared Federal and State, State of Emergency.

This resolution shall automatically expire on December 31, 2021.

**LIVE PATIENT EXAM REQUIREMENTS AND
ACCEPTANCE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021.**

1. The Oklahoma Board of Dentistry has the authority to determine education, training, licensing and oversight of all licensed and permitted individuals in the dental industry pursuant to 59 O.S. § 328 et. seq.;
2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. §328.15 B(1) and B(2), the State Board of Dentistry has the authority to examine and test the qualifications of applicants for a license or permit to be issued by the Board;
3. The State of Oklahoma and the United States of America has been under a health threat emergency due to COVID-19 for the past year. COVID-19 has been determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the President's medical advisors to be a highly communicable disease;ⁱⁱⁱ
4. Section 328.21(D)(2), requires a periodontal component on a live patient and 328.21(D)(4), requires an anterior Class III and posterior Class II restorative component on a live patient;
5. Due to the COVID-19 national and state health emergencies, the Regional exams^{iv} have advised the Board that the regularly scheduled live patient exams will be

limited and/or not possible to be completed before October at the earliest and may not be available this calendar year at all as the public health emergency is ongoing;

6. For the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the live patient portion of the Dental licensure examination requirements may be completed by one of the following methods:

- a. To meet the statutory requirements for the live patient portion of the exam, the applicant for Dental licensure must provide written documentation that the procedures in 59 O.S. 328.21(D)(2) and (D)(4), were completed on a live patient during their class studies, clinic or residency at a CODA^v approved school in lieu of a live patient or manikin exam on these two components. This documentation shall include a signed statement from the student, the supervising dentist that approved the correctly completed procedures and the Dean of the Dental school; or
- b. Completion of a live patient exam conducted by a Regional Examining Organization accepted by Oklahoma;

(All other requirements of the exam for dentists shall remain the same)

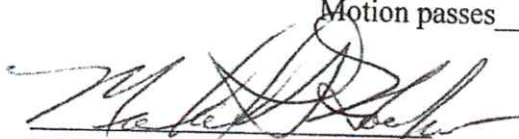
7. For the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 applicants for a Dental Hygiene license may meet the requirements as listed in 59 O.S. § 328.21(D)(b)(1) by providing documentation of:

- a. Graduation from a CODA approved Dental Hygiene program pursuant to 59 O.S. § 328.21(C)(2), and;
- b. Documentation that the individual has successfully completed live patient clinical treatments with an evaluation of specific clinic skills listed as requirements in 328.21 (D)(6)(1), as well as the candidate's compliance with professional standards. This documentation shall include a signed statement from the student and the Director of the Dental Hygiene program; or
- c. Completion of a live-patient exam accepted by Oklahoma if available;
- d. All other portions of the Dental Hygiene exam shall stay the same.

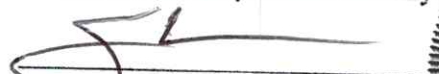
Motion to pass Resolution by: Ms. Hinckle

Second by: Dr. Carmen

Motion passes . Motion Fails .


Michael Howl, D.D.S., Board President


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Notary Public

ⁱ Section 328.15(B)(1) of the Authority and Powers of the Board allow the Board to “Examine and test the qualifications of applicants for a license or permit to be issued by the Board.”

ⁱⁱ Section 328.15 (B)(2) of the State Dental Act allows the Board to affiliate by contract or cooperative agreement with another state or combination of states for the purpose of conducting simultaneous regional examinations of applicants for a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or a dental specialty;

ⁱⁱⁱ See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/summary.html>.

^{iv} Oklahoma is affiliated with several Regional Exams for the purposes of testing pursuant to 59 O.S. §328.15(B)(1) and 59 O.S. §328.15(B)(2). Oklahoma is currently a members state of the Western Regional Examining Board, the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments and the Central Regional Dental Testing Organization. As of November 1, 2019, Oklahoma requires specific components to be completed for the purpose of dental or hygiene examinations.

^v CODA is the Commission on Dental Accreditation.