

<p><b>Initial Licensure Examination Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>CDCA-WREB-CITA</b> (ADEX, formerly North East Regional Board exam; (manikin-based or patient-based examination completed within 10 years preceding filing the application) (Source: <a href="#">District of Columbia Dentistry Initial License Application</a>)</p>
<p><b>General Licensure Requirements</b></p>	<p><a href="#">District of Columbia Municipal Regulations 4204 LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION</a></p> <p>4204.1 To qualify for a license by examination, an applicant shall:</p> <p>(a) Meet the education requirements set forth under § 4202 of this chapter; and</p> <p>(b) Receive a passing score on the following:</p> <p>(1) The National Dental Examination;</p> <p>(2) The American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) Examination, which may be a patient-based or nonpatient-based examination, and which may, but is not required to, include a periodontal examination; and</p> <p>(3) The District of Columbia Dental Law Examination.</p> <p>4204.2 To apply for a license by examination, an applicant shall:</p> <p>(a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include:</p> <p>(1) The applicant's social security number on the application; and</p> <p>(2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2") which clearly expose the area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin.</p> <p>(b) Submit an official certificate of graduation in a sealed envelope from the educational institution(s) to the Board, which shall verify that the applicant meets the educational requirements set forth under § 4202 of this chapter;</p> <p>(c) Submit the applicant's examination results, which have been certified or validated by the NERB or the ADEX, whichever is applicable, and the Joint Commission of National Dental Examiners;</p> <p>(d) Pass the District of Columbia Dental Law Examination; and</p> <p>(e) Pay all required fees.</p> <p>4204.3 The passing scores on the examination shall be those established by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and NERB or ADEX on each test that forms a part of the examination.</p> <p>4204.4 An applicant who has successfully completed the NERB or the ADEX examination ten (10) or more years prior to the date of receipt by the Board of the application for licensure shall be required to retake the NERB or ADEX examination, unless the applicant is applying for licensure by endorsement pursuant to § 4209 of this chapter.</p> <p><b>4205 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DENTAL LAW EXAMINATION</b></p> <p>4205.1 To qualify for a license under this chapter, all applicants without exception shall receive a passing score on a written examination developed by the Board on laws and rules pertaining to the practice of dentistry (the District of Columbia Dental Law Examination).</p> <p>4205.2 Repealed.</p> <p>4205.3 The District of Columbia Dental Law Examination may consist of questions on general District laws pertaining to dentistry and dental hygiene including the Act, this chapter, and chapters 40, 41, and 43 of this title.</p>
<p><b>License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements</b></p>	<p><a href="#">District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Title 17, Chapter 42, 4203 DENTISTS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES</a></p> <p>4203.1 A dentist shall not be qualified to apply for initial licensure, reinstatement or renewal of licensure to practice in the District of Columbia if any dental license(s) he or she holds, or has ever held, in another state or jurisdiction(s) is revoked or suspended or otherwise not in good standing as</p>

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	<p>determined by the Board, until such time as the dental license(s) is restored to good standing in the jurisdiction(s) where the disciplinary action(s) took place.</p> <p><b>4209 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT</b></p> <p>4209.1 An applicant is eligible to apply for licensure by endorsement in the District of Columbia if the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Meets the education requirements set forth under § 4202 of this chapter;</li> <li>(b) Has successfully completed Part I and Part II of the examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations;</li> <li>(c) Is currently licensed, in good standing, to practice dentistry in another state of the United States; and</li> <li>(d) Has passed the NERB or ADEX examination;</li> <li>(e) Has passed a regional board examination, other than the NERB examination, and meets the active practice requirements set forth in § 4209.3(f) of this chapter; or</li> <li>(f) Has passed a state dental examination determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent, and meets the active practice requirements set forth in § 4209.3(f) of this chapter.</li> </ul> <p>4209.2 An applicant holding an active license to practice dentistry in any other state, who has passed the NERB examination or the ADEX examination, shall apply for licensure by endorsement as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The applicant's social security number on the application; and</li> <li>(2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2") which clearly expose the area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) Submit a copy of his or her current license with the application;</li> <li>(c) Obtain verification from each state in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional health occupation license, that the license is current and in good standing, or if the license is no longer active, that it was in good standing immediately prior to its expiration. The licensure verification form must be sent directly to the Board, by the verifying Board;</li> <li>(d) Submit the applicant's NERB or ADEX examination results, which have been certified or validated by the NERB or ADEX;</li> <li>(e) Submit the applicant's examination results which have been certified or validated by the Joint Commission of National Dental Examinations;</li> <li>(f) Pass the District of Columbia Dental Law Examination; and</li> <li>(g) Pay all required fees.