



TSBDE Examination Board Statement

May 1, 2020

The Dental Board has been working diligently with the Governor's Office, national and state associations, institutions of higher learning, and members of the dental community to mitigate the wide range of situations arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. To address the needs of our graduating dental and dental hygiene students, the Dental Board recently considered whether any modifications to the Dental Practice Act or board rules were necessary. After reviewing the Act and rules, the Dental Board determined no changes were needed because the rules as written accommodate the COVID-19 situation.

To qualify for licensure, dental graduates and dental hygiene graduates must take and pass the appropriate clinical examination administered by a regional examining board designated by the Dental Board. Many regional examining boards have transitioned to a non-patient based examination in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The Dental Board will accept regional examining boards' alternative examination solutions that comply with applicable statutes and rules.

Relevant Dental Board rules:

22 TAC 101.2 Dental Licensure by Examination [link here](#)

22 TAC 103.2 Dental Hygiene Licensure by Examination [link here](#)

Relevant provision in Texas Dental Practice Act:

Section 256.003, Occupations Code [link here](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov

Sincerely,