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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NATIONAL DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINATIONS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 447-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "§447-1 Who may become dental hygienists; fees. (a) Any  
4 person:

5 (1) Eighteen years of age or over;

6 (2) [~~Holding and having~~] Who has a diploma or proper  
7 certificate of graduation from a dental hygiene school  
8 accredited by the American Dental Association  
9 [~~(A.D.A.)~~] Commission on Dental Accreditation  
10 [~~requiring~~] that requires at least a two year  
11 course [~~]~~ and is recognized by the board of dental  
12 examiners; [~~and~~]

13 (3) [~~Having~~] Who has been officially certified in the  
14 administration of intra-oral infiltration local  
15 anesthesia and intra-oral block anesthesia by an  
16 accredited dental hygiene school or by a certification  
17 program previously approved by the board; and



1           (4) Who has passed the National Board Dental Hygiene  
2           Examination;  
3 upon written application made to and filed with the board may be  
4 examined for qualification as a dental hygienist.

5           [The] An application [~~for examination~~] shall be accompanied  
6 by the applicant's certificate of graduation from an accredited  
7 dental hygiene school [~~together with~~], documentary proof of the  
8 applicant's certification in the administration of intra-oral  
9 infiltration local anesthesia and intra-oral block  
10 anesthesia[-], and documentary proof of the applicant's passage  
11 of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. At the time  
12 of filing the application, the applicant shall pay to the board  
13 an application [~~and examination fees,~~] fee, which [~~fees,~~]  
14 together with all other fees or charges in this chapter, shall  
15 be as provided in rules adopted by the director of commerce and  
16 consumer affairs pursuant to chapter 91, and shall be deposited  
17 to the credit of the compliance resolution fund established  
18 pursuant to section 26-9(o).

19           (b) The board shall require an applicant to take and pass  
20 the State's examination or one of the following four regional  
21 clinical examinations given after February 1, 2005, by[+] the:

22           (1) [The] Western Regional Examining Board;



1 (2) [The] Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.;

2 (3) [The] Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc.; or

3 (4) [The] North East Regional Board of Dental  
4 Examiners[-], Inc.

5 (c) [~~Once a national examination is available,~~] In  
6 addition to the requirements of subsection (a), an applicant  
7 shall take and pass [~~the~~] a national clinical examination[-]  
8 once a national clinical examination becomes available and  
9 neither the state examination nor any regional examination shall  
10 be accepted; provided that an applicant who has taken and passed  
11 the state or a regional examination after February 1, 2005, but  
12 prior to the availability of a national examination shall be  
13 deemed to have met the board's examination requirement.

14 (d) If [~~the~~] an applicant successfully passes the  
15 examination[-] required by subsections (b) and (c), the  
16 applicant shall be licensed to practice as a dental hygienist in  
17 the State. Every licensed dental hygienist, before entering  
18 practice, shall pay the board a license fee. On or before  
19 December 31 of each odd-numbered year, every licensed dental  
20 hygienist [~~desiring to begin or continue~~] beginning or  
21 continuing to practice in the State shall pay to the board a fee  
22 for [~~the~~] biennial licensure [~~thereof~~]. The failure, neglect,



1 or refusal of any duly licensed dental hygienist to pay the  
2 biennial licensure fee shall constitute a forfeiture of the  
3 license [~~7-but~~]; provided that the license may be restored upon  
4 written application [~~therefor~~] and payment to the board of a  
5 restoration fee.

6 (e) An applicant's or licensed dental hygienist's  
7 competence to administer intra-oral infiltration local  
8 anesthesia shall be demonstrated by certification in the  
9 administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia by an  
10 accredited dental hygiene school or by a certification program  
11 previously approved by the board. [~~In addition, an~~] An  
12 applicant's or licensed dental hygienist's competence to  
13 administer intra-oral block anesthesia shall be demonstrated by  
14 proof of successful completion of a course of study in  
15 accordance with standards provided for in this chapter [~~7~~] and  
16 the issuance of a certificate or other program documentation  
17 listing the intra-oral block anesthesia categories in which the  
18 applicant or licensed dental hygienist has acquired knowledge  
19 and proficiency.

20 The applicant or licensed dental hygienist shall [~~also~~]  
21 submit documentation of [~~the~~] course content when submitting  
22 [~~the certificate.~~] certification in the administration of intra-



1 oral infiltration local anesthesia and intra-oral block  
2 anesthesia as required by subsection (a). The board shall  
3 certify that the applicant or licensed dental hygienist has met  
4 the requirements of this chapter [~~;~~ ~~provided that the licensed~~  
5 ~~dental hygienist's administration of intra-oral block anesthesia~~  
6 ~~shall be under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist and~~  
7 ~~shall be for those categories of intra-oral block anesthesia~~  
8 ~~listed on the course of study certificate submitted to the~~  
9 ~~board~~].

10 (f) No person shall practice dental hygiene, either  
11 gratuitously or for pay, or shall offer or attempt so to  
12 practice, or shall advertise or announce publicly or privately  
13 as being prepared or qualified so to practice [~~;~~] without having  
14 a license as provided in this section [~~provided, nor shall any~~].  
15 A licensed dental hygienist shall practice [except] only under  
16 the supervision of a licensed dentist as provided in this  
17 chapter; provided[~~-~~] that a licensed dental hygienist shall  
18 administer under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist  
19 only those categories of intra-oral block anesthesia listed in  
20 the course content submitted to the board pursuant to subsection  
21 (a)."



- 1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

National Dental Hygiene Examination

**Description:**

Amends the requirements of licensure for dental hygienists by specifying that the passage of the National Dental Hygiene Examination is required for licensure. (SD1)

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