

**ARTICLE IX**  
**PROPOSED RULE**  
**Credentials Required in Issuing Dental or Dental Hygiene License**

- A. By the authority of ACA § 17-82-308, a dentist who desires to practice his profession in the State of Arkansas may apply in writing to the State Board of Dental Examiners for a license by credentials pursuant to the following requirements:
1. Applicant must be a graduate of:
    - a. a dental school that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or
    - b. a non-CODA accredited dental school in a foreign county and must show satisfactory evidence of the successful completion of at least two years of pre-doctoral academic and clinical years of dental school education at a CODA accredited dental school, or
    - c. a non-CODA accredited dental school in a foreign county and have successfully completed a 2-year advanced education program in general dentistry or an ADA recognized specialty in an CODA accredited dental school.
  2. Applicants for licensure by credentials under Section A.1. b. and c. of this Article must present certification by the dean of the CODA accredited dental school where the training has occurred, that the candidate has achieved the same level of didactic and clinical competence as expected of a graduate of that school or has been given a DDS or DMD degree. Applicant must request and authorize the school to provide the Board with an official transcript with school seal from the school of dentistry where the coursework was completed and have the same sent directly from the school to the Board office.
  3. Applicant must be currently licensed in the state from which he or she is applying, and must have practiced continuously for a period of five years immediately prior to applying. The applicant may have participated in a post-graduate dental/medical education program during the five years in order to satisfy the five year practice requirement.
  4. Applicant must file with the Board a completed Arkansas Dental License by Credentials Application approved by the Board.
  5. Applicant must request and authorize schools to provide the Board with an official transcript with school seal from the school of dentistry which issued D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and have the school send same directly from the school to the Board office.
  6. Applicant must be responsible for verification forms to be submitted by the state Board from every state where licensed, whether license is current or not. Such forms should be sent directly from the state Board to this Board office.
  7. Applicant must have National Board Exam Card sent from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations office with said exam card reflecting passage of the National Board Exam. Photocopies are not accepted.
  8. Applicant must complete a comprehensive resume on forms furnished by the Board.
  9. Applicant must have letters submitted to the Board from two licensed dentists practicing in the same locale of the state from which he is applying, attesting to the applicant's moral character, standing, and ability.
  10. Applicant must have letters from the State and local Dental Association Peer Review Committee (if

there is one) submitted setting forth information of record concerning the applicant.

11. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) clearance and National Practitioner Data Bank inquiry will be initiated by the Board office.
12. Applicant must submit to the Board office a copy of a certificate showing current Healthcare Provider Level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate and last two years' history of continuing education.
13. Each applicant must submit to the Board a signed letter of intention to practice in this state within one year of receiving his or her license.
14. Applicant must pass the Arkansas Jurisprudence exam with a score of 75 % as administered by the Board.
15. Applicant must submit a fee (to be determined by the Board) to the Board office with the application.
16. Applicant must provide proof of successfully passing a clinical examination for licensure. Results of the clinical exam must be sent directly to the Board from the state or regional testing agency that administered the examination.

The application, resume, and all other supporting material shall be reviewed by the Board. The applicant shall present himself or herself before the Board at a time and place designated by the Board for a jurisprudence examination and a personal interview. The Board will review the application, resume, and all supporting material, as well as the result of the Jurisprudence Exam, and will approve or deny the application for licensure.

B. By the authority of ACA § 17-82-308, a dental hygienist who desires to practice his profession in the state of Arkansas may apply in writing to the State Board of Dental Examiners for a license by credentials pursuant to the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be a graduate of an American Dental Association (ADA) accredited school, currently licensed in the state from which he or she is applying, and must have practiced continuously for a period of five years immediately prior to applying. The applicant may have participated in a post-graduate dental related education program during the five years in order to satisfy the five year practice requirement.
2. Applicant must file with the Board a completed Arkansas Dental Hygiene License by Credentials Application approved by the Board.
3. Applicant must request and authorize schools to provide an official transcript with school seal from the school of dental hygiene which issued the certificate or degree, and have the school send same directly from the school to the Board office.
4. Applicant must be responsible for verification forms to be submitted by the state Board from every state where licensed, whether license is current or not. Such forms should be sent directly from the state Board to this Board office.
5. Applicant must have National Board Exam Card sent from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations office with said exam card reflecting passage of the National Board Exam. Photocopies are not accepted.

6. Applicant must complete a comprehensive resume on forms furnished by the Board.
7. Applicant must have letters submitted to the Board from two licensed dentists practicing in the same locale of the state from which he or she is applying, attesting to the applicant's moral character, standing, and ability.
8. Applicant must submit to the Board office a copy of certificate showing current Healthcare Provider Level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate and last two years' history of continuing education
9. Applicant must supply to the Board a signed letter of intention to practice in this state within one year of receiving his or her license.
10. Applicant must pass the Arkansas Jurisprudence exam with a score of 75 % as administered by the Board.
11. Applicant must submit a fee (to be determined by the Board) to the Board office with the application.
12. Applicant must provide proof of successfully passing a clinical examination for licensure. Results of the clinical exam must be sent directly to the Board from the state or regional testing agency that administered the examination.

The application, resume, and all other supporting material shall be reviewed by the Board. The applicant shall present himself or herself before the Board at a time and place designated by the Board for a jurisprudence examination and a personal interview. The Board will review the application, resume, and all supporting material, as well as the result of the Jurisprudence Exam, and will approve or deny the application for licensure.

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