

# PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



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## Pennsylvania Now Accepts Dental Clinical Examinations Administered by Other Regions

The Pennsylvania regulation governing Examinations for the Licensure of Dentists and Dental Hygienists (Chapter 33, Subchapter B., Section 33.103) has been revised to state that candidates for licensure to practice dentistry (by examination) in the commonwealth shall pass the National Board Dental Examination (written examination) and the dental clinical examination administered by one of the following:

1. The Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners Inc. (NERB)
2. The Southern Regional Testing Agency Inc. (SRTA)
3. The Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)
4. The Central Regional Dental Testing Service Inc. (CRDTS)
5. The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies Inc. (CITA)

Candidates for licensure to practice dental hygiene (by examination) in Pennsylvania shall pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (written examination) and the dental hygiene clinical examination administered by one of these regional testing agencies.

The State Board of Dentistry will recognize successful completion of the dental or dental hygiene clinical examinations or the expanded function dental assistant examination approved by the board for up to five years. After five years, the board will accept passing scores on the examinations only if the candidate has been engaged in postgraduate training, or in the practice of dentistry, as a dental hygienist, or as an expanded functional dental assistant in another jurisdiction.

Candidates licensed in another state, who have successfully completed a state board clinical examination for licensure in that state, would be required to apply for licensure in Pennsylvania on the basis of criteria approval.

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