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Present law provides for licensure of dentists and dental hygienists by the La. State Board of Dentistry (LSBD).

Present law provides that applicants for licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist shall present satisfactory evidence of having taken an examination in the theory and practice of the profession given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations before being accepted for the regular examination given by the LSBD, or pass an examination given by the LSBD in the theory and practice of the science of profession in addition to the regular examination given by the LSBD. Proposed law removes the requirement for the applicant to be examined by the LSBD and provides for the applicant to present satisfactory evidence of having taken and passed an examination in the theory and practice of the profession given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

Present law provides for the licensure of an applicant who has successfully completed any national, regional, or independent third-party clinical dental or dental hygienist licensing examination approved by the LSBD that includes procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of restorative clinical competencies and who satisfies all other requirements. Proposed law removes the requirement for the examination to include procedures performed on human subjects.

Present law requires an applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist to be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States unless otherwise prohibited by the North American Free Trade Agreement. Proposed law updates the requirement to be consistent with present law requirements for applicants for licensure as a dentist by requiring the dental hygienist be a citizen or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services or its successor.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:761(A)(4) and (C) and 764(A)(2) and (5) and (D); repeals R.S. 37:761(D) and 764(E))