

<p><b>Initial Licensure Examination Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>CDCA</b> (Typodont manikin-based or patient examination)  <b>CITA</b>                  Scores from ADEX Dental Licensing examinations administered in Florida are valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published.                  Scores from ADEX Dental Licensing Examinations administered in a jurisdiction other than Florida must be completed on or after October 2, 2011.                  Source: <a href="#">Florida Board of Dentistry - Dentist Licensing</a></p>
<p><b>General Licensure Requirements</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Florida Statutes 466.006 Examination of dentists</a>                  (1)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the costs associated with an independent state-developed practical or clinical examination to measure an applicant's ability to practice the profession of dentistry and to use the American Dental Licensing Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., in lieu of an independent state-developed practical or clinical examination. The Legislature finds that the American Dental Licensing Examination, in both its structure and function, consistently meets generally accepted testing standards and has been found, as it is currently organized and operating, to adequately and reliably measure an applicant's ability to practice the profession of dentistry.                  (b) Any person desiring to be licensed as a dentist shall apply to the department to take the licensure examinations and shall verify the information required on the application by oath. The application shall include two recent photographs. There shall be an application fee set by the board not to exceed \$100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall also be an examination fee set by the board, which shall not exceed \$425 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of some or all of the examination from the American Board of Dental Examiners or its successor entity, if any, provided the board finds the successor entity's clinical examination complies with the provisions of this section. The examination fee may be refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the examinations.                  (2) An applicant shall be entitled to take the examinations required in this section to practice dentistry in this state if the applicant:                  (a) Is 18 years of age or older.                  (b)1. Is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education; or                  2. Is a dental student in the final year of a program at such an accredited dental school who has completed all the coursework necessary to prepare the student to perform the clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the examinations. With respect to a dental student in the final year of a program at a dental school, a passing score on the examinations is valid for 365 days after the date the examinations were completed. A dental school student who takes the licensure examinations during the student's final year of an approved dental school must have graduated before being certified for licensure pursuant to s. <a href="#">466.011</a>.                  (c)1. Has successfully completed the National Board of Dental Examiners dental examination; or                  2. Has an active health access dental license in this state; and                  a. The applicant has at least 5,000 hours within 4 consecutive years of clinical practice experience providing direct patient care in a health access setting as defined in s. <a href="#">466.003</a>; the applicant is a retired veteran dentist of any branch of the United States Armed Services who has practiced dentistry while on active duty and has at least 3,000 hours within 3 consecutive years of clinical practice experience providing direct patient care in a health access setting as defined in s. <a href="#">466.003</a>; or                  the applicant has provided a portion of his or her salaried time teaching health</p>

