**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 246-817-110 Dental licensure eligibility and application requirements and WAC 246-817-120 Examination content. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) adopted amendments to change the name of the acceptable national written examination. The Joint Commission on National Dental Examination has developed an updated national written dental examination that will replace the current national written dental examination, the National Board Dental Examination, Parts I and II beginning in August 2020 with complete change in August 2022. The Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) mirrors that of the current National Board Dental Examination, Parts I and II: to assist dental boards in determining the qualifications of individuals who seek licensure to practice dentistry. Current rules list the national written dental examination by name and must be changed to allow dentist applicants to meet licensure requirements in rule.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**
- New: None
- Repealed: None
- Amended: WAC 246-817-110 and 246-817-120
- Suspended: None

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

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**
Adopted under notice filed as WSR 19-07-013 on 03/08/2019 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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Date Adopted: 06/07/2019
Name: Julia Richman, D.D.S.
Title: Dental Quality Assurance Commission Chairperson

Signature:
WAC 246-817-110 Dental licensure—Initial eligibility and application requirements. To be eligible for Washington state dental licensure, the applicant must provide:

1. A completed application and fee. The applicant must submit a signed application and required fee as defined in WAC 246-817-990;
2. Proof of graduation from a dental school approved by the DQAC:
   a. DQAC recognizes only those applicants who are students or graduates of dental schools in the United States or Canada, approved, conditionally or provisionally, by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. The applicant must have received, or will receive, a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree from that school;
   b. Other dental schools which apply for DQAC approval and which meet these adopted standards to the DQAC's satisfaction may be approved, but it is the responsibility of a school to apply for approval and of a student to ascertain whether or not a school has been approved;
3. Proof of successful completion of the Integrated National Board Dental Examination, Parts I and II of the National Board Dental Examination. An original scorecard or a certified copy of the scorecard shall be accepted. Exception: Dentists who obtained initial licensure in a state prior to that state's requirement for successful completion of the national boards, may be licensed in Washington, provided that the applicant provide proof that their original state of licensure did not require passage of the national boards at the time they were initially licensed. Applicants need to meet all other requirements for licensure;
4. Proof of graduation from an approved dental school. The only acceptable proof is an official, posted transcript sent directly from such school, or in the case of recent graduates, a verified list of graduating students submitted directly from the dean of the dental school. Graduates of nonaccredited dental schools must also meet the requirements outlined in WAC 246-817-160;
5. A complete listing of professional education and experience including college or university (predental), and a complete chronology of practice history from the date of dental school graduation to present, whether or not engaged in activities related to dentistry;
6. Proof of completion of seven clock hours of AIDS education as required in chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8;
7. Proof of malpractice insurance if available, including dates of coverage and any claims history;
8. Written certification of any licenses held, submitted directly from another licensing entity, and including license number, issue date, expiration date and whether applicant has been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action;
9. Proof of successful completion of:
   a. An approved practical/clinical examination under WAC 246-817-120; or
   b. A qualifying residency program under RCW 18.32.040 (3)(c);
(10) Proof of successful completion of an approved written jurisprudence examination;
(11) A recent 2" x 2" photograph, signed, dated, and attached to the application;
(12) Authorization for background inquiries to other sources may be conducted as determined by the DQAC, including but not limited to the national practitioner data bank and drug enforcement agency. Applicants are responsible for any fees incurred in obtaining verification of requirements;
(13) Any other information for each license type as determined by the DQAC.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-22-035, filed 10/24/17, effective 11/24/17)

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) formerly 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; 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.