

STATE LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS/ENDORSEMENT CHART

State	Licensure by Credential/Endorsement	Practice Years Required *	Special Requirements	Temporary License	Teacher License	Retired/Inactive License	Background Check	Clinical Exam for Initial Licensure	CPR for Licensure
DC				No	No				
DE	Yes	Three out of the last five		No	No	No	Letter of good standing from dental board where licensed.	STATE	Y
FL	No			No	No	Yes		STATE	Y
GA	Yes	2 years	Must begin to practice in GA w/in 2 years of obtaining license	Yes	No	No		ADEX CRDTS	Y
HI	Limited (Community service license)	3 years practice or national board scores less than 5 years old	May practice only in FQHC, native health centers, DH schools. May renew for total of 5 years	Yes, but only in institutions	No	No		ADEX AS Administered by CRDTS	N
ID	Yes	1,000 hours in prior two years		Yes, until the next exam or for one year for RDH who meets licensure by credentials criteria, but has not taken local anesthesia exam.	No	Yes	License verification. Investigation of legal and disciplinary actions.	ADEX on or After 1/1/2006 CRDTS WREB	Y
IL	Yes	Three out of last five years		No	No	Yes	Application. National Practitioners Databank.	CRDTS NERB	Y
IN	Yes	Two out of last five years	Must have 14 hours of CE during previous two years	No	No	No	License verification. Education. Disciplinary actions. Board scores.	CRDTS, SRTA, NERB, WREB	Y

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IA	Yes	Must have practiced three years precedingly	Other state must accept Iowa licensees; applicant have not failed a clinical exam within past three years	No	Yes	No	Practice references. License verifications.	ADEX, CRDTS, WREB after 1/1/01	Y
KS	Yes	Three years		No	No	Yes	License verification. Reference letters from past/present employers. Education.	Any state board CRDTS, NERB, SRTA, WREB	Y
KY	Yes	Must have practiced 5 years	Dental board must unanimously vote to accept applicant.	No	No	Yes TEMP.	National Practitioners Databank. License verification.	CRDTS, NERB, SRTA, WREB	Y
LA	Yes	One year practice	Personal interview with board, cannot be HIV or HBV positive	No	No	No	Professional, Criminal and license verification.	STATE	N
ME	Yes	Five years WREB	Personal interview, dental board may waive NERB. Must pass the CSLE portion.	No	No	No	Education. License verification. National Board scores. NERB scores.	NERB	N
MD	Yes	Three years/150 hours preceding 3yrs	Possess health certificate from physician, personal interview	Yes	Yes	Yes	National Practitioners Databank.	CRDTS	Y
MA	Yes	One year	Contact Dental Board	No	No	No	Education.National Board scores. Two recommendations from previous employers (dentists).	NERB	N

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							Disciplinary action. License verification.		
MI	Yes	2 Years practice	If licensed before 1962, National Board Exam may be waived	No	No	No		NERB	Y
MN	Yes	Active practice for two of 3 years prior	Requires interview, Canadian licensees eligible, must have five hours of infection control within previous five years, provide two character references.	Yes—"Guest License for Public Health \$50.00 (application & renewal fee)	No	No	Education. NERB and National Boards verification.	CRDTS	N
MS	Yes	5 years practice		No	Yes Rule 7	No	National Practitioners Databank. AADE query. Two references.	CITA & LA STATEBD EXAM	Y
MO	Yes	Two years	Not eligible if ever failed a clinical exam or had action against license, CPR	No	No	No	National Practitioners Database. AADE query. Education. References		Y
MT	Yes	500 hours in past year	CPR	No	No	Yes	License verification. Disciplinary action.	CRDTS WREB	Y
NE	Yes	Three years, one prior to application	Oral exam if not passed CRDTS, also need 15 hours of CE	No	No	Yes	License verification	CRDTS	Y