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	<p>profession students in any public education setting, including, but not limited to, a community college, college, or university, and has at least 3,000 hours within 3 consecutive years of clinical practice experience providing direct patient care in a health access setting as defined in s. <a href="#">466.003</a>;</p> <p>b. The applicant has not been disciplined by the board, except for citation offenses or minor violations;</p> <p>c. The applicant has not filed a report pursuant to s. <a href="#">456.049</a>; and</p> <p>d. The applicant has not been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession.</p> <p>(3) If an applicant is a graduate of a dental college or school not accredited in accordance with paragraph (2)(b) or of a dental college or school not approved by the board, the applicant is not entitled to take the examinations required in this section to practice dentistry until she or he satisfies one of the following:</p> <p>(a) Completes a program of study, as defined by the board by rule, at an accredited American dental school and demonstrates receipt of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. from said school; or</p> <p>(b) Submits proof of having successfully completed at least 2 consecutive academic years at a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. This program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. For purposes of this paragraph, a supplemental general dentistry program does not include an advanced education program in a dental specialty.</p> <p>(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in chapter 456 pertaining to the clinical dental licensure examination or national examinations, to be licensed as a dentist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete both of the following:</p> <p>(a) A written examination on the laws and rules of the state regulating the practice of dentistry.</p> <p>(b) A practical or clinical examination, which must be the American Dental Licensing Examination produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, that is administered in this state, provided that the board has attained, and continues to maintain thereafter, representation on the board of directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, the examination development committee of the American Board of Dental Examiners, and such other committees of the American Board of Dental Examiners as the board deems appropriate by rule to assure that the standards established herein are maintained organizationally. A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in this state is valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published.</p> <p>1. As an alternative to such practical or clinical examination, an applicant may submit scores from an American Dental Licensing Examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state after October 1, 2011, and such examination results shall be recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state. A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination administered out of state shall be the same as the passing score for the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in this state. The examination results are valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published. The applicant must have completed the examination after October 1, 2011. This subparagraph may not be given retroactive application.</p> <p>2. If the date of an applicant's passing American Dental Licensing Examination scores from an examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this</p>
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	<p>state under subparagraph 1. is older than 365 days, such scores are nevertheless valid for the purpose of licensure in this state, but only if the applicant demonstrates that all of the following additional standards have been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The applicant completed the American Dental Licensing Examination after October 1, 2011. This sub-subparagraph may not be given retroactive application;</li><li>b. The applicant graduated from a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education. Provided, however, if the applicant did not graduate from such a dental school, the applicant may submit proof of having successfully completed a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation of at least 2 consecutive academic years at such accredited sponsoring institution. Such program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, a supplemental general dentistry program does not include an advanced education program in a dental specialty;</li><li>c. The applicant currently possesses a valid and active dental license in good standing, with no restriction, which has never been revoked, suspended, restricted, or otherwise disciplined, from another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;</li><li>d. The applicant submits proof that he or she has never been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, or the American Association of Dental Boards Clearinghouse. This sub-subparagraph does not apply if the applicant successfully appealed to have his or her name removed from the data banks of these agencies;</li><li>e.(I)(A) The applicant submits proof of having been consecutively engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure in this state; or (B) If the applicant has been licensed in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant submits proof of having been engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry since the date of his or her initial licensure.</li></ul> <p>(II) As used in this section, “full-time practice” is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each and every year in the consecutive 5-year period or, when applicable, the period since initial licensure, and must include any combination of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(A) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care.</li><li>(B) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.</li><li>(C) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.</li></ul> <p>(III) The board shall develop rules to determine what type of proof of full-time practice is required and to recoup the cost to the board of verifying full-time practice under this section. Such proof must, at a minimum, be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(A) Admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;</li><li>(B) Submitted in writing;</li><li>(C) Submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of perjury attached;</li></ul>
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	<p>(D) Further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant's practice and testifies with particularity that the applicant has been engaged in full-time practice; and</p> <p>(E) Specifically found by the board to be both credible and admissible.</p> <p>(IV) An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable proof of full-time practice unless it is further attested to by someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of the applicant's practice. If the board deems it necessary to assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the applicant or the applicant's witnesses to appear before the board and give oral testimony under oath;</p> <p>f. The applicant submits documentation that he or she has completed, or will complete before he or she is licensed in this state, continuing education equivalent to this state's requirements for the last full reporting biennium;</p> <p>g. The applicant proves that he or she has never been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession in any jurisdiction;</p> <p>h. The applicant has successfully passed a written examination on the laws and rules of this state regulating the practice of dentistry and the computer-based diagnostic skills examination; and</p> <p>i. The applicant submits documentation that he or she has successfully completed the applicable examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or its successor organization.</p> <p>(5)(a) The practical examination required under subsection (4) is the American Dental Licensing Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, provided the board finds that the successor entity's clinical examination complies with the provisions of this section, and must include, at a minimum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A comprehensive diagnostic skills examination covering the full scope of dentistry and an examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning in dentistry for dental candidates;</li><li>2. Two restorations on a manikin that has typodont teeth with simulated caries as approved by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. The board by rule shall determine the class of such restorations;</li><li>3. A demonstration of periodontal skills on a manikin that has typodont teeth with simulated calculus as approved by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments;</li><li>4. A demonstration of prosthetics and restorative skills in complete and partial dentures and crowns and bridges and the utilization of practical methods of evaluation, specifically including the evaluation by the candidate of completed laboratory products such as, but not limited to, crowns and inlays filled to prepared model teeth;</li><li>5. A demonstration of restorative skills on a manikin which requires the candidate to complete procedures performed in preparation for a cast restoration;</li><li>6. A demonstration of endodontic skills; and</li><li>7. A diagnostic skills examination demonstrating ability to diagnose conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent tissues and structures from photographs, slides, radiographs, or models pursuant to rules of the board. If an applicant fails to pass the diagnostic skills examination in three attempts, the applicant is not eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board.</li></ol> <p>(b) The department shall consult with the board in planning the times, places, physical facilities, training of personnel, and other arrangements concerning the administration of the examination. The board or a duly designated committee thereof shall approve the final plans for the administration of the examination;</p>
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	<p>(c) If the applicant fails to pass the clinical examination in three attempts, the applicant shall not be eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board; and</p> <p>(d) The board may by rule provide for additional procedures which are to be tested, provided such procedures shall be common to the practice of general dentistry. The board by rule shall determine the passing grade for each procedure and the acceptable variation for examiners. No such rule shall apply retroactively. The department shall require a mandatory standardization exercise for all examiners prior to each practical or clinical examination and shall retain for employment only those dentists who have substantially adhered to the standard of grading established at such exercise.</p> <p>(6)(a) It is the finding of the Legislature that absent a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the relocation of applicants to practice dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state, who are lawfully and currently practicing dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, based on their scores from the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in a state other than this state, is substantially related to achieving the important state interest of improving access to dental care for underserved citizens of this state and furthering the economic development goals of the state. Therefore, in order to maintain valid active licensure in this state, all applicants for licensure who are relocating to this state based on scores from the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in a state other than this state must actually engage in the full-time practice of dentistry inside the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year of receiving such licensure in this state. The Legislature finds that, if such applicants do not actually engage in the full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year of receiving such a license in this state, access to dental care for the public will not significantly increase, patients' continuity of care will not be attained, and the economic development goals of the state will not be significantly met.</p> <p>(b)1. As used in this section, "full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year" is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours in the initial year of licensure, which must include any combination of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care within the geographic boundaries of this state.</li><li>Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.</li><li>Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.</li></ol> <p>2. The board shall develop rules to determine what type of proof of full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state for 1 year is required in order to maintain active licensure and shall develop rules to recoup the cost to the board of verifying maintenance of such full-time practice under this section. Such proof must, at a minimum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Be admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;</li><li>Be submitted in writing;</li><li>Be submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of perjury attached;</li><li>Be further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant's practice and testifies with particularity that the</li></ol>
