



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4731-16-05 Examinations.

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(A) Any examination ordered by the board under division (F)(2) of section 4730.25 of the Revised Code, division (B)(26) of section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, division (F) of section 4759.07 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4760.13 of the Revised Code, division (F) of section 4761.09 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4762.13 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4774.13 of the Revised Code, or division (F)(2) of section 4778.14 of the Revised Code in order to determine impairment, or any examination of an applicant for or a holder of a certificate issued under Chapter 4730., Chapter 4731., Chapter 4759., Chapter 4760. Chapter 4761., Chapter 4762., Chapter 4774., or Chapter 4778. of the Revised Code performed by an approved treatment provider shall include all of the following:

(1) Urine, hair or blood toxicology testing, or any combination, with legal chain of custody and forensic capability protocol;

(2) Comprehensive evaluation pertinent to the reasons for referral, including:

(a) Complete medical history and physical examination;

(b) Routine laboratory tests, to include complete blood count and liver function studies;

(c) Psychiatric evaluation, except as in paragraph (A)(3)(b)(ii);

(d) Comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment;

(e) Corroborating interviews of at least two persons who are close to the individual;

(f) Administration of at least two clinically approved substance use disorder assessment tools; and

(3) One of the following assessment standards, as applicable:



(a) Except as provided in paragraph (A)(3)(b) of this rule, observation of the individual in an inpatient setting for at least seventy-two consecutive hours, unless the approved treatment provider diagnoses the individual as chemically dependent and formulates a treatment plan in a shorter time period.

(b) If the individual is a massage therapist, dietitian, respiratory care professional, radiologist assistant, or genetic counselor who does not meet the criteria set forth in paragraph (A)(3)(c) of this rule:

(i) Outpatient assessment that meets the requirements of (A)(1) and (2);

(ii) Any other requirements as identified by the board or treatment provider. Psychiatric evaluation is not required in an examination administered under this paragraph unless the need for such an evaluation is identified by the board of the treatment provider.

(c) If the individual is a massage therapist, dietitian, respiratory care professional, radiologist assistant, or genetic counselor who was investigated by the board for possible impairment as part of a previous application for or while holding any certificate issued by the board, observation of the individual in an inpatient setting for at least seventy-two consecutive hours, unless the approved treatment provider diagnoses the individual as chemically dependent and formulates a treatment plan in a shorter time period.

(B) A diagnosis made by an approved treatment provider based on an examination ordered by the board under division (F)(2) of section 4730.25 of the Revised Code, division (B)(26) of section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, division (F) of section 4759.07 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4760.13 of the Revised Code, division (F) of section 4761.09 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4762.13 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4774.13 of the Revised Code, or division (G)(2) of section 4778.14 of the Revised Code shall be made solely for the purpose of providing evidence for use by the board. A licensee or applicant who undergoes an examination ordered by the board but who refuses to authorize the treatment provider to release reports or information to the board shall be deemed to have failed to submit to the examination due to circumstances within the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered without



the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence as provided in division (F)(2) of section 4730.25 of the Revised Code, division (B)(26) of section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, division (F) of section 4759.07 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4760.13 of the Revised Code, division (F) of section 4761.09 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4762.13 of the Revised Code, division (F)(2) of section 4774.13 of the Revised Code, or division (F)(2) of section 4778.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) The report issued pursuant to an examination ordered by the board shall be submitted to the board within five days following completion of the examination.

(D) The board may require the certificate holder or applicant to submit to a drug toxicology screen at the time it serves its order to submit to an examination or at any time after it issues the examination order and before the examination is completed.

(1) The drug toxicology screen shall be considered part of the examination.

(2) Refusal to submit to the drug toxicology screen immediately upon such request shall constitute failure to submit to a mental or physical examination ordered by the board and shall constitute an admission of the allegations against the individual, unless the failure is due to circumstances beyond the individual's control. A default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence.

(E) An individual ordered by the board to an examination who refuses to authorize the treatment provider to contact any person identified by the treatment provider as being appropriate for the purpose of conducting a corroborating interview as part of the examination shall be deemed to have failed to submit to the examination due to circumstances within the individual's control, and a default and final order may be entered into without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence.