



# Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

## Division of Professional Regulation

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### VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1220.441, I hereby grant a Variance to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1220.120(a), which states in part that the Division shall accept certain examinations for licensure if administered and passed in their entirety, which includes passage of the periodontal portion of the examination.

This variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued on March 09, 2020 and again on April 1, 2020.

The purpose of this Variance is to vary 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1220.120(a) due to prospective Illinois Dental licensees needing to meet certain exam requirements for licensure. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, dental students have not been able to complete portions of their exams requiring live-person testing. This Variance shall suspend the requirement of passage of the Periodontal portion of the licensing examination for students completing or graduating from dental colleges or schools in 2020 and taking licensing examinations between the effective date of this Variance and December 31, 2020. Applicants passing the remainder of the examination shall be deemed to meet the requirement to pass the examination in order to be eligible for licensure. After December 31, 2020, applicants must successfully complete all the portions of the licensing examination set forth in Section 1220.120(a) to eligible for licensure.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Rule, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule or regulation concerning the licensure of or practice of dentistry. Dental applicants shall be subject to compliance with all additional rules and regulations contained in the Dental Practice Act and the rules promulgated thereto. This variance shall expire one year from the date this variance was signed.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this Variance; and the rules from which this Variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL  
REGULATION of the State of Illinois  
Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by

Acting Director Cecilia Abundis  
Division of Professional Regulation

April 28, 2020

Date