



South Carolina Board of Dentistry

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REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DENTAL/ORTHO TECHS

The South Carolina Board of Dentistry may issue a registration to perform dental technology or orthodontic technology work to an applicant that produces evidence satisfactory to the Board of meeting the following requirements.

APPLICANTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A DENTAL TECHNICIAN

1. Graduation of high school by diploma or equivalent: A notarized/certified copy of your high school diploma must be enclosed.
2. Documentation of 1) completion of a two-year course of study in a school for dental technological work acceptable to the Board or, in the alternative, 2) evidence of having performed dental technological work under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist or registered dental technician for a period of three years.
3. Three (3) original letters of recommendation from licensed dentists who can attest to your good moral character. These letters must identify the individual as a licensed dentist, be submitted on the signator's letterhead, and bear the original signature of the author.
4. Successful completion the South Carolina jurisprudence examination.
5. Successful completion of the written State Board Dental Technician Examination, administered at the Board office in Columbia; **OR** the written comprehensive examination of the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC), administered at various times and locations throughout the country.

APPLICANTS FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ORTHODONTIC TECHNICIAN

1. Graduation of high school by diploma or equivalent: A notarized/certified copy of your high school diploma must be enclosed.
2. Three (3) original letters of recommendation from licensed dentists who can attest to your good moral character. These letters must identify the individual as a licensed dentist, be submitted on the signator's letterhead, and bear the original signature of the author.
3. Successful completion of the South Carolina Dental Practice Act (jurisprudence) Examination;

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The application must be fully completed with all requested information, fees and documentation supplied.
2. Applications are maintained in the Board office for a period of one (1) year. After such time the application is rendered void and the applicant must reapply and pay all required fees.
3. **Jurisprudence Examination:** Once our office receives your application and fee, you will be mailed instructions with your user id and password to take the exam online. A score of 70 or higher is considered a passing score.
4. **The State Board Dental Technician Examination** – if needed by dental technician applicants- is administered at the Board office. This is a written exam on all phases of prosthetic dentistry, fixed and removable, laboratory techniques, procedures and occlusion, and infection control procedures. A “Study Guide for the Dental Technician Examination” is available online at the Board’s web site and is intended to assist applicants in preparation for this exam. Applicant should contact the Office of Licensure and Compliance at (803) 896-4599 to schedule this exam.
5. **The Written Comprehensive Examination of the NBC** – if needed by dental technician applicants - is offered at various times and locations throughout the country. Information regarding this exam, as well as a list of scheduled exam dates and sites can be found on their web site at: <http://www.nbccert.org/CDT>.
6. An applicant may check the status of their application by accessing the Board’s website at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry and click on “Application Status” and follow the prompts. If you relocate during the time that your application is being processed, at the Board’s website click on “Change Your Address” and follow the prompts.