

ARTICLE IX

**CREDENTIALS REQUIRED IN ISSUING DENTAL OR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE**

A. By the authority of Ark. Code Ann. § 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 and received a DDS or DMD from a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) currently licensed in the state from which he is applying, and must have practiced continuously for a period of five years immediately prior to applying. To be considered as practicing "continuously", the applicant must have actively practiced dentistry for a minimum of 1000 hours per year for the two calendar years immediately prior to the date of application. The qualifying hours of clinical practice must have been performed in the most current jurisdiction from where the application is being made. 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.
2. Applicant must file with the Board a completed Arkansas Dental License by Credentials Application approved by the Board.
3. Applicant must request and authorize schools to provide the Board with an official transcript with school seal from the school of dentistry which issued DDS or DMD 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 is applying, attesting to the applicant's moral character, standing, and ability.

8. 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.
9. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) clearance and National Practitioner Data Bank inquiry will be initiated by the Board office.
10. 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.
11. Each 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.
12. Applicant must pass the Arkansas Jurisprudence exam with a score of 75 % as administered by the Board.
13. Applicant must submit a fee (to be determined by the Board) to the Board office with the application.
14. 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.
15. Applicant must have continuing education credits at least equal to those required by current Arkansas licensees for the previous two year period.

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 Ark. Code Ann. § 17-82-308, a dental hygienist who desires to practice his or her 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 school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), currently licensed in the state from which he 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 to the Board office. Said exam card must reflect 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 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.
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The application, resume, and all other supporting material shall be reviewed by the Board. The applicant shall present herself or himself 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.