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	<p>applicant has been engaged in full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within the last 365 days; and</p> <p>e. Include such additional proof as specifically found by the board to be both credible and admissible.</p> <p>3. An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable proof of full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year, unless it is further attested to by someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of the applicant's practice within the last 365 days. If the board deems it necessary to assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the applicant or the applicant's witnesses to appear before the board and give oral testimony under oath.</p> <p>(c) It is the further intent of the Legislature that a license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) shall expire in the event the board finds that it did not receive acceptable proof of full-time practice within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year after the initial issuance of the license. The board shall make reasonable attempts within 30 days prior to the expiration of such a license to notify the licensee in writing at his or her last known address of the need for proof of full-time practice in order to continue licensure. If the board has not received a satisfactory response from the licensee within the 30-day period, the licensee must be served with actual or constructive notice of the pending expiration of licensure and be given 20 days in which to submit proof required in order to continue licensure. If the 20-day period expires and the board finds it has not received acceptable proof of full-time practice within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year after the initial issuance of the license, then the board must issue an administrative order finding that the license has expired. Such an order may be appealed by the former licensee in accordance with the provisions of chapter 120. In the event of expiration, the licensee shall immediately cease and desist from practicing dentistry and shall immediately surrender to the board the wallet-size identification card and wall card. A person who uses or attempts to use a license issued pursuant to this section which has expired commits unlicensed practice of dentistry, a felony of the third degree pursuant to s. <a href="#">466.026(1)(b)</a>, punishable as provided in s. <a href="#">775.082</a>, s. <a href="#">775.083</a>, or s. <a href="#">775.084</a>.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Florida Statutes 466.0065 Regional licensure examinations</a></u></b></p> <p>(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that schools of dentistry be allowed to offer regional licensure examinations to dental students who are in the final year of a program at an approved dental school for the sole purpose of facilitating the student's licensing in other jurisdictions. This section does not allow a person to be licensed as a dentist in this state without taking the examinations as set forth in s. <a href="#">466.006</a>, nor does this section mean that regional examinations administered under this section may be substituted for complying with testing requirements under s. <a href="#">466.006</a>.</p> <p>(2) Each school of dentistry in this state which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency may, upon written approval by the Board of Dentistry, offer regional licensure examinations only to dental students in the final year of a program at an approved dental school, if the board has approved the hosting school's written plan to comply with the following conditions:</p> <p>(a) A member of the regional examination body's board of directors or equivalent thereof must be a member of the American Association of Dental Examiners.</p> <p>(b) The student must have successfully passed parts I and II of the National Board of Dental Examiners examination within 2 years before taking the regional examination.</p>
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	<p>(c) At least one of the examination monitors must be a dentist licensed in this state who has completed all necessary standardization exercises required by the regional examination body. Recruitment of examination monitors is the responsibility of the regional examination body.</p> <p>(d) The board chair or the chair’s designee must be allowed to observe testing while it is in progress.</p> <p>(e) Each student, upon being deemed eligible by the dental school to apply to the regional examination body to take the regional examination, must receive written disclosure in at least 12-point boldface type that states: “This examination does not meet the licensure requirements of chapter 466, Florida Statutes, for licensure in the State of Florida. Persons wishing to practice dentistry in Florida must pass the Florida licensure examinations.”</p> <p>(f) The student must be enrolled as a dental student in the student’s final year of a program at an approved dental school that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency.</p> <p>(g) The student must have completed all coursework deemed necessary by the dental school to prepare the student to perform all clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the regional examination.</p> <p>(3) A student who takes the examination pursuant to this section, a dental school that submits a plan pursuant to this section, or a regional examination body that a dental school proposes to host under this section does not have standing to assert that a state agency has taken action for which a hearing may be sought under ss. 120.569 and 120.57.</p> <p>History.—s. 2, ch. 2004-300; s. 11, ch. 2011-95; s. 2, ch. 2022-32.</p> <p><b><a href="#">Florida Administrative Code 64B5-2.013 Dental Examination.</a></b></p> <p>Each applicant applying for a Florida dental license is required to complete the examinations as provided for in Section 466.006, F.S. The Florida examinations for dentistry shall consist of a Written Examination, a Practical or Clinical Examination and a Diagnostic Skills Examination. All three examinations will be conducted in English. Applicants for examination or re-examination must have taken and successfully completed of the National Board of Dental Examiners dental examination.</p> <p>(1) Practical or Clinical Examination:</p> <p>(a) Effective October 1, 2011, the Florida Practical or Clinical Examination and the Diagnostic Skills Examination is currently the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity if the successor entity is determined by the Board of Dentistry to comply with the provision of Section 466.006, F.S. The ADLEX is inclusive of a comprehensive diagnostic skills examination covering the full scope of the practice of dentistry.</p> <p>(b) All parts of the ADEX shall be completed within eighteen (18) months from the initial start of any portion of the examination or from eighteen (18) months from July 1st of the applicant’s last year of dental school. A failure to complete all parts of the examination within the time frames set forth above will require the applicant to retake the entire examination.</p> <p>(c) Each part of the ADEX shall be completed with a grade of at least seventy-five (75%) percent.</p> <p>(d) Provided the Board of Dentistry maintains representation on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., and the Examination Development Committee of the American Board of Dental Examiners Inc., the practical or clinical examination procedures, standards, and criteria of the ADEX are approved.</p>
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	<p>(e) If any portion of the clinical or practical portion of the ADEX exam was completed in a jurisdiction other than Florida, applicants must comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 466.006(4)(b)3. and 466.006(6), F.S., Rules 64B5-2.0150 and 64B5-2.0152, F.A.C.</p> <p>(2) Written Examination:</p> <p>(a) The Written Examination for dental licensure shall consist of the laws and rules of the State of Florida regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.</p> <p>(b) A final grade of seventy-five (75%) percent or better is required to pass the Written Examination.</p> <p>(3) This rule shall be reviewed, and if necessary, repealed, modified, or renewed through the rulemaking process five years from the effective date.</p> <p><b>64B5-2.014 Licensure Requirements for Applicants from Accredited Schools or Colleges.</b></p> <p>Any person who has graduated, or expects to graduate prior to the examination, or is in their final year of a dental or dental hygiene program and has completed all the coursework necessary to prepare the student to perform the clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the examinations, from a school or college accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, or any other dental or dental hygiene program accredited by an accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education, may seek licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist in the following manner:</p> <p>(1) <i>Dental Hygiene Candidates:</i></p> <p>(a) Successfully complete the practical or clinical dental hygiene examination developed by American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX), as specified in Rule 64B5-2.0135, F.A.C., through the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA);</p> <p>(b) Successfully complete the National Board Dental Hygiene Written Examination prior to application;</p> <p>(c) Submit a completed application for licensure, Dental Hygiene Licensure Application, Form DH-MQA 1210 (Rev. 08/2020), incorporated herein by reference and available at <a href="http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13423">http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-13423</a>, or available on the Department of Health's website at <a href="http://www.floridadentistry.gov">http://www.floridadentistry.gov</a>.</p> <p>An applicant is eligible for licensure upon receipt of a completed application, passing scores from the ADEX clinical examination, National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, and successful completion of the written examination on the laws and rules of Florida regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. Applicants must comply with all time requirements for passing the examinations as specified in Rule 64B5-2.0135, F.A.C.</p> <p>(2) <i>Dental Candidates:</i></p> <p>(a) Successfully complete the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX), produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., as specified in Rule 64B5-2.013, F.A.C., through the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), which includes the Diagnostic Skills Examination. Candidates who have completed the ADLEX, after October 1, 2011, in another jurisdiction other than Florida and whose scores are over 365 days old are subject to additional application requirements as mandated in Section 466.006(4)(b)3., F.S. Additionally, all Candidates who submit ADLEX scores from another jurisdiction other than Florida are subject to post licensure requirements as mandated in Section 466.006(6), F.S.</p> <p>(b) Successfully complete the National Board of Dental Examiners Written Examination;</p> <p>(c) Submit a completed application for licensure, Dental Licensure Application, DH-MQA 1182 (Rev. 08/2020), incorporated herein by reference and available at</p>
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<p><b>License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements</b></p>	<p><b><u>Florida Statutes 466.006 Examination of dentists</u></b></p> <p>(6)(a) It is the finding of the Legislature that absent a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the relocation of applicants to practice dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state, who are lawfully and currently practicing dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, based on their scores from the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in a state other than this state, is substantially related to achieving the important state interest of improving access to dental care for underserved citizens of this state and furthering the economic development goals of the state. Therefore, in order to maintain valid active licensure in this state, all applicants for licensure who are relocating to this state based on scores from the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in a state other than this state must actually engage in the full-time practice of dentistry inside the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year of receiving such licensure in this state. The Legislature finds that, if such applicants do not actually engage in the full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year of receiving such a license in this state, access to dental care for the public will not significantly increase, patients’ continuity of care will not be attained, and the economic development goals of the state will not be significantly met.</p> <p>(b)1. As used in this section, “full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year” is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours in the initial year of licensure, which must include any combination of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care within the geographic boundaries of this state.</li> <li>b. Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.</li> <li>c. Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.</li> </ol> <p>2. The board shall develop rules to determine what type of proof of full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state for 1 year is required in order to maintain active licensure and shall develop rules to recoup the cost to the board of verifying maintenance of such full-time practice under this section. Such proof must, at a minimum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;</li> <li>b. Be submitted in writing;</li> <li>c. Be submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of perjury attached;</li> <li>d. Be further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant’s practice and testifies with particularity that the</li> </ol>