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NV	Limited		"Limited" and "geographically restricted" license available to RDH who restrict practice to certain specified underserved settings			Yes	License verification. Education. Clinical and NERB scores. Letter of good moral standing.	STATE	Y
NH	Yes	Three years	Passed NERB within last five years, may waive NERB if over five years or recognize other clinical on case by case basis	No	No	Yes	License verification. Education. NERB scores. AADE query.	NERB	N
NJ	Yes		10 hours of CE within last two years	No	No	Yes	Employment history. License verification. Exam scores. Education. Criminal.	NERB	N
NM	Yes	1,000 hours in last three of five years.	Must complete infection control CE	Yes, must be sponsored by a NM dentist or dental hygienist	Yes	Yes	\$25 License verification.	WREB	Y
NY	Yes	Not less than 8 months of last two years	Must not have failed New York exam. Department may license by endorsement on an individual basis.	No	No	No	Education. Professional Moral Character.	NERB	N
NC	Yes	2	Rules pending	Yes, with two years practice	No	No		STATE	Y
ND	Yes	Three years	Three letters of reference from dentists, and three	No	No	No	Reference letters. License verification. Personal statements.	CRDTS	Y

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			from dental hygienists.						
OH	Yes			No	Teacher's license by reciprocity	No	AADE query. Required state background checks.	NERB	Y
OK	Yes	Two years	Interview with board	Yes, unless failed Oklahoma clinical	Yes	No	10 letter of recommendation. License verification and all documents submitted.	WREB	Y
OR	Yes	3,500 hours in past 5 years		No		Yes	Background included incl. in fee of \$850	CRDTS, WREB	N
PA	Yes		Licensure by criteria approval for those states that have reciprocal arrangements with Pennsylvania	No	No	No	License verification. Disciplinary action. NERB scores.	NERB	N
RI	Yes			No	No	No	Education. Birth certificate. National Board scores. NERB scores.	NERB	N
SC	Yes		There is no explicit provision in the law, but the board will consider applicants on an individual basis. Must have passed the National Board Exam within last 15 years	No	No	No	Verification of license. National Practitioners Database.	STATE/SRTA	Y
SD	Yes	Three out of last five years		Yes		No	National Practitioner Databank.	CRDTS	Y

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TN	Yes		Current CPR certification. Must not have failed the SRTA exam.	No	Yes	Yes	Criminal. Education. Disciplinary actions. License verification and status. 2 letters of reference.	SRTA, WREB Board approved examination	N
TX	Yes	Three years	Current CPR	Yes if practice in not for profit	No	No	Employment Education References	CRDTS, NERB, SRTA, WREB	Y
UT	Yes	2,000 hours within last two years or taught in accredited program for 18 months and practiced for 800 hours within last 2 years		No	No	No	License verification.	CRDTS, NERB, SRTA, WREB	N
VT	Yes	800 hours within last five years	Must have taken office emergency procedures; never have been disciplined	No	No	No	Education. License verification. National Board scores.	NERB	Y
VA	Yes	Two out of last five years		Yes, if employed in state public health	Teacher's temporary	Yes	Application and all documents are reviewed by licensure specialist and reviewed by endorsement committee.	SRTA	N
WA	Yes	560 practice hours in past two years.	May be required to take parts of the clinical exam	Yes, but no expanded functions; renewable limited license.	No	No	License verification. AADE query.	CRDTS WREB	Y

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WV	Yes	Two years active practice		Yes 6.02	Yes Rule 6.04		License verification. National Practitioners Databank.	NERB	N
WI	Yes			No	No	No	Board scores. Education License verification. CPR	CRDTS	Y
WY	Yes	1000 hrs prior 3 years		No	No	No		CRDTS, NERB, WREB, SRTA	Y

Licensure by Credential: States may use the terms; “licensure by endorsement,” “licensure by criteria approval,” or “reciprocity” to mean provisions in the law that allow out of state licensees to be licensed without a clinical examination.

Years of Practice: Refers to active practice requirements in the year(s) immediately preceding licensure by credential application.

Special Requirements: Requirements that are in addition to graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program, passing the Joint Commission on National Boards Dental Hygiene Examination, and proof that the applicant has a license in good standing in another state. (Most states will require licensure applicants to pass a Jurisprudence exam on the laws governing the practice of dental hygiene in that state. Contact state licensing agency for application forms and fee information.)

Temporary, Teacher, Inactive or Retired License: Special licenses often have specific time-limits, restrictions, or additional requirements. Contact the state licensing agency for information. **Source:** *State statutes and rules/information from state licensing authorities.*

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