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RULE TITLE: Examination

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RULE SUMMARY: This amendment adds a process and criteria for the Board to grant special accommodations for applicants with English as a second language during examinations required for licensure. It also removes the requirement that the law and rules examination be completed within 30 days of receipt.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) All applicants must pass a competency exam and an Oregon law and rules exam approved by the Board.
- (2) Applicants who have passed the competency exam within 10 years prior to applying for licensure are not required to retake the exam.
- (3) Applicants applying by the reciprocity method who have passed the exam 10 years or more prior to applying for licensure in Oregon must:
 - (a) Retake the exam; or
 - (b) Document completion of continuing education activities which at minimum meet the requirements described in OAR chapter 833, division 80 within the 24 month period prior to application or initial licensure.
- (4) For registered interns who have met the experience requirements for licensure, the following will result in denial of the application for licensure and termination of internship registration:
 - (a) Failure to register and attempt to pass the competency examination at least once per year;
 - (b) Failure to pass the competency exam within two years of meeting the experience requirements; or
 - (c) Failure to achieve a passing score on the competency examination after taking the exam three times.
- (5) For direct and reciprocity method applicants, the following will result in denial of the application for licensure:
 - (a) Failure to document passage of an acceptable competency examination or failure to register and attempt to pass the competency examination at least once per year;
 - (b) Failure to document passage or to pass the competency exam within two years of application; or
 - (c) Failure to achieve a passing score on the competency examination after taking the exam three times.
- (6) The Board will not review a reapplication until at least one year has elapsed from the date of the previous denial. For

former registered interns, the Board will only approve a subsequent reapplication under the direct or reciprocity method.

(7) The Board may extend the deadline to take an exam for good cause upon written request of the applicant, which must be received or postmarked prior to the exam deadline.

(8) Special Accommodations. Requests for special accommodations for a disability or for English as a second language must be made at the time the written request to sit for the examination is made, or when the disability becomes known to the applicant. The request must include:

(a) Disability. Written verification of the disability from a qualified care provider (i.e. a person certified or licensed by the state to provide such services) detailing:

(A) Nature, extent and duration of disability; and

(B) Recommendation(s) for accommodation.

(b) English as a Second Language. Written request for reasonable accommodation detailing:

(A) Level of proficiency in English including, but not limited to, number of years speaking and/or writing English;

(B) History of special accommodations granted in similar testing circumstances;

(C) Other information to support request for special accommodation; and

(D) Recommendation(s) for accommodation.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 675.785 - 675.835, 676.160 - 676.180

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