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Board of Dentistry COVID-19 Update

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Continuing Education

During the teleconference Board Meeting held on Friday, April 3, 2020, the Board approved to waive the 50% online continuing education restriction for the current CE cycle. For the upcoming renewal, 100% of continuing education may be obtained online during the time period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Following the renewal, the 50% online CE allowance will go back into effect. For additional CE information, please visit the Board website at <https://www.llr.sc.gov/bod/ce.aspx>.

Utilization of CE Broker tracking system will not be mandatory for the upcoming renewal. Licensees are encouraged to activate their free CE Broker account and begin to gain familiarization with the system. The Board office is working closely with CE Broker to address several concerns brought to the Board's attention. Expanded information on how to utilize CE Broker and course reporting is currently being developed and will be posted to the Board website in the coming months. Licensees will be sent additional notification once information has been posted.

Manikin-based Clinical Examination

At the SC Board of Dentistry meeting held via teleconference on May 15, 2020 and June 5, 2020, the Board reviewed the dental and dental hygiene manikin-based clinical exams offered by ADEX, CITA, and SRTA, with the following results:

- **Dental:** The Board has approved the acceptance of the dental manikin-based exam, utilizing the CompeDont tooth, for reexamination attempts only. Dental applicants who passed a portion, but not all, of the live-patient based clinical from January 1, 2020, to March 31, 2020, may take the manikin-based exam to fulfill the clinical examination requirement. Clinical results for applicants who have taken only the manikin-based clinical exam but not the live-patient based clinical will not be approved for licensure at this time.

Per S.C. Code of Law §40-15-140, "It is the duty of the Board to examine (or cause to be examined) all qualified applicants for a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene...in this State." It is the duty and responsibility of the Board to properly vet all examination

requirements for licensure. As such, the Board will be assessing the upcoming CITA Dental manikin-based retake examination on June 27, 2020, offered by the Medical University of South Carolina. The Board will readdress the matter of acceptance of the dental manikin-based examination at the next scheduled Board Meeting on July 10, 2020.

- **Dental Hygiene:** The Board has approved the acceptance of the dental hygiene manikin-based clinical examination for licensure through December 31, 2020. The Board will accept the ADEX, CRDTS and SRTA dental hygiene manikin-based clinical exams.

Due to COVID-19, the public is restricted from entering the LLR Kingstree Building at this time. However, Board staff is working remotely and will assist you as quickly as they can. Licensees and other members of the public needing assistance are encouraged to visit the Board website at www.llr.sc.gov or contact the Board office at 803-896-4599 or at contact.dentistry@llr.sc.gov. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will communicate updates via email and Board website.

Sincerely,

South Carolina Board of Dentistry