

FLORIDA DENTISTRY PROFESSIONAL REGULATION PRACTICE TEST (SAMPLE) STUDY GUIDE



SAMPLE STUDY GUIDE WITH LIMITED QUESTIONS

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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

Questions

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- 1. What records must be kept during patient treatment?**
 - A. Documentation of prescriptions, discharge summaries, and random notes
 - B. Documentation of prescriptions and billing records
 - C. Billing records only
 - D. Documentation of procedures, diagnoses, and treatment plans, along with informed consent and communication
- 2. What is required to obtain a radiography permit for a dental assistant in Florida?**
 - A. Completion of a Board-approved radiography course and compliance with supervision requirements
 - B. Employment without any course
 - C. Only a written test
 - D. No permit required
- 3. In which venues may prescribed dental hygiene services be performed?**
 - A. Private offices only.
 - B. Hospitals only.
 - C. Licensed public and private health facilities, public institutions, educational institutions, and the home of a nonambulatory patient.
 - D. Public clinics only.
- 4. What is the renewal requirement for inactive licenses?**
 - A. They must be renewed biennially, including payment of the renewal fee.
 - B. They expire after 1 year and require retaking exam.
 - C. They can be renewed every 3 years without fee.
 - D. They never need renewal while inactive.
- 5. What is the benefit of including consumer members on the Board?**
 - A. To ensure the Board can license more quickly.
 - B. To ensure balanced oversight.
 - C. To reduce the number of meetings.
 - D. To increase advertising revenue.

- 6. How should patient records be stored to protect privacy?**
- A. They should be shared with any staff member on request.
 - B. Stored securely, with access limited to authorized personnel, in compliance with HIPAA and state laws.
 - C. Kept only in paper form on a shelf.
 - D. Stored in public cloud without access controls.
- 7. Which statement best describes the relationship between statutes and rules in professional regulation?**
- A. Rules create broad policy and statutes provide detailed implementation
 - B. They are unrelated to practice regulation
 - C. Statutes create broad policy and rules provide detailed implementation
 - D. Rules have to be approved by the public
- 8. Which is an example of a remediable task in dental practice?**
- A. Prophylaxis
 - B. Periodontal probing
 - C. Root planing
 - D. Crown preparation
- 9. What courses were repealed in 2019 regarding initial licensure and renewal?**
- A. 64B5-12.018 and 64B5-12.021
 - B. 64B5-12.019 and 64B5-12.020
 - C. 64B5-12.022 only
 - D. 64B5-12.023 and 64B5-12.024
- 10. Which activity yields CE credit for per-50-minute segments and has a biennial cap?**
- A. Board of Dentistry meetings.
 - B. Anesthesia inspection consulting.
 - C. Individual study presentations.
 - D. Lectures at CODA-accredited schools.

Answers

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1. D
2. A
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. B
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. D

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Explanations

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1. What records must be kept during patient treatment?

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Keeping thorough patient treatment records is essential because they document the clinical reasoning and actions taken, and they provide a verifiable record of informed consent and ongoing communication with the patient. The best records include what was diagnosed, what was planned (the treatment plan), what procedures were performed, and evidence that the patient understood and consented to the treatment. This combination supports continuity of care, protects both patient and practitioner, and meets regulatory expectations for accountability and documentation. This option stands out because it covers all the critical elements: diagnoses, procedures, treatment plans, informed consent, and communication. Other choices fall short because they may focus only on prescriptions and billing, or only on billing records, or rely on miscellaneous notes or discharge summaries without capturing the full clinical rationale and consent.

2. What is required to obtain a radiography permit for a dental assistant in Florida?

- A. Completion of a Board-approved radiography course and compliance with supervision requirements**
- B. Employment without any course
- C. Only a written test
- D. No permit required

In Florida, performing dental radiographs requires a credential that shows you've completed a Board-approved radiography course and you work under the supervision required by the Board. The course provides the essential training in radiographic technique, radiation safety, patient protection, infection control, and proper use of imaging equipment. The supervision requirement ensures that a licensed dentist oversees the radiographic procedures, safeguarding patient welfare and upholding professional standards. Without completing the approved course or without meeting the supervision rules, you wouldn't be legally eligible to expose radiographs.

3. In which venues may prescribed dental hygiene services be performed?

- A. Private offices only.
- B. Hospitals only.
- C. Licensed public and private health facilities, public institutions, educational institutions, and the home of a nonambulatory patient.**
- D. Public clinics only.

The main idea here is that prescribed dental hygiene services can be delivered in a variety of settings under supervision, not just in a private dental office. Florida regulations allow a dentist to delegate prescribed hygiene care to a licensed hygienist in multiple licensed venues, including both public and private health facilities, public institutions, educational institutions, and the home of a nonambulatory patient. This broad scope supports access to care through school programs, hospital and public health clinics, and home visits for patients who cannot travel. The other options are too restrictive because they limit care to a single type of setting, whereas the law recognizes and permits multiple approved venues.

4. What is the renewal requirement for inactive licenses?

- A. They must be renewed biennially, including payment of the renewal fee.**
- B. They expire after 1 year and require retaking exam.
- C. They can be renewed every 3 years without fee.
- D. They never need renewal while inactive.

The renewal process applies to licenses whether you're practicing or inactive, and the cycle is every two years with the renewal fee due. Keeping the license current while it's inactive prevents a lapse and preserves eligibility to reactivate in the future. The other statements don't fit because the renewal period isn't one year with a required exam, it isn't every three years without a fee, and you don't avoid renewal simply because the license is inactive.

