



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
VIRGIN ISLAND BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
#48 SUGAR ESTATE
ST. THOMAS, U.S. VI 00802

Information Concerning Dental Licensure in the U.S. Virgin Islands

The Virgin Islands Board of Dental Examiners offers the examination twice a year, the second Monday of June and November and terminating no later than Wednesday.

The examination consists of a written comprehensive and clinical performance evaluation. All candidates will have a personal interview by members of the Board. The written comprehensive examination is by the American Dental Association. The written component is waived to applicants who have provided proof of passing the National Board no longer than two years prior to taking the Virgin Islands Board examination.

Examinations are held at the Dental Health Clinic, Roy C. Schneider Hospital, St. Thomas Virgin Islands.

The following documentation must be submitted at least six (6) weeks prior to the examination schedule date.

- A completed application
- A recent photograph of passport size, autographed across the back.
- A certified check, bank money order or U.S. Postal money order in the amount of \$65.00, payable to Government of the Virgin Islands. **Fee is non-refundable.**
- Chronology of professional activities from graduation to time application.
- Proof of graduation from an ADA accredited school of Dentistry (Diploma).
- Be twenty-one years of age or older. Copy of birth certificate or similar proof of age required.
- Two letters of character reference from qualified dental practitioners in the state from where applicant comes.
- Notarized statement signed by applicant, attesting to non-addiction to intemperate use of alcoholic stimulants or narcotic drugs.
- Proof of National Board scores. Original of the Final Report of scores required.

NOTE: if you cancel your original examination date, you will need to notify the Board **six weeks** prior to the next scheduled examination of your intention.

We suggest that if you so desire, you may contact local dentists on St. Thomas who may help you in securing patients. You may also contact the Community Health Clinic at (340) 774-3324 or (340) 776-8311.

Applications can be obtained by mail:

Virgin Islands Board of Dental Examiners
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or by e-mail: lydia.scott@usvi-doh.org

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STATEBOARD LICENSING EXAMINATION

General Information on Application For Clinical Examination

1. Good professional demeanor is expected of all candidates.
2. All instructions presented will be strictly adhered to.
3. Candidates will provide their own patients.
4. It is recommended that candidates arrive at least one week prior to examination in order to secure suitable patients.
5. It is recommended that all candidates provide back-up patients should their primary patient be found not acceptable.
6. All candidates must have all requirements at the beginning of the examination.
7. A complete medical history of each patient is required.
8. Candidates are responsible for adhering to infection control procedures as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Violation of this will result in penalties or failure of the entire examination.
9. Candidates are expected to present themselves in a neat and clean professional manner.
10. Time limits are strictly observed with failure resulting if the limits are exceeded. The only extension possible is if the Examiner(s) require an unusual amount of time to confer during evaluation.

Time Allotment

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| • Surgery | 30 minutes |
| • Perio | 60 minutes |
| • Operative | 75 minutes |

NOTE: Total examination time is 3 ¼ hours: 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

11. Candidates must pass each of the three areas (Surgery, Perio and Operative) qualify for licensure.
12. Any cheating or attempts to deceive the Examiner(s) will result in automatic failure.
13. Each patient must have a signed and notarized consent to treat form.
14. Candidates must treat patients with careful regard for the patient's health and well-being. Penalties will be assessed for inappropriate use of anesthesia or radiation, poor infection control, disregard for medical conditions, inordinate trauma to soft or hard tissue during treatment, or any other violation of reasonable standards of care.
15. Upon presentation of a patient to the Examiner(s), the Examiner(s) reserve the right to disapprove of a patient, a tooth, or an area for treatment. The Examiner(s) may also assign a different tooth or area for the same patient. Therefore, it is recommended that the candidate provide a back-up patient for each procedure.

16. If at any point during the examination, the Examiner(s) feel that continuation of a procedure will result in a health threat to the patient or in a clinically unacceptable treatment, the candidate will be instructed to terminate the procedure. Appropriate temporization and/or indication to the patient of the need for further treatment will be the responsibility of the candidate.
17. Candidate must have three Examiners check the following points in treatment:
 - a. pre-operative evaluation (Operative, Surgery, Perio)
 - b. after cavity preparation (Operative)
 - c. after base placement (Operative), one Examiner only
 - d. after condensation and carving of amalgam (Operative)
 - e. after extraction (Surgery)
 - f. after completion of scaling and root planning (Perio)
 - g. for each injection, one Examiner must be present

Operative Requirements

1. A class II amalgam with proper and traditional criteria.
2. Decay is to be through the enamel and invasive of the dentin.
3. There is to be a contacting adjacent tooth to the restoration.
4. There is to be an opposing tooth to the restoration.
5. Patient is to be presented with a mounted full mouth set of radiographs. Fourteen (14) periapical films plus bite-wing x-rays. all taken prior to the time of the examination will be the minimum acceptable. The full mouth radiographs must be current within the last six months. At the Examiner(s) discretion, pre-operative bite-wing or a periapical of the tooth to be treated may be required. A post-operative bite-wing radiograph of the treated tooth is required. A post-operative periapical radiograph may be required at the discretion of the Examiner(s).
6. Candidates are to supply their own hand pieces, instruments and supplies.

Surgical Requirements

1. An extraction of a maxillary or mandibular molar (multi-rooted. no fused root). A maximum of Class I mobility permitted. Surgical patient cannot be used for other procedures.
2. Tooth must have at least one contacting adjacent tooth.
3. At least 50% of the clinical crown must be present.
4. Full mouth or panoramic radiographs required, current within the last three years. A periapical radiograph of the tooth to be extracted current within the last six months required. At the discretion of the Examiner(s), the candidate may be required to take a pre-operative periapical of the tooth to be extracted. A post-operative radiograph of the extraction site is required.
5. Candidates are to provide surgery instruments.

Periodontal Requirements

1. Evidence of sub and supra-gingival calculus must be ascertained prior to approval to start. Sub-gingival calculus must be evident on radiograph and clinically.
2. Definitive scaling, sub and supra-gingival calculus removal, curettage, debridement, root planning on at least six (6) teeth, two of which are molars.
3. Full mouth set of radiographs required, current within the last three years. Periapical radiographs of the quadrant to be treated current within the last six months are required. Post-operative radiographs of the treated quadrant are required.
4. Candidates are to provide periodontal instruments.

Radiology Requirements

1. Radiographic requirements are included in each of the above three subject areas. If previous x-rays for patient are not available, it is the candidate's responsibility to provide radiographs to fit the above criteria.
2. Pre-op radiograph must have been completed when patient is presented.

Information on Written Examination

The Board is administering the Comprehensive Part II examination of the National Board. Only one score is reported for this examination.

NOTE:

National Board scores must be current within the past two years to fulfill the Written Examination requirements. If a candidate fulfills the Written requirements but fails in the Practical, the Board will consider the Written component valid for six months during which the candidate may retake the Practical examination.

If a candidate wishes to re-take an exam (written or clinical) the candidate must notify the Board in writing six weeks prior to the examination date.

If a candidate submits an application, which is approved, but fails to show for the examination the candidate must notify the Board in writing six weeks prior to the exam date of his/her intentions to take the next scheduled examination.

APPLICANTS RECEIVE NO NATIONAL BOARD CREDIT FOR NATIONAL BOARDS TAKEN FOR VIRGIN ISLANDS LICENSURE.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED SIX (6) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EXAMINATION DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED.