

## ACT 251

H.B. NO. 1655

A Bill for an Act Relating to Dentistry.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to allow foreign graduates to apply for and take the examinations for licensure to practice dentistry.

SECTION 2. Section 448-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 448-9 Application for examination; fee.** Any person of eighteen years or more, shall be eligible to take an examination before the board of dental examiners upon complying with the following requirements:

- (1) Submit an application in writing to the secretary of the board no later than sixty days prior to the date of the scheduled examination.
- (2) Remit an examination fee set by the board with each application, said fee to be deposited by the director of regulatory agencies with the director of finance to the credit of the general fund.
- (3) Submit with each application documentation and credentials which include but are not limited to the following:
  - (A) A recent unmounted photograph of the applicant; and
  - (B) A certificate that the applicant is of good moral character; and
  - (C) A diploma or certificate of graduation from a dental college accredited by the Council of Dental Education of the American Dental Association, recognized and approved by the board.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 448, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“Sec. 448- Application for examination; graduates of foreign dental schools.** (a) Any person of eighteen years or more, who is a graduate of a foreign dental school and a permanent resident of the United States shall be eligible to take an examination before the board of dental examiners upon complying with the following requirements:

- (1) Submit an application in writing to the secretary of the board no later than sixty days prior to the date of scheduled examination.
- (2) Remit an examination fee set by the board with each application, said fee to be deposited by the director of regulatory agencies with the director of finance to the credit of the general fund.
- (3) Submit with each application documentation and credentials which include but are not limited to the following:
  - (A) A recent unmounted photograph of the applicant.
  - (B) A certificate that the applicant is of good moral character.
  - (C) A complete transcript of the academic and clinical dental school record of the applicant, authenticated by either the president, secretary, dean, or registrar of the educational institution. The transcript shall be accompanied by an affidavit showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant is the person named in each transcript submitted, that the transcript is a true recital of the full number of academic years of undergraduate courses required for graduation, that such courses of professional instruction in dentistry were accomplished in a resident course of instruction.
  - (D) A legible, true copy of the dental diploma or dental degree conferred upon the applicant as evidence of the completion of the courses of dental instruction required for graduation, authenticated by either the president, secretary, dean, or registrar of the educational institution. The diploma or degree shall be accompanied by an affidavit showing to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant is the person named in the document, that the applicant is the lawful holder, and that it was procured in the regular resident course of instruction and examination without fraud or misrepresentation.
  - (E) Certification by the licensing authority of the governmental jurisdiction, wherein is located the foreign institution from which the applicant was graduated that the applicant has been admitted or licensed to practice dentistry in such foreign state, country, or political subdivision.
  - (F) Other documentation and credentials as may be required by the board.
- (b) Credentials and documentation required by this section which are submitted in a foreign language shall be accompanied by a certified original translation by a qualified translator.
- (c) When, because of circumstances beyond the applicant's control, an applicant is unable to furnish any of the documents, authentication, or certification required by this section, the board may in its discretion accept other documents which it deems satisfactory to establish the applicant's eligibility.
- (d) After the applicant's credentials have been accepted by the board, the applicant shall take and pass Parts I and II of the examination of the National Board of Dental Examiners prior to taking the restorative technique examination, provided for under section 448- . The applicant shall not be permitted to take the practical examination provided for under section 448-10(a) until satisfactorily passing Parts I and II of the examination of the National Board of Dental Examiners and the restorative technique examination."

SECTION 4. Section 448-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 448-10 Examination; time.** (a) The board of dental examiners shall examine all applicants in both theory and practice of dentistry. In the selection of subjects, it shall take cognizance of current trends in dental education. The board may accept an applicant who presents a certificate or other bona fide evidence as having passed the theory examination of the National Board of Dental Examiners in lieu of the theory portion of the state dental board examination.

The requirements for the practical examination in operative and prosthetic dentistry shall be decided upon and announced to the applicant on the day selected for beginning the theoretical examination.

All instruments, materials, and patients shall be supplied by the applicant. An engine and chair shall be furnished by the board.

Two examinations shall be held in each year.

(b) The board of dental examiners shall establish and administer a restorative technique examination to all qualified applicants under section 448- . The examination shall consist of preparation and restorative procedures in gold foil, amalgam and crown and bridge on a special typodont model. No applicant shall be permitted to take the practical examination under subsection (a) unless they have passed the restorative technique examination.”

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.\*

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 13, 1980.)

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\*The text has been edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5, authorizing omission of the brackets, bracketed material, and underscoring.