

QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

General Dentistry License by Examination Requirements

1. Graduate of an ADA accredited dental school
2. Must have passed National Board Examination.
3. Must have passed a *Board-approved clinical dental licensure examination within the last 5 years. *The Board accepts results of 1) CRDTS and 2) ADEX - SRТА/NERB(CDCA)/CITA.
4. Must pass the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
5. Applicants that have disciplinary action or malpractice case(s), pending or closed, will be considered for licensure on a case-by-case basis after receipt of all required materials. For each case, the applicant should submit:
 - a. a copy of the formal complaint pleading(s);
 - b. a copy of the final action, disposition or settlement;
 - c. a personal explanation of the disciplinary action or malpractice claim; and
 - d. any further information requested by the Board in separate communications.
6. You must be of good moral character.
7. Must agree to appear for a personal interview if requested by the Board.
8. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents and with non-refundable fee.*

General Dentistry License by Credentials Requirements

1. Graduate of an ADA accredited dental school
2. Must have passed a state or regional clinical board examination acceptable to *The Board for licensure.
3. Must successfully complete the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
4. Must be currently licensed to practice dentistry in another state or United States territory that is not revoked, suspended, or restricted.
5. Must have actively practiced dentistry for a minimum of five (5) years immediately preceding the date of application. "Actively practicing" means working a minimum of twelve hundred (1,200) hours a year in a private practice or public health or military clinical setting; or the combination of twelve hundred (1,200) hours a year of clinical instructing at an ADA approved dental school and private practice.
6. Must have completed seventy (70) hours of Continuing Education over the past five (5) years.
7. Must not have been the subject of any final or pending disciplinary action in the military in any state or territory in which you have held any other professional license. 40-15-275 (A.) (5) (6)
8. Must not have had any felony convictions or other criminal convictions that would affect your ability to render competent dental care.
9. Must agree to: (a) sign a release allowing the disclosure from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the verification of registration status with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA); (b) if requested by the Board, submit to substance abuse testing; (c) if requested by the Board, provide proof that you have no physical or psychological impairment that would adversely affect your ability to practice dentistry with reasonable skill and safety; (d) if requested by the Board, appear for a personal interview.
10. You must be of good moral character.
11. Must establish an active practice in South Carolina within two (2) years of receiving a license by credentials or the license is automatically revoked.
12. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents and with non-refundable fee.*

American Dental Examination (ADEX): PO Box 50718 Mesa, AZ, (503) 724-1104

Southern Regional Dental Testing Agency, Inc. (SRТА): 4698 Honey Grove Rd., Ste 2, Virginia Beach, VA 23455, (757) 318-9082. (www.SRTA.org)

Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS): 1725 SW Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66604, (785) 273-0380. (www.CRDTS.org)

NERB now Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), 11304 Concourse Dr., Ste. 100, Linthicum, MD 21090, (301) 563-3300. (www.CDCAexams.org)

Dentists Only: Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA), 1003 High House Rd., Suite 101, Cary, NC 27513, (866) 678-9795 (www.CITAexam.com)

License to Practice Dental Specialty Requirements

1. You must have a valid South Carolina General Dentistry License.
2. You must:
 - (a) successfully complete the South Carolina State Board Specialty Examination; **OR**
 - (b) if you are a diplomate of a national certifying board recognized by the American Dental Association, you may be granted a SC specialty license upon completion of an application and submission of fees.
3. You must be of good moral character.
4. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents and with non-refundable fee.*

License to Practice Dental Hygiene Requirements

1. Graduate of a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA)
2. Must have passed the National Board Examination.
3. Must successfully complete the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
4. Must apply on the basis of having met one of the following requirements:
 - (a) **Clinical Examination**. You must have successfully completed a *Board-approved clinical licensure examination within the past five (5) years. **The Board accepts results of (1) CRTS; and (2) ADEX [SRTA/NERB(CDCA)]* **OR**
 - (b) **Active License and Practice**: You must hold an active license in another state and have actively practiced three (3) out of the last five (5) years; **OR**
 - (c) **Licensed within Two Years**: You must have been licensed in another state, with similar examination requirements as South Carolina, within the past two (2) years.
5. Must not have had a license to practice dental hygiene issued by any state or region revoked.
6. Must not have been the subject of any final or pending disciplinary action in any state or territory.
7. Any charges, violations or convictions or previous examination failures brought to the attention of the Board in the processing of an application may disqualify an applicant for licensure.
8. If you apply on the basis of **Active License and Practice** or **Licensed within Two Years**, you must:
 - (a) have completed a minimum of fourteen (14) hours of Board-approved Continuing Education, including an infection control course, within the past two (2) years; and
 - (b) you must be current in CPR.
9. You must be of good moral character.
10. Upon request, you must appear before the Board at a time and place designated by the Board to answer any questions the Board may have.
11. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents and with non-refundable fee.*

