RULE-MAKING ORDER
PERMANENT RULE ONLY
CR-103P (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Health - Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Effective date of rule:
Permanent Rules
☐ 31 days after filing.
☐ Other (specify) (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: WAC 246-817-120 Examination content. The adopted rule will clarify that a complete clinical examination must be processed by a single testing agency. Each testing agency creates their examination as a whole examination, identifying each content section. The successful completion of a whole examination demonstrates the minimum competency necessary for licensure. Completing portions of examinations from multiple examination organizations may not provide a true assessment of minimum dentist competency. Additionally, the adopted rule changes "consider acceptance of" to "accept" the Canada clinical examination.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 246-817-120
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0365, and 18.32.040

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)
Adopted under notice filed as WSR 17-16-098 on 07/27/2017 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.

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Date adopted: 10/24/2017
Name: John Carbery, DMD
Title: Dental Quality Assurance Commission Chairperson
Signature: [Signature]

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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. (Only) The National Board Dental Examination Parts I and II, 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) (Examination results of a) U.S. state or territory with an individual state board clinical examination; 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 sections listed in subsection (1)(b) of this section of the practical examination with the same testing agency.

(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.