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	<p>applicant has been engaged in full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within the last 365 days; and</p> <p>e. Include such additional proof as specifically found by the board to be both credible and admissible.</p> <p>3. An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable proof of full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year, unless it is further attested to by someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of the applicant's practice within the last 365 days. If the board deems it necessary to assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the applicant or the applicant's witnesses to appear before the board and give oral testimony under oath.</p> <p>(c) It is the further intent of the Legislature that a license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) shall expire in the event the board finds that it did not receive acceptable proof of full-time practice within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year after the initial issuance of the license. The board shall make reasonable attempts within 30 days prior to the expiration of such a license to notify the licensee in writing at his or her last known address of the need for proof of full-time practice in order to continue licensure. If the board has not received a satisfactory response from the licensee within the 30-day period, the licensee must be served with actual or constructive notice of the pending expiration of licensure and be given 20 days in which to submit proof required in order to continue licensure. If the 20-day period expires and the board finds it has not received acceptable proof of full-time practice within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year after the initial issuance of the license, then the board must issue an administrative order finding that the license has expired. Such an order may be appealed by the former licensee in accordance with the provisions of chapter 120. In the event of expiration, the licensee shall immediately cease and desist from practicing dentistry and shall immediately surrender to the board the wallet-size identification card and wall card. A person who uses or attempts to use a license issued pursuant to this section which has expired commits unlicensed practice of dentistry, a felony of the third degree pursuant to s. <a href="#">466.026(1)(b)</a>, punishable as provided in s. <a href="#">775.082</a>, s. <a href="#">775.083</a>, or s. <a href="#">775.084</a>.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Florida Administrative Code 64B5-2.0150 American Dental Licensing Exam Scores from Other Jurisdiction: Full-Time Practice Requirements</a></u></b></p> <p>The Florida dental clinical or practical examination is currently the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. The examination shall be administered in Florida and shall be graded by dentists licensed in Florida. An applicant for a dental license in Florida can submit ADLEX scores from a jurisdiction other than Florida if the examination was completed after October 1, 2011. If, however, the passing scores from the ADLEX are over 365 days old, the results will not be recognized unless all criteria below are met.</p> <p>(1) Applicable Definitions:</p> <p>(a) Full-time practice – means completing one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practice per calendar year; when applicable, the hours shall be broken down to one hundred (100) hours per month.</p> <p>(b) Month – means thirty (30) days.</p> <p>(c) Practice – means any combination of the following: 1) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care; 2) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, or 3) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by</p>
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	<p>the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.</p> <p>(d) Recognized or Other Jurisdiction – means a state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.</p> <p>(e) Verified – means the document shall be verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S.</p> <p>(2) Mandatory Criteria: The applicant shall meet all of the following criteria.</p> <p>(a) Compliance with all provisions of Section 466.006(4)(b)3., F.S. The applicant should carefully review this section of the Florida Statutes.</p> <p>(b) Provide documentation that the applicant has been consecutively engaged in full-time practice in a recognized jurisdiction for the preceding five (5) years or since initial licensure, if less than five years, prior to the date of application for licensure to the Florida Board of Dentistry.</p> <p>(3) Mandatory Documentation: The applicant shall comply with providing the following mandatory documentation.</p> <p>(a) Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submission of a calendar month-by-calendar month and year-by-year chronological history of the applicant’s full-time practice in a spreadsheet format.</li> <li>2. The spreadsheet shall be headed with the applicant’s full legal name and sub-headed “History of Full-Time Practice.”</li> <li>3. Each page shall be sequentially paginated in the lower right hand corner with the applicant’s last name followed by a hyphen with an Arabic numeral. (Example: Smith-2, Smith-3, Smith-4, etcetera).</li> <li>4. The applicant shall verify the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet by placing at the end of the document, “Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing History of Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet and that the facts stated in it are true.” The applicant shall sign directly under the verification statement and date the document. Reference Section 92.525, F.S., concerning verification of documents.</li> <li>5. Someone unrelated to the applicant shall verify the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet, by signing the same document with the same verification clause or by submitting a document (affidavit) verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S. The verified document must attest that the applicant has been engaged in the Full-time Practice as indicated by the Full-time Practice Spreadsheet.</li> </ol> <p>(b) Additional Verified Documents:</p> <p>Each category of full-time practice claimed must be supported by the following documentation, which establishes or supports the spreadsheet submitted. There must be documentation submitted from subparagraph 1. and 2., below, if applicable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A verified copy of financial or business record documents, reflecting the dates of employment that match the spreadsheet; a verified copy of a patient log or appointment schedule (names of patients shall be redacted to reflect the initials only). The Board will request verified financial billing documents to corroborate the patient log if the Board finds the patient log or appointment schedule lacking credibility.</li> <li>2. An original and official letter from the dean of the school or program sent directly from the program or school to the Board, that supports that the applicant did engage in full-time practice as a faculty member or as a student which matches the dates month-for-month and year-for-year as listed on the Full-time Practice Spreadsheet.</li> <li>3. Any other verified documentation that supports the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet.</li> </ol> <p>(4) Mandatory Board Appearance and Delays:</p>
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	<p>(a) It is in the best interest of the applicant to carefully review all documents submitted for accuracy, authenticity, legibility, and statutory and rule compliance to avoid unnecessary delays, board appearances, or denials.</p> <p>(b) The Board is authorized to require the applicant and the applicant's witness to appear before the Board to give oral testimony under oath to assess credibility or accuracy of the full-time practice requirements. Section 466.006(4)(b)3.e.(IV), F.S. In addition, the Board can require a mandatory appearance regarding any licensure application and a failure to appear at one of the next two regularly scheduled meetings shall result in a denial of licensure and will toll the time for ruling on the application. Section 456.013(3), F.S. Finally, any incomplete submission can delay the application process. Section 120.60(1), F.S.</p> <p><i>Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.006(4)(b)3.e.(III) FS. Law Implemented 466.004, 466.006(6) FS. History—New 7-1-12.</i></p> <p><b>64B5-2.0152 Licenses Granted Based on The American Dental Licensing Exam From Other Jurisdiction: Full-Time Practice Requirements.</b></p> <p>The Florida dental clinical or practical examination is currently the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. The examination shall be administered in Florida and shall be graded by dentists licensed in Florida. An applicant for a dental license in Florida can submit ADLEX scores from a jurisdiction other than Florida if the examination was completed after October 1, 2011. Applicants who are relocating to this state based on scores from the ADLEX that was administered in a jurisdiction other than Florida must engage in the Full-time Practice of Dentistry inside the geographical boundaries of this state within the first year of receiving a dental license in Florida. In order to maintain the dental license the licensee must meet the following criteria.</p> <p>(1) Applicable Definitions:</p> <p>(a) Full-time Practice – means completing one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practice within the geographical boundaries of Florida within the first year of obtaining a Florida dental license.</p> <p>(b) Practice – means any combination of the following: 1) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care; 2) Full-time Practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or 3) Full-time Practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.</p> <p>(c) Another or Other Jurisdiction – means another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.</p> <p>(d) Full-time Practice Log – means a log the licensee must keep from the initial date of licensure in Florida which documents the daily practice time of the licensee.</p> <p>(e) Relocating Applicants – means those applicants who are lawfully and currently practicing dentistry in another jurisdiction who apply for licensure in Florida based on the ADLEX administered in another jurisdiction. Lawfully and currently means those applicants that have or had a license to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction within the past six (6) months and those who have practiced the profession in any manner utilizing such license within the past six (6) months, prior to submitting the application for licensure in Florida.</p> <p>(f) Verified – means the document shall be verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S.</p> <p>(2) Mandatory Criteria:</p> <p>The licensee shall meet all of the following criteria.</p> <p>(a) Compliance with all provisions of Section 466.006(6), F.S. The dentist should carefully review this section of the Florida Statutes.</p>
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	<p>(b) Provide documentation that the relocating dentist has been consecutively engaged in full-time practice within the first year of licensure in Florida.</p> <p>(c) Maintain a Full-time Practice Log.</p> <p>(d) A failure to meet the required full-time practice requirements will cause the dental license to expire as enumerated in Section 466.006(6), F.S.</p> <p>(3) Mandatory Documentation: The dentist shall comply with providing the following mandatory documentation.</p> <p>(a) Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The submission of a month-by-month chronological history of the dentist's full-time practice in a spreadsheet format from the date of initial license in Florida.</li> <li>2. The spreadsheet shall be headed with the dentist's full legal name and sub-headed "History of Full-time Practice."</li> <li>3. Each page shall be sequentially paginated in the lower right hand corner with the dentist's last name followed by a hyphen with an Arabic numeral. (Example: Smith-2, Smith-3, Smith-4, etcetera.).</li> <li>4. The dentist shall verify the Full-time Practice Spreadsheet by placing at the end of the document, "Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing History of Full-time Practice Spreadsheet and that the facts stated in it are true." The dentist shall sign directly under the verification statement and date the document. Reference Section 92.525, F.S., concerning verification of documents.</li> <li>5. Someone unrelated to the dentist shall verify the Full-time Practice Spreadsheet, by signing the same document with the same verification clause or by submitting a document (affidavit) verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S. The verified document must attest that the dentist has been engaged in the full-time practice as indicated by the Full-time Practice Spreadsheet.</li> </ol> <p>(b) Additional Verified Documents: Each category of Full-time Practice claimed must be supported by the following documentation, which establishes or supports the spreadsheet submitted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A verified copy of financial or business record documents, reflecting the dates of employment that match the spreadsheet; a verified copy of a patient log or appointment schedule (names of patients shall be redacted to reflect initials only). The Board will request verified financial billing documents to corroborate the patient log if the Board finds the patient log or appointment schedule lacking credibility.</li> <li>2. A verified copy of the Full-time Practice Log.</li> <li>3. An original and official letter from the dean of the school or program sent directly from the program or school to the Board, that supports that the dentist did engage in full-time practice as a faculty member or as a student which matches the dates month-for-month as listed on the spreadsheet.</li> <li>4. Any other verified document that supports the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet.</li> </ol> <p>(4) Mandatory Submission:</p> <p>(a) All documentation shall be submitted to the Board office within thirty days prior to the expiration of the first year of practice. The initial day of licensure shall not count. A failure to timely submit all required documentation will lead to the expiration of licensure in compliance with Section 466.006(6)(c), F.S.</p> <p>(b) The dentist shall make certain that all submissions are timely, accurate, legible, and authentic to avoid the expiration of the dental licensee. The Board is authorized to require the licensee and the licensees' witnesses to appear before the Board and give oral testimony under oath to assess credibility and accuracy,</p>
<p><b>Specialty Practice</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Florida Statutes 466.0282</a> <b>Specialties</b></p> <p>(1) A dentist licensed under this chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a specialist, or advertise membership in or specialty recognition by an accrediting organization, unless the dentist:</p>

