



DENTAL HYGIENE CLINICAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION

At the Board's August 29, 2020, Board meeting, the Board voted to temporarily accept the alternative manikin-based dental hygiene clinical examination administered by ADEX, CRDTS, and WREB due to the COVID-19 pandemic until March 31, 2021, unless extended, in addition to the live, patient-based clinical examinations administered by CRDTS and WREB. The Board has since extended the temporary acceptance of the alternative manikin-based clinical exams five times at its March 6, 2021, July 17, 2021, March 19, 2022, July 23, 2022, and March 18, 2023, Board meetings and now accepts the exam results through January 31, 2024.

In Summary, the temporary acceptance of the alternative manikin-based dental hygiene clinical examinations administered through CDCA/ADEX/WREB (CDCA/WREB/CITA) and CRDTS is from August 29, 2020, through January 31, 2024, unless extended, due to the COVID pandemic and is in addition to the continued acceptance of the live, patient-based dental hygiene clinical examinations administered through CRDTS and WREB only. The CDCA/ADEX live, patient-based clinical examination and OSCE were never reviewed or considered for approval for licensure by the Board. Although CDCA and WREB have since merged into CDCA/WREB/CITA, the law only has current provisions for the WREB examinations.

Any manikin-based dental hygiene clinical examinations completed outside of this timeline (i.e., prior to acceptance and implementation of the manikin-based exams) will not be accepted for licensure since the Board did not approve the examination until August 29, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board at 916-263-1978 or via email at dhbcinfo@dca.ca.gov Thank you.

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