</li> </ul> <p>4209.3 An applicant holding an active license to practice dentistry in any other state, who has passed a regional board examination other than the NERB or ADEX examination, shall apply for licensure by endorsement as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Submit a completed application to the Board on the required forms and include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The applicant's social security number on the application; and</li> <li>(2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant's face measuring two inches by two inches (2" x 2") which clearly expose the area from the top of the forehead to the bottom of the chin.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) Submit a copy of his or her current license with the application;</li> <li>(c) Obtain verification from each state in which the applicant holds or has ever held a professional health occupation license, that the license is current and in good standing, or if the license is no longer active, that it was in good standing immediately prior to its expiration. The licensure verification form</li> </ul>
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	<p>must be sent directly to the Board, by the verifying Board;</p> <p>(d) Submit the applicant's regional board examination results, which have been certified or validated by the regional board;</p> <p>(e) Submit the applicant's examination results, which have been certified or validated by the Joint Commission of National Dental Examinations;</p> <p>(f) Submit evidence satisfactory to the Board establishing that the applicant has been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry, in another U.S. state, in good standing, for the five (5) years immediately preceding the application, and has at least eight hundred and fifty (850) hours of active dental practice. The practice of dentistry in the armed forces, state and federal programs, and intern and residency programs may be counted toward the required hours of active practice;</p> <p>(g) Pass the District of Columbia Dental Law Examination; and</p> <p>(h) Pay all required fees. 4209.4 In addition to the requirements set forth in this section, the Board may, in its discretion, require an applicant for licensure by endorsement to take and successfully complete a competency examination, or any portion thereof deemed necessary by the Board, as a prerequisite to licensure if the applicant's licensure in any state was ever denied, revoked, or suspended for incompetency or inability to practice in a safe manner.</p> <p>4209.5 An application that remains incomplete for ninety (90) days or more from the date of submission shall be considered abandoned, and closed by the Board. The applicant shall thereafter be required to reapply, submit the required documents and completed forms, and pay the required fees.</p> <p>4209.6 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Board from utilizing other authorized databases to verify an applicant's current licensure standing in other jurisdictions of the U.S. or to review disciplinary records.</p>
<p><b>Continuing Education</b></p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> for online renewal web site for dentists</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Title 17, Chapter 42, 4206 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</a></u></b></p> <p>4206.1 This section shall apply to applicants for the renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of a license, subject to § 4206.2, beginning with the licensure period ending December 31, 2019, and for subsequent terms.</p> <p>4206.2 This section shall not apply to applicants for an initial license by examination or endorsement, nor does it apply to applicants for the first renewal of a license granted by examination.</p> <p>4206.3 A continuing education credit shall be valid only if it is part of a program or activity approved by the Board in accordance with § 4207.</p> <p>4206.4 For the licensure period ending December 31, 2019, an applicant for renewal of a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 4206.13 of having completed thirty (30) hours of credit within the two-year (2) period preceding the date the license expires, which shall include at least:</p> <p>(a) Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for health care providers ("CPR certification");</p> <p>(b) Two (2) hours of infection control in approved continuing education programs;</p> <p>(c) Two (2) hours of ethics in approved continuing education programs; and</p> <p>(d) Two (2) hours of continuing education on cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients or clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression ("LGBTQ") meeting the requirements of Section 510(b)(5) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.10(b)(5)).</p>