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	<p>(a) Has completed a specialty education program approved by the American Dental Association and the Commission on Dental Accreditation and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Is eligible for examination by a national specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association; or</li><li>2. Is a diplomate of a national specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association; or</li></ol> <p>(b) Has continuously held himself or herself out as a specialist since December 31, 1964, in a specialty recognized by the American Dental Association.</p> <p>(2) A dentist licensed under this chapter may not represent to the public without appropriate disclosure that his or her practice is limited to a specific area of dentistry other than a specialty area of dentistry authorized under subsection (1), unless the dentist has attained membership in or has otherwise been credentialed by an accrediting organization which is recognized by the board as a bona fide organization for such an area of dental practice. In order to be recognized by the board as a bona fide accrediting organization for a specific area of dental practice other than a specialty area of dentistry authorized under subsection (1), the organization must condition membership or credentialing of its members upon all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Successful completion of a formal, full-time advanced education program that is affiliated with or sponsored by a university-based dental school and is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Beyond the dental degree;</li><li>2. At the graduate or postgraduate level; and</li><li>3. Of at least 12 months in duration.</li></ol> <p>(b) Prior didactic training and clinical experience in the specific area of dentistry which is greater than that of other dentists.</p> <p>(c) Successful completion of oral and written examinations based on psychometric principles.</p> <p>(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (1) and (2), a dentist who lacks membership in or certification, diplomate status, or other similar credentials from an accrediting organization approved as bona fide by either the American Dental Association or the board may announce a practice emphasis in any other area of dental practice if the dentist incorporates in capital letters or some other manner clearly distinguishable from the rest of the announcement, solicitation, or advertisement the following statement: “ (NAME OF ANNOUNCED AREA OF DENTAL PRACTICE) IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS A SPECIALTY AREA BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION OR THE FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY.” If such an area of dental practice is officially recognized by an organization which the dentist desires to acknowledge or otherwise reference in the dentist’s announcement, solicitation, or advertisement, the same announcement, solicitation, or advertisement shall also state prominently: “ (NAME OF REFERENCED ORGANIZATION) IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS A BONA FIDE SPECIALTY ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION OR THE FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY.”</p> <p>(4) The purpose of this section is to prevent a dentist from advertising without appropriate disclosure membership in an organization which may be perceived by the public as recognizing or accrediting specialization or other unique competencies in an area of dentistry that is not recognized or accredited by the American Dental Association or the board in accordance with this section. The purpose of this section is also to prohibit a dentist from advertising a specialty or other area of dental practice without appropriate disclosure unless the special competencies held by the dentist satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) or subsection (2). The Legislature finds that dental consumers can reasonably rely on these requirements as satisfactory evidence of a dentist’s attainment of meaningful competencies in the</p>
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	<p>specialty or other bona fide area of dental practice advertised. The Legislature also finds that this process for the recognition of dental specialties and other bona fide areas of dental practice is the least restrictive means available to ensure that consumers are not misled about a dentist's unique credentials.</p>
<p><b>Continuing Education</b></p> <p><a href="#">Click here for online renewal web site for dentists</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Florida Statutes 466.013 Renewal of license</a></p> <p>(1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of the renewal application and the fee set by the board not to exceed \$300.</p> <p>(2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses.</p> <p><a href="#">Florida Statutes 466.0135 Continuing education; dentists</a></p> <p>(1) In addition to the other requirements for renewal set out in this chapter, each licensed dentist shall be required to complete biennially not less than 30 hours of continuing professional education in dental subjects, with a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education on the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances. Programs of continuing education shall be programs of learning that contribute directly to the dental education of the dentist and may include, but shall not be limited to, attendance at lectures, study clubs, college postgraduate courses, or scientific sessions of conventions; and research, graduate study, teaching, or service as a clinician. Programs of continuing education shall be acceptable when adhering to the following general guidelines:</p> <p>(a) The aim of continuing education for dentists is to improve all phases of dental health care delivery to the public.</p> <p>(b) Continuing education courses shall address one or more of the following areas of professional development, including, but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basic medical and scientific subjects, including, but not limited to, biology, physiology, pathology, biochemistry, and pharmacology;</li> <li>2. Clinical and technological subjects, including, but not limited to, clinical techniques and procedures, materials, and equipment; and</li> <li>3. Subjects pertinent to oral health and safety.</li> </ol> <p>(c) The board may also authorize up to 3 hours of credit biennially for a practice management course that includes principles of ethical practice management, provides substance abuse, effective communication with patients, time management, and burnout prevention instruction.</p> <p>(d) Continuing education credits shall be earned at the rate of one-half credit hour per 25-30 contact minutes of instruction and one credit hour per 50-60 contact minutes of instruction.</p> <p>(2) Programs meeting the general requirements of subsection (1) may be developed and offered to dentists by any of the following agencies or organizations:</p> <p>(a) The American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, and state, district, or local dental associations and societies affiliated with the American Dental Association or the National Dental Association.</p> <p>(b) National, state, district, or local dental specialty organizations affiliated with the American Dental Association.</p> <p>(c) Dental colleges or schools accredited as provided in this chapter.</p> <p>(d) Other organizations, schools, or agencies approved by the board.</p> <p>(3) A dentist shall complete the required continuing education as provided in this section and shall retain in her or his records any receipts, vouchers, or certificates necessary to document completion of such continuing education.</p> <p>(4) Compliance with the continuing education requirements of this section shall be mandatory for the issuance of a renewal certificate by the department; however, the board shall have the authority to excuse licensees, as a group or as individuals, from said requirements, or any part thereof, in the event of an unusual circumstance, emergency, or special hardship.</p>