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Restricted Volunteer Dental / Dental Specialist/Dental Hygiene License Requirements

1. Applicant must have graduated from a dental or dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA).
2. Applicant must have at least five (5) years of clinical practice as a dentist, specialist, or dental

- hygienist in the area of licensure that they are seeking.
3. If applicant has NOT actively practiced dentistry, specialty dentistry or dental hygiene within the past five (5) years, applicant must:
 - Submit a physician's statement of mental and physical competency verifying that the applicant is able to practice dentistry/dental hygiene with reasonable skill and safety to patients.
 - Provide two (2) letters attesting to the applicant's good moral character, from dental professionals, on the signator's letterhead. The letters must be original and dated within the last year.
 - Provide proof of completion of an infection control course, approved by the Board, within the past two (2) years.
 - If requested by the Board, appear for a personal interview.
 - If requested by the Board, take a refresher course or passage of an examination administered by the Board or a testing agency designated and approved by the Board.
 4. Must have held a corresponding license in another state as a licensee in good standing;
 5. Must not have failed the state's corresponding clinical examination within the past five (5) years;
 6. Must pass the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
 7. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents. There is no application fee.*

Restricted Volunteer Dental License Restricted to Specialty Requirements

Diplomates of a national certifying board recognized by the ADA who apply for a Restricted Volunteer Dental License may be granted a SC Volunteer Dental License Restricted to the Practice of (an ADA approved Specialty) upon completion of the application, and successful completion of the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination. An application may be submitted to the Board at any time. No fee is required, nor is a SC Dental License.

Restricted Dental Instructor License Requirements

1. Must hold a valid license in another state.
2. Must pass the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
3. Must teach dental medicine full-time at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine.
4. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents and with non-refundable fee.*

Dental Technician Registration Requirements

1. Graduation from high school or its equivalent
2. Completion of a two-year course of study in a school for dental technological work or has evidence of performing dental technological work under direct supervision of a licensed dentist or registered dental technician for a period of three (3) years.
3. Must pass the Board's written examination **OR** pass the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC) Examination.
4. Must pass the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
5. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents and with non-refundable fee.*

Orthodontic Technician Registration Requirements

1. Graduation from high school or its equivalent
2. Must pass the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
3. *Make a full and complete application with all required documents and with non-refundable fee.*

Certification and Examination to Administer Infiltration Anesthesia

Dental hygienists may become certified to administer local infiltration anesthesia provided they meet the following requirements:

1. Must hold a current SC Dental Hygiene license.
2. Must be currently certified in CPR.
3. Must have successfully completed an approved course in local infiltration anesthesia within the past three (3) years or been certified in another state to perform infiltration anesthesia within the

- past three (3) years.
4. Must successfully complete the State Board Infiltration Anesthesia Examination.

Certification to Monitor Nitrous Oxide

Dental hygienists and *expanded duty dental assistants (EDDA) may become certified to monitor nitrous oxide provided they meet the following requirements:

1. Must submit verification of successful completion of an approved course in nitrous oxide monitoring within the past three (3) years; or been certified in another state to monitor nitrous oxide within the past three (3) years. Applicants who have been certified in another state must present academic credentials for review and approval by the Board, including a course outline and a copy of certificate received upon completion of the course.
2. Must be currently certified in CPR.
3. Must successfully complete the State Board Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Examination.

*An expanded duty dental assistant (EDDA) is a dental assistant who is a graduate of an ADA accredited dental assisting program or one who has proof of completion from a licensed dentist of two (2) years of continuous full-time employment as a chairside dental assistant.

South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination

The South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination is an open-book, on-line exam pertaining to the Dental Practice Act of SC (Chapter 15) and the Rules and Regulations of the Board (Chapter 39). Upon making a full application for a license in South Carolina, applicants will be emailed a password and ID number to take the examination. The Practice Act and Regulations are found on the Board's web site at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry under laws/policies.

Reinstatement of License/Certificate Requirements

1. Your South Carolina license/certificate cannot have been inactive/expired more than six (6) years.
2. It should not have been more than six (6) years since you practiced in South Carolina.
3. Licenses/Certificates which you have in other states must be in good standing, whether active/inactive.
4. You must successfully complete the South Carolina Jurisprudence Examination.
5. Continuing education (CE) hours taken to reinstate your license/certificate cannot be used to renew your license for the next renewal period.
6. If requested, you shall appear before the Board at a time and place designated by the Board to answer any questions the Board may have.
7. The application, application fee and other documents are valid for six (6) months. After six months, you must reapply. Fees are non-refundable.
8. Upon reinstatement, the appropriate fee will apply:
Dentist - \$500.00; Dental Hygienist - \$300.00; Dental Technician - \$300.00.

Fees

Fees for all licenses and certificates can be found on the Board's web site at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry under the menu item Fees.