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	<p>4206.5 Beginning with the licensure period ending December 31, 2021, an applicant for renewal of a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 4206.13 of having completed thirty (30) hours of credit within the two-year (2) period preceding the date the license expires, which shall include at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for health care providers ("CPR certification");</li> <li>(b) Two (2) hours of infection control in approved continuing education programs;</li> <li>(c) One (1) hour of ethics in approved continuing education programs;</li> <li>(d) Two (2) hours of continuing education on cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients or clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression ("LGBTQ") meeting the requirements of Section 510(b)(5) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.10(b)(5)); and</li> <li>(e) At least ten percent (10%) of the total required continuing education shall be in the subjects determined by the Director as public health priorities of the District every five (5) years or less frequently, as deemed appropriate by the Director, with notice of the subject matter published in the D.C. Register. The Board shall disseminate the identified subjects to its licensees when determined by the Director via electronic communication and through publication on its website.</li> </ul> <p>4206.6 For the licensure period ending December 31, 2019 and subsequent terms, each applicant for renewal, reactivation, or reinstatement of a license who is permitted by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the District of Columbia Pharmaceutical Control Division to prescribe controlled substances in the District shall complete two (2) hours of continuing education in the abuse and misuse of controlled substances, and in opioid prescription practices. This continuing education shall be as part of the continuing education hours required under Subsection 4206.4 and 4206.5 of this chapter.</p> <p>4206.7 Beginning with the licensure period ending December 31, 2021, not more than fifteen (15) continuing education units ("CEUs") for approved internet continuing education courses may be accepted in any renewal period, or for reinstatement or reactivation of a license.</p> <p>4206.8 Internet courses and programs shall not be used to satisfy the continuing education CPR certification requirement.</p> <p>4206.9 For the licensure period ending December 31, 2019, to qualify for a license, a person in inactive status pursuant to Section 511 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.11)), who submits an application to reactivate a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 4206.13 of having completed thirty (30) hours of approved continuing education credit obtained within the two (2) year period preceding the date of the application for reactivation of that applicant's license and an additional fifteen (15) hours of approved continuing education credit for each additional year that the applicant was inactive status beginning with the third year, which shall include at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for health care providers ("CPR certification");</li> <li>(b) Two (2) hours of infection control in approved continuing education programs;</li> </ul>
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	<p>(c) Two (2) hours of ethics in approved continuing education programs; and</p> <p>(d) Two (2) hours of continuing education on cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients or clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (“LGBTQ”) meeting the requirements of Section 510(b)(5) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.10(b)(5)).</p> <p>4206.10 Beginning with the licensure period ending December 31, 2021, to qualify for a license, a person in inactive status within the meaning of pursuant to section 511 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.11), who submits an application to reactivate a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 4206.13 of having completed thirty (30) hours of approved continuing education credit obtained within the two (2) year period preceding the date of the application for reactivation of that applicant’s license and an additional fifteen (15) hours of approved continuing education credit for each additional year that the applicant was inactive status beginning with the third year, which shall include at least:</p> <p>(a) Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for health care providers (“CPR certification”);</p> <p>(b) Two (2) hours of infection control in approved continuing education programs;</p> <p>(c) One (1) hour of ethics in approved continuing education programs;</p> <p>(d) Two (2) hours of continuing education on cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients or clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (“LGBTQ”) meeting the requirements of Section 510(b)(5) of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.10(b)(5)); and</p> <p>(e) At least ten percent (10%) of the total required continuing education shall be in the subjects determined by the Director as public health priorities of the District every five (5) years or less frequently, as deemed appropriate by the Director, with notice of the subject matter published in the D.C. Register. The Board shall disseminate the identified subjects to its licensees when determined by the Director via electronic communication and through publication on its website.</p> <p>4206.11 For the licensure period ending December 31, 2019, to qualify for a license, an applicant for reinstatement of a license shall submit proof pursuant to § 4206.13 of having completed thirty (30) hours of approved continuing education credit obtained within the two (2) year period preceding the date of the application for reinstatement of the applicant’s license and an additional twelve (12) hours of approved continuing education credit for each additional year that the license was expired beginning with the third year, which shall include at least:</p> <p>(a) Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for health care providers (“CPR certification”);</p> <p>(b) Two (2) hours of infection control in approved continuing education programs;</p> <p>(c) Two (2) hours of ethics in approved continuing education programs; and</p>
