Summary of 2018 Dental Exam Format Changes (revised 8/25/17)

Overview
The Dental exam will consist of the following required sections: Operative, Endodontics, and Comprehensive Treatment Planning (CTP). The Periodontal section remains part of the exam and is included in the full exam fee, but the Candidate may opt out during registration if the state to which they are applying for initial licensure does not require this procedure. The Periodontal section is not a required section of the WREB exam, but there is no additional fee to take it. It is included in the full exam fee. An optional Prosthodontic section will also be offered, if the state to which a Candidate is applying for initial licensure requires it. The Prosthodontic section is not a required section of the WREB exam, but there is no additional fee to take it. It is included in the full exam fee.

The CTP exam is a written exam that will be taken in the fall at a Prometric Testing Center. Windows to take the exam at Prometric are approximately six weeks long and are pre-assigned based on the site where the Candidate will take the clinical exam.

Exam Sections
Operative: This is a required section. The Candidate may complete up to two procedures to demonstrate competence on the Operative section.

A Class II must be completed to pass the WREB exam:

- Direct Posterior Class II Composite Restoration (MO, DO or MOD)
- Direct Posterior Class II Amalgam Restoration (MO, DO or MOD)
- Indirect Posterior Class II Cast Gold (inlay/onlay up to and including a ¾ Crown)

A second procedure, if required, may be any of the following:

- Direct Posterior Class II Composite Restoration (MO, DO or MOD)
- Direct Posterior Class II Amalgam Restoration (MO, DO or MOD)
- Indirect Posterior Class II Cast Gold (inlay/onlay up to and including a ¾ Crown)
- A Direct Anterior Class III Composite Restoration (ML, DL, MF, DF)

If the Candidate is successful, (3.00 or higher), on the first procedure, the section is Passed, with no need to complete another procedure. If the first procedure scores below a 3.00, the Candidate may proceed with a second procedure, which will be averaged with the first procedure. For states requiring two Operative procedures, Candidates will have the option to complete a second procedure, even if the first procedure scored above a 3.00. The average of the two procedures must be 3.00 or higher to pass the section. If a second procedure is completed and the average scores below 3.00, the attempt is completed and reported as failing. In this instance, the Candidate must pay to retake the full Operative section at a different site. No onsite retakes are available for Operative. There are certain critical errors (such as validated caries remaining or a finding of a wrong tooth prepared) that immediately terminate the Operative section for a Candidate. In this instance, the Candidate fails Operative must pay to retake the full Operative section at a different site.

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If needed, the second Operative procedure may be completed on Clinic Days Two or Three.

**Endodontics:** This is a required section and will be completed on simulated teeth. Teeth mounted in sextants and preoperative radiographs will be provided to Candidates by WREB upon arrival in the simulation lab. Candidates are required to place and maintain the manikin in correct patient treatment position and remain articulated in correct vertical dimension. Universal precautions and a rubber dam are required for all endodontic treatment. Candidates are allotted three (3) hours to complete their treatment and postoperative radiographs. The sextants and radiographs are then submitted for calibrated examiner scoring to published criteria. Candidates are allotted a thirty (30) minute set up period prior to the start of the exam. Required Endodontic procedures:

- Anterior—Graded on Access and Condensation
- Posterior—Graded on Access only

Candidates with a failing result in Endodontics will have the opportunity to retake the section at the same exam site on the third clinic day. Onsite retakes for Endodontics are not available on Clinic Days 1 or 2. Three hours (3) will be allotted for the retake on Clinic Day 3. There is no additional fee for an onsite retake. If, for any reason, the section is not retaken onsite, the Candidate must pay to retake the section at a different site.

**Periodontal Treatment:** Initial Phase Treatment, S/RP subject to acceptance criteria. Candidates will have the choice to opt out of the periodontal section during registration if the state to which they are applying for initial licensure does not require this procedure. It remains part of the WREB exam and candidate results are reported to state dental boards unless the candidate removes it at application.

A retake of the Periodontal section may be taken onsite on Clinic Days Two or Three, if applicable. A Candidate with a validated finding of major tissue trauma will not be allowed to retake perio at the same site. There is no additional fee for an onsite retake. If, for any reason, the section is not retaken onsite, the Candidate must pay to retake the section at a different site.

**Prosthodontics:** Simulated preparation of two abutments to support a posterior three-unit fixed partial denture prosthesis and preparation of an anterior tooth for a full-coverage ceramic crown. The preparations are performed on simulated teeth set in arches with simulated gingival tissue mounted in an articulator or manikin. Candidates will prepare a maxillary central incisor for an All Ceramic Crown (ACC) restoration. The posterior three-unit fixed partial denture prosthesis will replace a missing tooth in an upper quadrant. For example, if the missing tooth is #4; the tooth to be prepared as the anterior abutment for the fixed partial denture will be #5, and the tooth to be prepared as the posterior abutment for the fixed partial denture will be #3. Candidates are monitored to ensure they work independently, observe universal precautions, and work in a manner that simulates performing procedures on a patient, including that they maintain proper patient head position and normal vertical dimension. The prosthodontic preparations are completed in a single day during a time slot assigned for this purpose. Candidates are allotted three and one-half (3.5) hours to complete their prosthodontic preparations, and are given thirty (30) minutes prior to start of the exam to set up their unit, mount their arches and prepare to begin. Candidates can choose to opt into the prosthodontic section during registration if the state to which they
are applying for initial licensure requires this procedure. The Prosthodontic section is not part of the WREB Dental Examination unless the candidate adds it at the time of application.

Candidates with a failing result in Prosthodontics will have the opportunity to retake the section at the same exam site on the third clinic day. Onsite retakes for Prosthodontics are not available on Clinic Days 1 or 2. Three and one-half (3.5) hours will be allotted for the retake on Clinic Day 3. There is no additional fee for an onsite retake. If, for any reason, the section is not retaken onsite, the Candidate must pay to retake the Prosthodontic section at a different site.

**Comprehensive Treatment Planning (CTP):** This is a required section. The Comprehensive Treatment Planning (CTP) examination is a computer-based examination administered at Prometric test centers. The exam consists of three (3) patient cases of varying complexity, one of which is a pediatric patient. For each case, Candidates assess patient history, photographs, radiographs, and clinical information in order to create and submit a treatment plan. Candidates are required to answer questions with constructed responses and perform tasks related to each case such as appropriate pharmacy prescriptions and case specific dental laboratory work authorizations, when required. Candidates are allowed three (3) hours to complete the CTP exam. A 15-minute tutorial is provided prior to the beginning of the examination. Candidate scoring is completed by calibrated examiners utilizing published scoring criteria rating scales.

**Clinical Exam Schedule**
The clinical exam will consist of one Orientation Day and two clinical days starting at 8:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm, plus a third half day starting at 8:00 am and ending at 11:00 am. Provisional results will be posted at the end of each clinic day. Endodontics, (and Prosthodontics if taken), are scheduled sections and will be scheduled on opposite days on Clinic Days 1 or 2.

**Passing Requirements**
Candidate results of any completed section, pass or fail, (initial or retake) are reported to state dental boards.

**Operative**

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Periodontal Treatment

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