

<b>Initial Licensure Examination Requirements</b>	<b>CDCA, CITA, CRDTS, SRTA, WREB</b> Successfully passed within the five (5) years preceding the filing of the application for licensure. Source: <a href="#">Kentucky Board of Dentistry Initial Licensure - Licensure by Examination</a>
<b>General Licensure Requirements</b>	<a href="#">Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 313 Practice of Profession</a> <b>313.030 Licensing and registration of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants -- Duration, expiration, and renewal -- Disciplinary action by board - - Board's power to extend license or registration.</b> (1) The license or registration held by a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant shall be valid for a period of two (2) years. (2) Each license or registration held by a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant shall expire on December 31. A dentist's license shall expire in odd-numbered years, while all other licenses or registrations issued by the board shall expire in even-numbered years. (3) Each license or registration held by any person issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be renewed at least biennially. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application to determine whether the licensee or person seeking licensure or registration has met all the requirements as set forth in this chapter and in the administrative regulations promulgated by the board, and, if so, shall issue to the applicant a license or registration to practice or engage in the activity for the ensuing licensure or registration period. Such license or registration shall render the holder a legal practitioner of the practice or activity specified in the license or registration for the period stated on it. The board shall prescribe by administrative regulation promulgated in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A the beginning and ending of the licensure or registration period. (4) Any person who is licensed or registered by the board who allows his or her license or registration to lapse by failing to renew the license or registration as provided in this section may be reinstated by the board on payment of the current fee for original licensure or registration in addition to any late fees and by meeting the requirements of administrative regulations promulgated by the board. (5) An application for renewal of a license or registration shall be completed online or, if a written request is made to the board prior to November 1 of the year of expiration, a paper application shall be sent to the last known address of each licensee or certified or registered person requesting a paper application. (6) Any person engaging in any practice or activity regulated by the board during the time his or her license or registration has lapsed shall be considered practicing with an expired license or registration and shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of this chapter. (7) Failure to receive the application for renewal of a license or registration shall not relieve a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant from the duty to renew his or her license or registration prior to December 31 of the year in which the license or registration expires. (8) The duration of any license or registration issued by the board may be limited by disciplinary action of the board. (9) Every license or registration issued by the board shall have the seal of the board affixed. A holder of a license or registration shall retain it in his or her possession and be prepared to exhibit it upon demand by an employer or anyone to whom the holder of the license or registration offers treatment or any board or staff member of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. Each license or registration issued by the board shall be posted in a conspicuous place in each place of employment of the dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant.

	<p>(10) Failure or refusal to produce a license or registration upon demand shall be prima facie evidence that no such license or registration exists.</p> <p>(11) In order to ensure a proper transition during the implementation of the provisions of this section, the board may, for a period of no longer than three (3) years, extend a license or registration of any person in order to utilize the expiration date provided for in this section. The board shall, in writing, notify each person whose license or registration is extended of the extension and the new date of expiration. The extension shall be without charge.</p> <p><b><u>201 Kentucky Administrative Regulations 8:533. Licensure of dentists.</u></b></p> <p><b>Section 1. General Licensure Requirements.