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**Florida Administrative Code 64B5-12.013 Continuing Education Requirements; Specific Continuing Education Course Requirements; and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification.**

(1) Minimum Continuing Education Hours: During each licensure biennium renewal period (biennium), dentists shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education and dental hygienists shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education.

(2) Prevention of Medical Errors and CPR Certification: During each biennium or for reactivation of a license the dentist and dental hygienist shall complete the following specific continuing education, training and certification:

(a) A board-approved two (2) hour continuing education course on the prevention of medical errors. To be approved by the board, the course shall include a study of root cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety. This course shall count towards the requirement of subsection (1).

(b) Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the basic support level, including one-rescuer and two-rescuer CPR for adults, children, and infants; the relief of foreign body airway obstruction for adults, children, and infants; the use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED); and the use of ambu-bags. The CPR training shall result in the certification or recertification by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or an entity with equivalent requirements. CPR training and certification shall be taken in-person or through a blended learning course. A blended learning course includes online CPR training and hands-on skill competency completed in person for certification. Online training without hands-on training completed in person for certification shall not be accepted by the board. CPR training and certification shall not count towards the requirement of subsection (1).

(3) Domestic Violence Continuing Education: As a part of every third biennial licensure renewal or for reactivation of a license, the dentist and dental hygienist shall complete a board-approved two (2) hour continuing education course on domestic violence as defined in Section 741.28, F.S., which course shall cover the substantive areas set forth in Section 456.031, F.S. To be approved by the board, the course must be approved by any state or federal agency or professional association or be offered through a board-approved continuing education provider. This course shall count towards the requirement of subsection (1).

(4) HIV/AIDS Continuing Education: No later than upon the first licensee renewal or for reactivation of a license, a dentist and dental hygienist shall complete a board approved two (2) hour continuing education course on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). To be approved by the board, the course shall consist of instruction on HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases pertinent to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene that shall include instruction on, but need not be limited to, viral counts, hepatitis, sterilization and infection control requirements, identification of oral lesions associated with infectious disease, how the presence of infectious disease directly affects treatment decisions of dentists, and the subject areas set forth in Section 456.033, F.S.

(a) Any course completed outside of Florida, which otherwise complies with this subsection (4), besides the Florida law and subject areas set for in Section 456.033(1), F.S. shall be approved by the board if the licensee submits to the board a statement that he or she has reviewed and studied the Florida law set forth in Section 456.033(1), F.S.

(b) Home study courses are permitted for the purposes of meeting the HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases pertinent to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene,

	<p>provided the home study courses comply with the entirety of this subsection of the rule.</p> <p>(c) The HIV/AIDS course shall count towards the requirement of subsection (1).</p> <p>(5) Prescribing of Controlled Substances: As part of every biennial licensure renewal or for reactivation of a dental license, all licensed dentists shall complete a board-approved, two-hour continuing education course on the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances.</p> <p>(a) The Board hereby deems the courses previously approved pursuant to Section 456.0301, F.S., as approved to meet the requirement of this subsection.</p> <p>(b) This course shall count towards the requirement of subsection (1).</p> <p>(6) Award of Continuing Education Credit: Continuing education credit shall be awarded only for educational experiences that are specifically appropriate for, and contain useful information directly pertinent to, dentistry or dental hygiene and only if received through the following methods:</p> <p>(a) By taking courses offered by a board -approved continuing education provider.</p> <p>(b) By taking courses offered by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The American or National Dental Associations and their constituent and component and affiliate dental associations and societies, including affiliated specialty organizations or a provider organization recognized by either the American or National Dental Associations;</li><li>2. The American or National Dental Hygiene Associations and their constituent and component associations and societies;</li><li>3. The Academy of General Dentistry and its constituent and component organizations or a provider approved by the Academy of General Dentistry's National Sponsor Approval Program;</li><li>4. A dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation;</li><li>5. A hospital, college, university, or community college, accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education;</li><li>6. The American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society; and,</li><li>7. An educational program or course associated with a medical school which is accredited by the American Medical Association's Liaison Committee for Medical Education.</li><li>8. The American Academy of Dental Hygiene.</li></ol> <p>(c) By participating in board-approved individual study pursuant to Rule 64B5-12.018, F.A.C.</p> <p>(d) By participating in examination standardization exercises for the examinations that are required for dental or dental hygiene in Florida. Dentists and dental hygienists may receive a maximum of six (6) continuing education credits per biennium for participating in the dental hygiene exercise; dentists may receive a maximum of eight (8) continuing education credits for the dental clinical exercise; and dentists may receive a maximum of eleven (11) continuing education credits per biennium for participating in both exercises.</p> <p>(e) By participating in programs approved by the board pursuant to Rule 64B5-12.0185, F.A.C., that provide substantial pro bono dental and dental hygiene services to the indigent, to dentally underserved populations or to persons who reside in areas of critical need within Florida. Dentists and dental hygienists may obtain a maximum of six (6) hours per biennium of required continuing education credit for participating in such programs. Continuing education credit shall be calculated at a ratio of 1 continuing education credit for each 1 hour of patient services provided to approved programs.</p>
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(f) By participating as an expert witness in the review of disciplinary cases, a licensee may receive a maximum of eleven (11) hours of continuing education credit for completing five disciplinary cases in each biennium. By participating as an expert witness in the review of disciplinary cases, a licensee may receive a maximum of four (4) hours of continuing education credit for completing two disciplinary cases in each biennium.

