

**3100.3500 EXAMINATION OF LICENSED DENTAL ASSISTANTS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The act provides that the examination of an applicant for licensure as a dental assistant in this state shall be sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the candidate to practice the skills that a licensed dental assistant is authorized to perform.

Subp. 2. **State and national examinations.** An applicant must pass both the board's state licensing examination and the board-approved nationally recognized examination.

Subp. 2a. **Additional education for two failed clinical examinations.** When an applicant fails twice any part of the clinical examination required by Minnesota Statutes, section 150A.06, subdivision 2a, the applicant may not take it again until the applicant successfully completes additional education provided by an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or an independent instructor approved by the board. The education must cover all of the subject areas failed by the applicant in each of the two clinical examinations. The applicant may retake the examination only after the institution or independent instructor provides to the board information specifying the areas failed in the previous examinations and the instruction provided to address the areas failed, and certifies that the applicant has successfully completed the instruction. The applicant must take the additional instruction required in this subpart each time the applicant fails the clinical examination twice.

Subp. 3. **Additional examination content.** A candidate shall be examined for general knowledge of the act and the rules of the board.

Subp. 4. **Examination for continued licensure.** The board may administer any other examination it deems necessary to determine qualifications for continued licensure.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 150A.04; 150A.06; 150A.08; 150A.10; 150A.11; 214.06*

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