</b></p> <p>An applicant desiring dental licensure in the Commonwealth shall at a minimum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Understand, read, speak, and write the English language with a comprehension and performance level equal to at least the ninth grade of education, verified by testing as necessary;</li><li>(2) Submit a completed, signed, and notarized Application for Dental Licensure with an attached applicant photo taken within the past six (6) months;</li><li>(3) Pay the fee required by 201 KAR 8:520;</li><li>(4) Not be currently subject to disciplinary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 313 that would prevent licensure;</li><li>(5) Complete and pass the board's jurisprudence exam;</li><li>(6) Provide proof of having current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which meets or exceeds the American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and ECC;</li><li>(7) Submit to a nationwide state and federal criminal background check by fingerprint through the Department of Kentucky State Police;</li><li>(8) Provide verification within three (3) months of the date the application is received at the office of the board of any license to practice dentistry held previously or currently in any state or jurisdiction;</li><li>(9) Provide proof that the applicant is a graduate of a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental school or college or dental department of a university;</li><li>(10) Provide proof that the applicant has successfully completed Part I and Part II of the National Board Dental Examination, which is written and theoretical, conducted by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; and</li><li>(11) Provide a written explanation for any positive returns on a query of the National Practitioner Data Bank.</li></ol> <p><b>Section 2. Requirements for Licensure by Examination.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Each individual desiring initial licensure as a dentist by examination shall complete all of the requirements listed in Section 1 of this administrative regulation.</li><li>(2) Each individual desiring initial licensure as a dentist by examination shall successfully complete a clinical examination within the five (5) years preceding the filing of the application. The board shall accept the following regional clinical examinations:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) The examination of the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA);</li><li>(b) The examination of the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS);</li><li>(c) The examination of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA);</li><li>(d) The examination of the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA); and</li><li>(e) The examination of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB).</li></ol></li><li>(3) An individual desiring initial licensure as a dentist by examination more than two (2) years after fulfilling all of the requirements of his or her CODA accredited dental education shall:</li></ol>
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	<p>(a) Hold a license to practice dentistry in good standing in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia; or</p> <p>(b) If the applicant does not hold a license to practice dentistry in good standing, complete a board approved refresher course prior to receiving a license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.</p> <p>(4) An applicant who has taken a clinical examination three (3) times and failed to achieve a passing score shall not be allowed to sit for the examination again until the applicant has completed and passed a remediation plan approved by the board.</p>
<p><b>License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements</b></p>	<p><a href="#">201 Kentucky Administrative Regulations 8:533. Licensure of dentists.</a>  <b>Section 3. Requirements for Licensure by Credentials.</b>                  Each individual desiring initial licensure as a dentist by credentials shall:</p> <p>(1) Complete all of the requirements listed in Section 1 of this administrative regulation;</p> <p>(2) Provide proof of having passed a state, regional, or national clinical examination used to determine clinical competency in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia; and</p> <p>(3) Provide proof that, for five (5) of the six (6) years immediately preceding the filing of the application, the applicant has been engaged in the active practice of dentistry when he or she was legally authorized to practice dentistry in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia if the qualifications for the authorization were equal to or higher than those of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.</p>
<p><b>Specialty Practice</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 313 Practice of Profession</a>  <b>313.035 Scope of administrative regulations -- Specialties</b></p> <p>(1) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A relating to dentists. The administrative regulations shall include the classification of and licensure of dentists, by examination or credentials, the licensure of specialists, student limited licenses, faculty limited licenses, reciprocity, retirement of a license, reinstatement of a license, charity licenses, and conscious sedation and anesthesia permits. (2) Renewal programs shall be organized to include continuing education approved by the board.</p> <p><b>(3) For the purposes of licensure of specialists the board shall only recognize fields of specialty duly recognized and approved by the American Dental Association. Individuals licensed as specialists shall not practice outside of that specialty except as provided for in charitable dentistry as defined by administrative regulation, during a declared disaster by order of the Governor, or when the special needs of the patient require they be followed past the age of eighteen (18) by a pediatric dentist.