

**65-1428. Examination of applicants; examination subjects and results; licenses.** (a) Each applicant for licensure as a dentist shall be examined by the board or by a testing organization or an organization of one or more state boards formed for the purpose of conducting a standard clinical examination of candidates for licensure as dentists if the board has approved each such organization and determined that the examinations given meet the requirements of this act. For such testing organizations or organization of one or more state boards that certify the test results for a limited period of time, the examination must have been taken and passed no longer before the date of application than the certification period. All examinations provided for in this act shall be conducted in a fair and wholly impartial manner. The examination shall be both theoretical and clinical, and shall thoroughly test the qualifications of each applicant to practice dentistry.

(b) The examination shall include the following subjects: Pathology, radiology, bacteriology, treatment planning, clinical dentistry, operative dentistry, prosthetics, crown and bridge technique, orthodontia, materials in dentistry, diet and nutrition, oral hygiene and prophylaxis, preventive medicine, periodontia, anaesthesia, oral surgery, oral medicine, principles of medicine and pharmacology, anatomy, physiology, histology, chemistry, embryology and such subdivisions of these general subjects as relate to the practice of dentistry and laws of this state regulating the practice of dentistry.

The results of all such examinations shall be filed with the executive director of the board and kept for reference and inspection for a period of not less than two years.

(c) Each applicant who has attained a passing grade on each examination required by the board and has met all other requirements for licensure set forth in this act shall be granted a license by the board. Every license issued under this act shall be in the form prescribed by the board. A license to practice dentistry shall not be construed as a property right, but a valuable right contingent upon the practice of the licensee in accordance with the provisions of law relating to the practice of dentistry and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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