



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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Agency: Department of Health- Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Original Notice

Supplemental Notice to WSR

Continuance of WSR

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 20-18-040 ; or

Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR ; or

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

Proposal is exempt under RCW .

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) WAC 246-817-120 Examination content. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission is considering proposed rule amendments to add the Joint Commission on National Dental Examination's Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE) to the list of allowable practical/clinical examinations and allow an applicant to pass components of the practical examination using a maximum of two testing agencies administering all the practical examination sections in coordination with each other.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
03/12/2021	8:35 a.m.	<p>In response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency, the Dental Quality Assurance Commission will not provide a physical location for this hearing to promote social distancing and the safety of the citizens of Washington State. A virtual public hearing, without physical meeting space, will be held instead.</p> <p>To access the meeting: Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.</p> <p>Please register for Dental Quality Assurance Commission Business Meeting March 12, 2021 on Mar 12, 2021 8:30 AM PST at:</p> <p>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4445807509028701200</p> <p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.</p>	

Date of intended adoption: 03/12/2021 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The commission adopted emergency rule on December 8, 2020 as WSR 21-01-048 to:
â€¢ Add the Joint Commission's DLOSCE to the list of allowable practical/clinical examinations; and
â€¢ Allow an applicant to pass components of the practical examination using one or more testing agencies, rather than only one agency.

The commission is proposing permanent amendments to:
â€¢ Add the Joint Commission's DLOSCE to the list of allowable practical/clinical examinations; and
â€¢ Allow an applicant the option to pass components of the practical examination using a maximum of two testing agencies administering all the practical examination sections in coordination with each other.

Reasons supporting proposal: In response to novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), all regional, patient-based clinical dentist examinations were cancelled for 2020 in the United States. Prior to COVID-19, the commission was evaluating the new DLOSCE as it was being developed. The pandemic pushed the DLOSCE to publish the new clinical examination one year earlier than anticipated.

The commission received a request from the University of Washington School of Dentistry and other dental organizations to approve a new simulated-based clinical exam. The DLOSCE is a practical/clinical examination that is computer-based and does not use patients. Adding DLOSCE to the list of allowable practical/clinical examinations will allow graduates an additional examination option to obtain Washington State dentist licensure.

Regional examination testing agencies have developed simulated-based clinical dentist examinations to replace patient-based examinations. However, one or more of the testing agencies are unable to offer all required sections through simulated-based examination. Removing the requirement for all examination content sections to be passed with a single testing agency will provide additional options for new graduates to obtain clinical examinations for Washington State dentist licensure. The commission discovered there are regional testing agencies that do not provide all sections of the examination, this rule modification may assist applicants with future examination options. The commission determined that the two different testing agencies should be the maximum and they must coordinate with each other to allow the applicant to test with both agencies. Testing agencies build their examination sections as a whole but coordination of testing agencies allow for a more complete examination.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.32.002 and RCW 18.32.0365

Statute being implemented: RCW 18.32.040

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Dental Quality Assurance Commission Private
 Public
 Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135? Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain:

Regulatory Fairness Act Cost Considerations for a Small Business Economic Impact Statement:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
(Internal government operations)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW .

Explanation of exemptions, if necessary:

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF NO EXEMPTION APPLIES

If the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency’s analysis showing how costs were calculated. A small business economic impact statement was not prepared. A significant cost analysis has been completed. Changes in this proposed rule does not increase costs to licensed dentists. Licensed dentists are not required to complete the added clinical/practical examination option. Additional clinical/practical examination options reduce licensure barriers for new graduates to obtain Washington State dentist licensure.

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses, and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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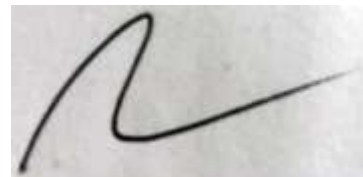
Other:

Date: 1/25/2021

Name: Aaron Stevens, DMD

Title: Dental Quality Assurance Commission Chairperson

Signature:



WAC 246-817-120 Examination content. (1) An applicant seeking dentist licensure in Washington by examination, must successfully pass a written and practical examination approved by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission).

The examination will consist of:

(a) A written examination. The Integrated National Board Dental Examination, Parts I and II of the National Board Dental Examination, or the Canadian National Dental Examining Board examination will be accepted, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

(b) A practical examination containing at least the following sections:

- (i) Restorative;
- (ii) Endodontic;
- (iii) Periodontal;
- (iv) Prosthodontic; and
- (v) Comprehensive treatment planning or diagnostic skills.

(2) (a) The commission accepts the following practical examinations provided the testing agency offers at least the sections listed in subsection (1) (b) of this section:

(i) The Western Regional Examining Board's (WREB) clinical examination;

(ii) The Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) clinical examination;

(iii) The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) formally known as Northeast Regional Board (NERB) clinical examination;

(iv) The Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) clinical examination;

(v) The Council of Interstate Testing Agency's (CITA) clinical examination;

(vi) U.S. state or territory with an individual state board clinical examination;

(vii) The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations dental licensure objective structured clinical examination (DLOSCE); or

(b) The commission will accept the complete National Dental Examining Board (NDEB) of Canada clinical examination as meeting its standards if the applicant is a graduate of an approved dental school defined in WAC 246-817-110 (2) (a).

(3) The applicant must pass all practical examination sections listed in subsection (1) (b) of this section (~~(of the practical examination)~~) with the following:

(a) The same testing agency; or

(b) A maximum of two testing agencies listed in subsection (2) (a) of this section administering all the practical examination sections in coordination with each other.

(4) The commission will only accept results of approved practical examinations taken within the preceding five years from the date of an application for licensure.

(5) The commission may, at its discretion, give or require an examination in any other subject under subsection (1) (a) and (b) of this section, whether in written or practical form or both written and practical.