</b></p> <p><a href="#">201 Kentucky Administrative Regulations 8:533. Licensure of dentists.</a>  <b>Section 8. Requirements for Specialty Licensure</b>                  Each individual desiring initial licensure as a specialist as defined by KRS 313.010(9) shall:</p> <p>(1) Submit a completed, signed, and notarized Application for Specialty Licensure with an attached applicant photo taken within the past six (6) months;</p> <p>(2) Pay the fee required by 201 KAR 8:520;</p> <p>(3) Hold an active Kentucky license to practice general dentistry prior to being issued a specialty license; and</p> <p>(4) Submit satisfactory evidence of completing a CODA accredited graduate or postgraduate specialty program after graduation from a dental school.</p>

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<p><b>Continuing Education</b></p>	<p><b><u>201 Kentucky Administrative Regulations 8:533. Licensure of dentists.</u></b>  <b>Section 9. Minimum Continuing Education Requirements.</b>  (1) Each individual desiring renewal of an active dental license shall complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education that relates to or advances the practice of dentistry and would be useful to the licensee's practice.  (2) Acceptable continuing education hours shall include course content designed to increase:  (a) Competency in treating patients who are medically compromised or who experience medical emergencies during the course of dental treatment;  (b) Knowledge of pharmaceutical products and the protocol of the proper use of medications;  (c) Competence to diagnose oral pathology;  (d) Awareness of currently accepted methods of infection control;  (e) Knowledge of basic medical and scientific subjects including biology, physiology, pathology, biochemistry, pharmacology, epidemiology, and public health;  (f) Knowledge of clinical and technological subjects;  (g) Knowledge of subjects pertinent to patient management, safety, and oral healthcare;  (h) Competency in assisting in mass casualty or mass immunization situations;  (i) Clinical skills through the volunteer of clinical charitable dentistry that meets the requirements of KRS 313.254;  (j) Knowledge of office business operations and best practices; or  (k) Participation in dental association or society business meetings.  (3) A minimum of ten (10) hours shall be taken in a live interactive presentation format.  (4) A maximum of ten (10) hours total may be taken that meet the requirements of subsection (2)(i) - (k) of this section.  (5) A minimum of three (3) hours of continuing education shall be taken in the use of the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System (KASPER), pain management, or addiction disorders.  (6) Dentists who hold a board-issued sedation permit shall also meet the continuing education requirements of 201 KAR 8:550, Section 8.  (7) All continuing education hours shall be verified by the receipt of a certificate of completion or certificate of attendance bearing:  (a) The signature of or verification by the provider;  (b) The name of the licensee in attendance;  (c) The title of the course or meeting attended or completed;  (d) The date of attendance or completion;  (e) The number of hours earned; and  (f) Evidence of the method of delivery if the course was taken in a live interactive presentation format.  (8) It shall be the sole responsibility of the individual licensee to obtain documentation from the provider or sponsoring organization verifying participation as established in subsection (7) of this section and to retain the documentation for a minimum of five (5) years.  (9) At license renewal, each licensee shall attest to the fact that he or she has complied with the requirements of this section.  (10) Each licensee shall be subject to audit of proof of continuing education compliance by the board.  <b>Section 10. Requirements for Renewal of a Dental License.</b>  (1) Each individual desiring renewal of an active dental license shall:  (a) Submit a signed, completed Application for Renewal of Dental Licensure;</p>
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	<p>(b) Pay the fee required by 201 KAR 8:520;</p> <p>(c) Maintain, with no more than a thirty (30) day lapse, CPR certification that meets or exceeds the American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and ECC unless a hardship waiver is approved by the board; and</p> <p>(d) Meet the continuing education requirements as provided for in Section 9 of this administrative regulation except in the following cases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. If a hardship waiver has been submitted to and is subsequently approved by the board;</li><li>2. If the licensee graduated in the first year of the biennial license period, the licensee shall complete one-half (1/2) of the hours as outlined in Section 9 of this administrative regulation; and</li><li>3. If the licensee graduated in the second year of the biennial license period, the licensee shall not be required to complete the continuing education requirements outlined in Section 9 of this administrative regulation.