(g) By teaching a course at a dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, its successor agency or other nationally recognized accrediting agency, an adjunct, part-time faculty member may receive three (3) continuing education hours per semester/quarter by providing to the board office documentation from the teaching institution which shall include the number of the semesters/quarters the licensee taught the course.

(h) Up to four (4) hours of credit per renewal cycle may be earned by attending a meeting of the Board of Dentistry wherein disciplinary cases are considered. The licensee must check in with staff prior to the beginning of the disciplinary proceedings. After the conclusion of the meeting, board staff will issue a certificate of attendance to the licensee. Credit hours shall be awarded on an hour for hour basis up to a maximum of four (4) hours. Credit hours may not be earned when the licensee attends a disciplinary case session as a party to a disciplinary action.

(i) By participating as an anesthesia inspection consultant, a licensee may receive two hours of continuing education credit each biennium.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.013(9), 456.0301, 456.031, 466.004(4), 466.0135, 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 456.013(9), 456.0301, 456.031, 456.033, 466.0135, 466.014, 466.017(3), (4) FS. History—New 4-2-86, Amended 12-31-86, 4-26-87, 7-20-87, 9-16-87, 11-18-89, 7-9-90, Formerly 21G-12.013, Amended 5-19-94, 7-18-94, Formerly 61F5-12.013, Amended 11-15-95, 4-8-96, Formerly 59Q-12.013, Amended 2-17-98, 2-15-99, 3-11-99, 11-9-00, 5-20-01, 8-25-03, 5-31-04, 7-13-05, 2-14-06, 12-25-06, 10-10-10, 4-19-18, 8-6-18, 12-11-19, 11-16-21, 6-2-22.*

**64B5-12.0135 Licensees Excused from Continuing Educational Requirements.**

(1) Licensees shall not be required to complete continuing education requirements during the biennium in which they receive initial licensure.

(2) Dentists shall not be required to complete continuing education requirements during any biennium in which they are:

(a) Enrolled full-time in a post-graduate specialty training or residency program at a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, or

(b) Serving as full-time faculty members at a dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission of Dental Accreditation.

(3) Dental hygienists shall not be required to complete continuing education requirements during any biennium in which they are:

(a) Enrolled full-time in an academic program directly related to dentistry or dental hygiene, or

(b) Serving as full-time faculty members at a dental, dental hygiene school or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

(4) No provision of this section shall relieve a licensee from the obligation to obtain training required by Sections 456.013(7), 456.031, 456.033, 456.0301, F.S., as a condition of licensure renewal.

*Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.0135, 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 456.013(7), 456.0301, 456.031, 456.033, 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History—New 1-18-89, Formerly 21G-12.0135, 61F5-12.0135, 59Q-12.0135, Amended 5-17-06, 8-6-18.*



**64B5-12.014 Committee on Continuing Professional Education.**

*Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History—New 4-2-86, Amended 6-30-86, 1-18-89, Formerly 21G-12.014, 61F5-12.014, 59Q-12.014, Repealed 10-29-15.*

**64B5-12.016 Subject Area Requirements.**

(1) Regardless of the manner by which a licensee obtains continuing education, no credit will be awarded unless the subject matter falls within the following subject matter categories:

(a) Basic medical and scientific subjects, including but not limited to – biology, microbiology, anatomy, dental anatomy, microscopic anatomy, pathology, physiology, chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, neurology, pharmacology, anesthesia, analgesia, diet and nutrition as it relates to the conditions of the human oral cavity.

(b) Clinical and technical subjects, including but not limited to – techniques in general dentistry or recognized specialties, dental materials and equipment, diagnosis and treatment planning, asepsis and sterilization techniques and radiology.

(c) Patient health and safety subjects including but not limited to – public health problems, communicable diseases, emergency care, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, advanced life support, anesthesia, patient stress management and risk management.

(d) Subjects dealing with licensees' legal responsibilities, including but not limited to the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.

(e) Formal group discussions concerning case presentations sponsored by approved providers.

(2) Except as expressly allowed below in this section, no continuing education credit shall be given for courses which do not directly relate to providing dental care. The following types of courses do not relate directly to providing dental care – organization or design of a dental office, practice development or management, marketing of dental services, investments or financial management and personnel management.

(3) No continuing education credit shall be given for identical courses taken during the same biennium.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, a dentist and a dental hygienist may earn up to three hours of continuing education renewal credit per biennium, by completing an approved course in dentistry practice management, that meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (c), of subsection 466.0135(1), F.S.

*Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.0135, 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 466.031, 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History—New 4-2-86, Amended 1-18-89, 7-9-90, 2-1-93, Formerly 21G-12.016, 61F5-12.016, Amended 9-27-95, Formerly 59Q-12.016, Amended 10-29-00, 5-20-01, 5-31-04, 7-6-06, 12-25-06, 12-15-14.*

**64B5-12.017 Application for Provider Status.**

(1) Entities or individuals who wish to become approved providers of continuing education shall register with and apply through CE Broker at <https://cebroker.com/providers> using the form as referenced in subsection 64B5-5.003(1), F.A.C., and submit the following information, documentation and fee:

(a) The fee set forth in subsection 64B5-15.022(1), F.A.C.;

(b) The name of the contact person who will fulfill the reporting and documentation requirements for approved providers and who will assure the provider's compliance with Rule 64B5-12.0175, F.A.C.; and,

(c) The qualifications of all instructors, which may be evidenced by a curriculum vitae or professional licensure in the subject area taught. Because domestic violence courses must contain information specifically appropriate for, directly pertinent to, and useful in, dentistry, all domestic violence instructors shall identify dental injuries

indicative of domestic violence, mandatory reporting and patient records confidentiality for dentists under Florida and federal law, and incidence statistics in the dental profession.

