

## AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6507, 6606, 6608, and 6609 of the Education Law

Section 61.7 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective March 9, 2016, as follows:

61.7 Licensing examination for dental hygienist.

(a) Content. The examination shall consist of two parts:

(1) Part I. Designed to sample knowledge from all areas related to dental hygiene.

(2) Part II. An examination in dental hygiene practice, including both comprehensive and clinical components the scope and content of which shall be determined by the State Board for Dentistry.

(b) The department may accept grades acceptable to the State Board for Dentistry on an examination of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination[s] as meeting the requirements of Part I of the licensing examination, and satisfactory performance on [the] a clinical examination administered by [the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners or another] a [acceptable] clinical testing agency acceptable to the department for Part II of the licensing examination.

(c) . . .

(d) . . .

(e) A candidate who fails any component of Part II shall retain credit for components of that part passed, to the extent permitted by the testing agency. [for two subsequent examinations. Before admission to the third administration of Part II may be granted, such candidate shall present evidence satisfactory to the department of completion of instruction subsequent to the second failure, in a school of dental hygiene

registered by the department or accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department, in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) completion of 20 clock hours of instruction in each subject failed in the Dental Hygiene Comprehensive component of Part II; and

(2) completion of 40 clock hours of clinical instruction for failure in the clinical component of Part II.]

(f) Special examination conditions.

(1) An applicant who has completed not less than one academic year in a program of dental hygiene education registered by the department or accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department may be admitted to Part I of the examination. Such applicant shall meet all requirements for admission to the licensing examination, except for the completion of professional education.

(2) An applicant attending a program of dental hygiene education registered by the department, or accredited by an accrediting organization acceptable to the department, may be admitted to Part II during the last year of study and prior to graduation.