

## **GUIDANCE REGARDING PROVISIONAL LICENSURE & CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR 2020 DENTAL & DENTAL HYGIENE GRADUATES**

Pursuant to Executive Order 31-20, a provisional license will be issued to a 2020 graduate of a dental or dental hygiene program approved by the Board, who has not completed a clinical board examination and who meets all other requirements set forth in the WV Dental Practice Act, and rules of the Board.

Clinical Board Exams for 2020 graduates are required to be completed by February 1, 2021. Once the required clinical exam is taken and passed the provisional license will become a full license. Should an individual with a provisional license fail their clinical board, the provisional license will be void until such time the clinical board is passed. Should an individual fail to take the clinical board by February 1, 2021, the provisional license will expire.

Acceptable clinical Board exams include the following for dental graduates:

Clinical examinations administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, the Southern Regional Testing Agency, or the Western Regional Examining Board, or the successor to any of those entities, which demonstrates competency, and passed each individual component with no compensatory scoring in:

(A) Endodontics, including access opening of a posterior tooth and access, canal instrumentation, and obturation of an anterior tooth;

(B) Fixed prosthodontics, including an anterior crown preparation and two posterior crown preparations involving a fixed partial denture factor;

(C) Periodontics, including scaling and root planing in a patient-based clinical setting or a non-patient clinical setting;

(D) Restorative, including a class II amalgam or composite preparation and restoration and a class III composite preparation and restoration in a patient-based clinical setting or a non-patient clinical setting.

Acceptable clinical Board exams include the following for dental hygiene graduates:

Clinical examinations administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, the Southern Regional Testing Agency, or the Western Regional Examining Board, or the successor to any of those entities.

A board-approved patient-based or non-patient based examination designed to determine the

applicant's level of clinical skills.

Non-patient based exams will be accepted for 2020 graduates only.