</li></ol> <p>(2) If a licensee has not actively practiced dentistry in the two (2) consecutive years preceding the filing of the renewal application, he or she shall complete and pass a board approved refresher course prior to resuming the active practice of dentistry.</p> <p><b>Section 11. Retirement of a License.</b></p> <p>(1) Each individual desiring retirement of a dental license shall submit a completed and signed Retirement of License Form.</p> <p>(2) Upon receipt of this form, the board shall send written confirmation of retirement to the address provided by the licensee on the Retirement of License form.</p> <p>(3) A licensee shall not retire a license that has a pending disciplinary action against it.</p> <p>(4) Each retirement shall be effective upon the processing of the completed and signed Retirement of License Form by the board.</p> <p><b>Section 12. Reinstatement of a License.</b></p> <p>(1) Each individual desiring reinstatement of a properly retired dental license shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Submit a completed, signed, and notarized Application to Reinstate a Dental License with an attached applicant photo taken within the past six (6) months;</li><li>(b) Pay the fee required by 201 KAR 8:520;</li><li>(c) Show proof of having current certification in CPR that meets or exceeds the American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and ECC;</li><li>(d) Provide verification within three (3) months of the date the application is received at the office of the board of any license to practice dentistry held previously or currently in any state or jurisdiction;</li><li>(e) Submit to a nationwide state and federal criminal background check by fingerprint through the Department of Kentucky State Police; and</li><li>(f) Provide a written explanation for any positive returns on a query of the National Practitioner Data Bank.</li></ol> <p>(2) If an individual applies to reinstate a license within two (2) years of when the license was last active, the individual shall provide proof of having met the continuing education requirements as outlined in Section 9 of this administrative regulation within those two (2) years.</p> <p>(3) If the applicant has not actively practiced dentistry in the two (2) consecutive years immediately preceding the filing of the reinstatement application, the applicant shall complete and pass a refresher course approved by the board.</p> <p>(4) If a license is reinstated in the first year of the biennial license period, the licensee shall complete all of the continuing education requirements as outlined in Section 9 of this administrative regulation prior to the renewal of the license.</p>
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	<p>(5) If a license is reinstated in the second year of the biennial license period, the licensee shall complete one-half (1/2) of the hours as outlined in Section 9 of this administrative regulation prior to the renewal of the license.</p> <p><b>Section 13. Requirements for Verification of Licensure. Each individual desiring verification of a dental license shall:</b></p> <p>(1) Submit a signed and completed Verification of Licensure or Registration Form; and</p> <p>(2) Pay the fee required by 201 KAR 8:520.</p> <p><b>Section 14. Requesting a Duplicate License. Each individual desiring a duplicate dental license shall:</b></p> <p>(1) Submit a signed and completed Duplicate License or Registration Request Form; and</p> <p>(2) Pay the fee required by 201 KAR 8:520.</p> <p><b>Section 15. Issuance of Initial Licensure. If an applicant has completed all of the requirements for licensure within six (6) months of the date the application was received at the office of the board, the board shall:</b></p> <p>(1) Issue a license in sequential numerical order; or</p> <p>(2) Deny licensure due to a violation of KRS Chapter 313 or 201 KAR Chapter 8.</p> <p><b>Section 16. Incorporation by Reference.</b></p> <p>(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:</p> <p>(a) "Application for Charitable Dental Limited Licensure", May 2023;</p> <p>(b) "Application for Dental Licensure", May 2023;</p> <p>(c) "Application for Renewal of Dental Licensure", May 2023;</p> <p>(d) "Application for Specialty Licensure", February 2023;</p> <p>(e) "Application to Reinstate a Dental License", May 2023;</p> <p>(f) "Duplicate License or Registration Request Form", December 2022;</p> <p>(g) "Retirement of License Form", February 2023;</p> <p>(h) "Statement Regarding Faculty Licensure Limitations", May 2023;</p> <p>(i) "Statement Regarding Student Licensure Limitations", May 2023;</p> <p>(j) "Verification of Licensure or Registration Form", February 2023; and</p> <p>(k) "2020 American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and ECC", 2020.</p> <p>(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, 312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 101, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. This material is also available on the board's Web site at <a href="http://dentistry.ky.gov">http://dentistry.ky.gov</a>.</p> <p>(49 Ky.R. 1859, 2273; eff. 7-24-2023.)</p>
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