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	<p>4206.16 If an applicant for renewal of a license fails to submit proof of completion of continuing education requirements or pay the late fee within sixty (60) days after the expiration of applicant's license, the license shall be considered to have lapsed on the date of expiration.</p> <p>4206.17 The Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of the sixty (60) day period to renew after expiration if the applicant's failure to submit proof of completion was for good cause. As used in this section, "good cause" includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Serious and protracted illness of the applicant; and</li> <li>(b) The death or serious and protracted illness of a member of the applicant's immediate family.</li> </ul> <p>4206.18 Unless otherwise specifically stated in this chapter, the Board shall not grant continuing education credits for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Work done in the course of an applicant's normal occupation or incident to the performance of his or her regular professional duties, such as teaching didactic courses, research, or course preparation in the case of a teacher or professor;</li> <li>(b) Meetings and activities not related to the administrative or clinical practice of dentistry; or</li> <li>(c) Other activities, which are not of the type of activities approved by the Board.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>4207 APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES</u></b></p> <p>4207.1 The Board, in its discretion, may approve continuing education programs and activities that contribute to the growth of an applicant in professional competence in the practice of dentistry and which meet the other requirements of this section.</p> <p>4207.2 The Board may approve the following types of continuing education programs, if the program meets the requirements of § 4207.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) An undergraduate or graduate course given at an accredited college or university;</li> <li>(b) A seminar or workshop;</li> <li>(c) An educational program given at a conference or convention; and</li> <li>(d) In-service training.</li> </ul> <p>4207.3 To qualify for approval by the Board, a continuing education program shall do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Be current in its subject matter;</li> <li>(b) Be developed and taught by qualified individuals; and</li> <li>(c) Meet one of the following requirements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Be administered or approved by a recognized national, state, or local dentistry organization; health care organization; accredited health care facility; or an accredited college or university; or</li> <li>(2) Be submitted by the program sponsors to the Board for review no less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the presentation and be approved by the Board.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>4207.4 The Board may issue and update a list of approved continuing education programs.</p> <p>4207.5 An applicant shall have the burden of verifying whether the Board pursuant to this section prior to attending the program approves a program.</p> <p>4207.6 The Board may approve the following continuing education activities by an applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Serving as an instructor or speaker at a conference, seminar, workshop, or inservice training;</li> <li>(b) Publication of an article in a professional journal or</li> </ul>
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	<p>publication of a book or a chapter in a book or publication of a book review in a professional journal or bulletin;</p> <p>(c) Serving as a clinical instructor for students of dentistry or dental residents; and</p> <p>(d) Participation in research as a principal investigator or research assistant.</p> <p><b><u>4208 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS</u></b></p> <p>4208.1 The Board may grant continuing education credit for whole hours only, with a minimum of fifty (50) minutes constituting one (1) credit hour.</p> <p>4208.2 For approved undergraduate or graduate courses, each semester hour of credit shall constitute fifteen (15) hours of continuing education credit, and each quarter hour of credit shall constitute ten (10) hours of continuing education credit.</p> <p>4208.3 The Board may grant a maximum of thirteen (13) continuing education credits per year to an applicant who attends a full time post-graduate education program.</p> <p>4208.4 The Board may grant credit to an applicant who serves as an instructor or speaker at an acceptable program for both preparation and presentation time, subject to the following restrictions:</p> <p>(a) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted for preparation time is twice the amount of the associated presentation time;</p> <p>(b) The maximum amount of credit which may be granted pursuant to this subsection is fifty percent (50%) of an applicant's continuing education requirement; and</p> <p>(c) The presentation shall have been completed during the period for which credit is claimed.</p> <p>4208.5 The Board may grant an applicant who is an author or editor of a published book twenty- five (25) continuing education credits, if the book has been published or accepted for publication during the period for which credit is claimed, and the applicant submits proof of this fact in the application.</p> <p>4208.6 The Board may grant an applicant who is an author of a published original paper five (5) continuing education credits, subject to the same restrictions set forth for books in § 4208.5.</p> <p>4208.7 The Board may grant an applicant who is the sole author of a published book review, review paper, or abstract, two (2) continuing education credits, subject to the same restrictions set forth for books in § 4208.5.</p>
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