

**CHANGES TO THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS  
OF SECTION B OF  
THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PROSTHODONTICS**

**NOTICE:** The current ABP Section B patient presentation requirements have been changed. These changes include:

- 1) The candidate must perform the laboratory work for any one of the Section B examinations. This can be the Part 2, 3 or 4.
- 2) At least 4 units of implant supported fixed restorations must be included in Section B. Implant supported overdentures no longer fulfill the implant requirement. The 4 units of implant supported fixed restoration may be done in any one or combination of the Parts 2, 3 or 4.
- 3) Complete dentures may no longer be part of the Section B Part 2 patient treatment.
- 4) The Section B, Part 2 patient treatment must include at least 4 units of fixed restorations on natural teeth.
- 5) The Section B, Part 3 patient treatment must include a minimum of 14 units of fixed restorations restoring articulating surfaces of the teeth in any combination of natural teeth and implants (at least 6 of these units must be natural teeth).

Below is the timeline/implementation dates for the changes to take effect.

**TIMELINE:** Section B patient presentations in the prior format (referred to as “OLD requirements”) will be acceptable for presentation only through the November 2014 examination. After the examination in November 2014, all presentations must conform to the NEW requirements. The candidate must select either the OLD requirements for all Section B patient presentations or select the NEW requirements. Section B patient treatments may not be selected from both the OLD and NEW requirements. Therefore, candidates who have begun the Part B process under the OLD requirements must finish his/her examination of the Section B parts before or at the November 2014 examination. If a candidate has NOT presented any Part B patient presentations, as of the date of this posting (June 1, 2011), he/she MAY ELECT to employ the NEW requirements immediately. After November 2014, if the candidate has initiated but not completed the Part B presentations using the OLD requirements, he/she must repeat the Part B presentations using the NEW requirements. The candidate must declare on the examination application which version (old or new) of the Section B Guidelines are being used for their patient presentations.

- 2) Both NEW requirements and OLD requirements are on the website in the Guidelines for the Certification Process. The requirements related to presentation format,

photographs, casts and written documentation for the examination have not changed for Section B. Only the patient procedure requirements and the laboratory requirements for Section B have been changed.