5. What is the benefit of including consumer members on the Board?

- A. To ensure the Board can license more quickly.
- B. To ensure balanced oversight.**
- C. To reduce the number of meetings.
- D. To increase advertising revenue.

Including consumer members on the Board ensures balanced oversight by bringing in a patient and public perspective. These members represent the public interest and safety, helping to guard against decisions that might overly favor professionals. Their input keeps licensing, disciplinary actions, and policy development grounded in real-world impact on patients, enhancing transparency, accountability, and legitimacy of the regulatory process. It's about protecting the public, not abbreviating timelines, reducing meetings, or generating revenue, which is why this is the best choice.

6. How should patient records be stored to protect privacy?

- A. They should be shared with any staff member on request.
- B. Stored securely, with access limited to authorized personnel, in compliance with HIPAA and state laws.**
- C. Kept only in paper form on a shelf.
- D. Stored in public cloud without access controls.

Protecting patient privacy means keeping records secure and accessible only to people who need them, and doing so in line with HIPAA and Florida's laws. HIPAA's Privacy and Security Rules require that patient information be kept confidential and that access is restricted to authorized personnel with a legitimate need. In practice this means using safeguards for both paper and electronic records—locked storage and limited, monitored access for paper records, and strong authentication, role-based access, encryption, audit trails, and secure backups for electronic records. Florida law reinforces these protections with requirements for confidentiality, proper access, retention, and disclosure. This is why securely stored records with access limited to authorized staff, in compliance with HIPAA and state regulations, is the best approach. Sharing records with any staff on request, keeping them only on a shelf, or storing them in a public cloud without access controls all fail to provide the necessary protections and violate privacy requirements.

7. Which statement best describes the relationship between statutes and rules in professional regulation?

- A. Rules create broad policy and statutes provide detailed implementation
- B. They are unrelated to practice regulation
- C. Statutes create broad policy and rules provide detailed implementation**
- D. Rules have to be approved by the public

In professional regulation, statutes set the broad policy and authority for oversight, while rules translate that policy into concrete, day-to-day requirements. The best description captures this relationship: statutes create broad policy and the rules provide detailed implementation. Think of a statute as the framework that authorizes regulation—for example, it might require licensure for dentists and establish general standards of practice. The regulatory board then writes rules to fill in the specifics: the exact education and examination prerequisites, continuing education requirements, infection control standards, and the procedures for licensure and enforcement. These rules operate within the authority granted by the statute and must align with its goals. Public participation often occurs during rulemaking, but that involvement doesn't mean the public directly approves the rules; it means stakeholders can comment on proposed rules as part of the process. The other options misstate the relationship: rules don't create broad policy, and they aren't unrelated to practice regulation, nor is public approval of rules the standard mechanism.

8. Which is an example of a remediable task in dental practice?

- A. Prophylaxis**
- B. Periodontal probing
- C. Root planing
- D. Crown preparation

Remediable tasks are basic, teachable procedures that clinicians can noticeably improve with focused instruction and practice. Prophylaxis fits this well because it is a routine cleaning with clear, repeatable steps and objective outcomes (effective calculus and plaque removal, smooth surfaces, patient comfort). If someone isn't meeting standard, targeted coaching on technique, instrument control, and sequence can lead to observable improvement through repeated practice. In contrast, root planing and crown preparation are more complex procedures with higher precision and risk, making remediation more challenging and requiring more extensive retraining. Periodontal probing is a diagnostic measurement rather than a hands-on treatment, so it doesn't align as clearly with remediation of a treatment task.

9. What courses were repealed in 2019 regarding initial licensure and renewal?

- A. 64B5-12.018 and 64B5-12.021
- B. 64B5-12.019 and 64B5-12.020**
- C. 64B5-12.022 only
- D. 64B5-12.023 and 64B5-12.024

The main idea here is that certain course requirements tied to getting licensed and renewing your license were removed in 2019. Specifically, two course mandates found in the Florida Administrative Code sections 64B5-12.019 and 64B5-12.020 were repealed. That means those exact courses no longer have to be completed as part of initial licensure or renewal. The overall requirement to complete continuing education remains, but you're no longer obligated to take those two particular courses. In practice, you'd still need to meet the Board's general CE criteria, but you can choose other approved courses instead of those that were removed.

10. Which activity yields CE credit for per-50-minute segments and has a biennial cap?

- A. Board of Dentistry meetings.
- B. Anesthesia inspection consulting.
- C. Individual study presentations.

D. Lectures at CODA-accredited schools.

Continuing education credits in dentistry are awarded in defined instructional blocks, typically 50 minutes per credit, and they are subject to a biennial cap on the total credits you can earn for licensure renewal. Lectures at CODA-accredited schools fit exactly into this framework. They are formal, structured educational activities provided by a recognized, credible institution, and the time spent in these lectures is counted in the standard 50-minute segments toward the biennial CE limit. Other options generally don't align with how the Board recognizes CE: meetings of the Board itself aren't counted as CE toward licensure, anesthesia inspection consulting isn't a standard CE activity approved for licensure credits, and while some self-directed study can count, it often doesn't come with the formal CODA accreditation and time-block structure that ensures it will count toward the cap in the intended way.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

Or visit your dedicated course page for more study tools and resources:

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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