

Other Boards' Policy Regarding Exam Retakes

Medical Board

Medical Board exam consists of 3 parts. Board allows 3rd step to be retaken no more than 4 times. (BPC 2177 c)

2177. (a) A passing score is required for an entire examination or for each part of an examination, as established by resolution of the board.

(b) Applicants may elect to take the written examinations conducted or accepted by the board in separate parts.

(c) (1) An applicant shall have obtained a passing score on all parts of Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination within not more than four attempts in order to be eligible for a physician's and surgeon's certificate.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an applicant who obtains a passing score on all parts of Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination in more than four attempts and who meets the requirements of Section 2135.5 shall be eligible to be considered for issuance of a physician's and surgeon's certificate.

Dental Board

Dental exam is national based. Board allows 3 attempts to pass the exam. If applicants fails 3rd time, they are required to complete 50 remedial hours in areas they failed before being able to retake. (BPC 1633 b)

1633. (a) When an applicant for a license has received a grading of 85 percent or above in any given subject, he or she shall be exempt from reexamination on that subject in subsequent examinations before the board within two years after the examination on which the applicant received the exemption.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant who fails to pass the examination required by Section 1632 after three attempts shall not be eligible for further reexamination until the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of 50 hours of education for each subject which the applicant failed in the applicant's last unsuccessful examination. The coursework shall be taken at a dental school approved by either the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable organization approved by the board, and shall be completed within a period of one year from the date of notification of the applicant's third failure.

(c) The coursework described in subdivision (b) shall be required once for every three unsuccessful examination attempts. When the applicant applies for reexamination, he or she shall furnish proof

satisfactory to the board that he or she has successfully completed the requirements of this section.

”§ 1036. Remedial Education.

An applicant, who fails to pass the examination after three attempts shall not be eligible for further re-examination until the applicant has successfully completed the required additional education.

(a) The course work shall be taken at a dental school approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable organization approved by the Board, and shall be completed within a period of one year from the date of notification of the applicant's third failure.

(1) The course of study must be didactic, laboratory or a combination of the two. Use of patients is optional.

(2) Instruction must be provided by a faculty member of a dental school approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable organization approved by the Board.

(3) Pre-testing and post-testing must be part of the course of study.

(b) When an applicant applies for reexamination, he or she shall furnish evidence of successful completion of the remedial education requirements for reexamination.

(1) Evidence of successful completion must be on the certification of successful completion of remedial education requirements for re-examination eligibility (rev. 1) form that is provided by the board and submitted prior to the examination.

(2) The form must be signed and sealed by the Dean of the dental school providing the remedial education course.

Note: Authority cited: [Section 1614, Business and Professions Code](#). Reference: [Section 1632.5, Business and Professions Code](#).”

Registered Nursing Board

No limit on number of retakes. Must wait 45 days between exams.