(2) Provider approval may be granted for a period not to exceed the time from the date of approval to the end of the next successive licensure biennium after approval was obtained. Application for renewal of provider status shall be made at least 90 days prior to the end of the biennium in which approval expires and must be accompanied by the biennial renewal fee set forth in subsection 64B5-15.022(2), F.A.C. Renewal applications shall contain all information required for initial provider approval as well as course outlines and information evidencing compliance with Rule 64B5-12.0175, F.A.C., for each course offered during the provider status.

(3) Study clubs which are composed of at least five licensees, are formed for the purpose of scientific study and which have adopted written by-laws may apply to become approved continuing education providers.

*Rulemaking Authority 456.027, 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 456.027, 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History—New 4-2-86, Amended 10-26-87, 1-18-89, 7-9-90, 5-2-91, Formerly 21G-12.017, 61F5-12.017, 59Q-12.017, Amended 8-19-97, 10-29-00, 5-20-01, 8-6-19.*

**64B5-12.0175 Standards for Approved Providers.**

Approved continuing professional education providers and providers authorized pursuant to paragraph 64B5-12.013(2)(b), F.A.C., shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) All courses shall reflect appropriate didactic and clinical training for the subject matter and shall be designed to meet specifically stated educational objectives.

(2) Instructors shall be adequately qualified by training, experience or licensure to teach specified courses. Because domestic violence courses must contain information specifically appropriate for, directly pertinent to, and useful in, dentistry, all domestic violence instructors shall be familiar with dental injuries indicative of domestic violence, reporting obligations under Florida and federal law, and incidence statistics in the dental profession. Instructors who have had a professional license revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, in Florida or in another jurisdiction, shall be disqualified when the nature and number of disciplinary actions indicate a conscious disregard for the laws, rules and ethics of the profession.

(3) Any clinical dental hygiene course in which patients are treated during instruction must be supervised by a licensed dentist.

(4) Facilities and equipment for each course in which patients are treated during instruction shall be adequate for the subject matter and method of instruction.

(5) Course length shall be sufficient to provide meaningful education in the subject matter presented. One half hour or one hour of continuing education credit shall be awarded for each 25 or 50 minutes of actual classroom or clinical instruction, respectively. No continuing education credit shall be awarded for participation of less than 25 minutes.

(6) Providers shall provide written or electronic certification to each participant who completes a continuing education course or portion of that course which consists of at least 25 minutes of instruction. Certification shall include the participant's name and license number, the provider's name and number, the course title, instructor, location, date offered and hours of continuing education credit awarded and validation through the signature of the provider, official representative or instructor.

(7) Providers' courses shall be subject to Board review. Failure to maintain the standards set forth in this rule shall subject the provider to the suspension or rescission of the providership.

(8) The provider number shall not be used on any advertisement or certification for a course that does not meet the requirements of Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C.

(9) A licensee who has been approved as a provider may not give more than 12 hours of continuing education credit in subjects other than cardiopulmonary resuscitation to office staff, employees, or fellow employees during a biennium.

*Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History—New 1-18-89, Amended 7-9-90, Formerly 21G-12.0175, 61F5-12.0175, 59Q-12.0175, Amended 10-3-99, 10-29-00, 3-7-02, 6-2-22.*

**64B5-12.018 Individual Study.**

(1) Licensees may receive continuing education credit for individual study by submitting an application for approval on a form provided by the Board which is accompanied by documentation of compliance with the requirements of this rule.

(2) Credit for individual study shall only be awarded in the following manner, for the following educational experiences:

(a) The initial presentation of material falling within the subject areas set forth in Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C., which is part of a professional conference or meeting or which is offered at a formal course given in conjunction with a professional conference or meeting. Two hours of continuing education credit shall be awarded for each 50 minute segment of a presentation. The licensee must submit documentation which includes: the name of the professional conference or meeting and its sponsoring organization; the date, location and subject of the presentation; and written confirmation of this information by the sponsoring organization.

(b) Publication of an article or book devoted to a subject area set forth in Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C., in journals or other media which select materials through an editorial review process. Continuing education credits in an amount determined by the Board may be awarded for a published article or for a published book upon the licensee's documentation of the following: the title, authors, subject and length of the article or book; the publisher's name and date published; and if the licensee co-authored an article or book, documentation of the licensee's actual contribution to the finished product.

(c) Presentation of a lecture devoted to a subject area set forth in Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C., when given as part of a course at a dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, its successor agency or other nationally recognized accrediting agency, or as part of a formal course or program approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 64B5-16.002, F.A.C. Two hours of continuing education credit shall be awarded for each 50 minutes of actual lecture time upon the licensee's documentation of the following: name of the institution, course and program; subject, length and date of the lecture; and written confirmation of this information from the sponsoring institution or program. Licensees may obtain a maximum of 15 hours per biennium.

*Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History—New 4-2-86, Amended 9-7-87, 3-28-88, 1-18-89, Formerly 21G-12.018, 61F5-12.018, 59Q-12.018, Amended 7-13-05.*

**64B5-12.0185 Standards for Board Approval of Pro Bono Programs.**

(1) To receive Board approval, programs seeking to provide continuing education credit for the provision of pro bono dental services must meet the following guidelines:

(a) Programs must be organized as or as part of a not-for-profit entity that provides substantial pro bono dental services to the indigent or dentally underserved populations or persons who reside in areas of critical need within Florida.

(b) The program must require the dentist and dental hygienist volunteers to provide beneficial dental services to indigent patients, without compensation.

(c) Any volunteer dental hygienist must be under the appropriate supervision of a Florida licensed dentist as set forth in Chapter 64B5-16, F.A.C., unless volunteering in a health access setting as defined in Section 466.003(14), F.S., and following all requirements set forth in Sections 466.024 (2) through (5), F.S.

	<p>(d) The program must require the volunteer dentist or dental hygienist to register with the program director or designee before commencing to provide dental or dental hygiene services. Such registration shall occur on each day that the volunteer participates in the pro bono activities.</p> <p>(e) The program must retain documentation of the number of hours of volunteer professional service contributed by each volunteer involved in the program's pro bono activities. This documentation shall contain the name and license number of each participant; the dates and times of all pro bono activity; the location of the related patient records; and in the case of dental hygienist volunteers not providing services in health access settings, the name and license number of the supervising Florida licensed dentist. Such records must be maintained for a minimum of 4 years following the biennium in which the pro bono services are provided.</p> <p>(2) Programs that request board approval shall apply to the Board office through CE Broker and shall submit all documentation that shall prove compliance with this rule.</p> <p><i>Rulemaking Authority 456.013(9) FS. Law Implemented 456.013(9) FS. History—New 2-15-99, Amended 5-12-16, 12-11-19, 5-10-21.</i></p>
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