

Regional and State Clinical Licensing Examination Requirements

Important: Although some regional and state examinations offer the option of not taking a Patient-Based Periodontal Examination, successful completion of this section of a regional or state exam is required for dental licensure in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry (Board) requires applicants for licensure in dentistry and dental hygiene to submit proof of the successful completion (a minimum score of 75% in EACH SECTION) of a clinical examination administered by one of the following:

- Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA)
- Florida State Board of Dental Examiners
- Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
- Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) **if taken prior to July 1, 2009**
- Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) **if taken between Jan. 1, 2013 and Aug. 9, 2015**
- Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) **if taken on or after January 1, 2014**

OR

Successful completion of the CDCA DSE (Diagnostic Skills Exam) for dentists or the CDCA CSCE (Computer Simulated Clinical Exam) for dental hygienists **plus** the successful completion (a minimum score of 75% on EACH SECTION) of a Board-recognized state clinical examination OR a clinical examination administered by one of the following:

- Central Region Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) **if taken on or after July 1, 2009**
- Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) **if taken prior to Jan. 1, 2013 or after Aug. 9, 2015**
- Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) **Dental Hygiene Exam**
- Western Regional Examination Board (WREB)*
- Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) **Dental Exam if taken prior to Jan. 1, 2014**
- Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) **Dental Hygiene Exam**

* Please note that for applicants submitting WREB scores, the Board requires a passing score (a score of at least 3 out of a possible score of 5) on all sections of the WREB exam including the optional periodontics and prosthodontics sections.