# Initial Licensure Examination Requirements

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An applicant must pass a Board examination consisting of a clinical portion administered by the Board, or any clinical Board examination administered by any state, Regional testing agency, national testing agency or other Board-recognized testing agency. Clinical examination results will be recognized by the Board for five years.

Source: Oregon Board of Dentistry Licensure by Examination Application

# General Licensure Requirements

# **Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 679 – Dentists**

### §679.060 Application for license, fees, grounds for refusal

- (1) Any person desiring to practice dentistry in this state shall file an application with the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
  - (2) At the time of making the application, the applicant shall:
  - (a) Pay to the board the required application and examination fee.
- (b) Furnish the board with evidence satisfactory to the board of details of any convictions recorded in any police records. Such details are subject to the findings required by ORS 670.280.
- (c) Present to the board a diploma or evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental education program approved by the board.
- (3) If an applicant has been in practice in another state or states the applicant shall furnish an affidavit from the secretary of the board of dental examiners or similar body of such state or states that the applicant has been engaged in the legal practice of dentistry in such state or states for a period of time prescribed by the rules of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
- (4) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been convicted of a violation of the law if the board makes the findings required by ORS 670.280. A certified copy of the record of conviction is conclusive evidence of conviction.
- (5) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been disciplined by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this or another state regarding any health care profession when, in the judgment of the board, the act or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the licensee or applicant to practice dentistry in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.
- (6) The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has falsified a license application, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.
  - (7) Fees paid are not refundable.
- **§679.065 Qualifications of applicants; rules.** (1) An applicant for a dental license shall be entitled to take the examination to practice dentistry in Oregon if the applicant:
  - (a) Is 18 years of age or older; and
- (b) Is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any, which must have been approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
- (2) Foreign trained graduates of dental programs may apply for the dental licensure examination, providing the applicant meets the board's requirements, by rule, as will reasonably assure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure.

**§679.070 Examination; acceptable results.** (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may administer written, laboratory or clinical examinations to test professional knowledge and skills.

The ADA attempts to keep this information current based on information from state dental boards, clinical testing agencies and state dental associations. Individuals seeking dental licensure should consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for the complete and most recent dental licensure information, application requirements, forms and fees.

- (2) The examination must be elementary and practical in character but sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dentistry. It must include, written in the English language, questions on any subjects pertaining to dental science.
- (3) If a test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application and the applicant received a passing score on the test or examination, as established by the board by rule, the board:
- (a) To satisfy the written examination authorized under this section, may accept the results of national standardized examinations.
- (b) To satisfy the laboratory or clinical examination authorized under this section:
- (A) Shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or clinical board examinations administered by other states; and
  - (B) May accept the results of board-recognized testing agencies.
- (4) The board shall accept the results of regional and national testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states, and may accept results of board-recognized testing agencies, in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of dentistry in other states, in Oregon or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application and who meet all other requirements for licensure.
- **§679.080 Reexamination of applicants; rules.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry may adopt rules requiring additional education and examination of applicants who have failed the licensing examination three times.
- **§679.090 Issuance of license.** The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall, upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of the educational requirements and written, laboratory and clinical examinations authorized under this chapter and upon receipt of the requisite fees, issue or renew the appropriate dental license. **Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 818 Oregon Board of Dentistry**

# §818-021-0010 Application for License to Practice Dentistry

- (1) An applicant to practice general dentistry, in addition to the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:
- (a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
- (b) Having graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada, completion of a predoctoral dental education program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and proficiency in the English language; and
- (c) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination.
- (2) An applicant who has not met the educational requirements for licensure may apply for examination if the Dean of an accredited school certifies the applicant will graduate.
- (3) An applicant must pass a Board examination consisting of a clinical portion administered by the Board, or any clinical Board examination administered by any state, or regional testing agency, national testing agency or other Board-recognized testing agency and a jurisprudence portion administered by the Board. Clinical examination results will be recognized by the Board for five years.
- (4) A person who fails any Board approved clinical examination three times must successfully complete the remedial training recommended by the testing agency. Such remedial training must be conducted by a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

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	(5) Prior to initial licensure, an applicant must complete a one-hour pain
	management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management
	Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).
License by	Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 818 Oregon Board of Dentistry
Credential/	§818-021-0011 Application for License to Practice Dentistry Without Further
Endorsement	Examination
Requirements	(1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may grant a license without further examination
	to a dentist who holds a license to practice dentistry in another state or states if the
	dentist meets the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065 and submits
	to the Board satisfactory evidence of:
	(a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on
	Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
	(b) Having graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada, completion of a predoctoral dental education program of not less than two
	years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of
	the American Dental Association or completion of a postdoctoral General Dentistry
	Residency program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the
	Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and
	proficiency in the English language; and
	(c) Having passed the dental clinical examination conducted by a regional testing
	agency, by a state dental licensing authority, by a national testing agency or other
	Board-recognized testing agency; and
	(d) Holding an active license to practice dentistry, without restrictions, in any state;
	including documentation from the state dental board(s) or equivalent authority, that
	the applicant was issued a license to practice dentistry, without restrictions, and
	whether or not the licensee is, or has been, the subject of any final or pending
	disciplinary action; and
	(e) Having conducted licensed clinical practice in Oregon, other states or in the
	Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the
	United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of 3,500 hours in the
	five years immediately preceding application. Licensed clinical practice could include hours devoted to teaching by dentists employed by a dental education
	program in a CODA accredited dental school, with verification from the dean or
	appropriate administration of the institution documenting the length and terms of
	employment, the applicant's duties and responsibilities, the actual hours involved
	in teaching clinical dentistry, and any adverse actions or restrictions; and
	(f) Having completed 40 hours of continuing education in accordance with the
	Board's continuing education requirements contained in these rules within the two
	years immediately preceding application.
	(2) Applicants must pass the Board's Jurisprudence Examination.
	(3) Prior to initial licensure, an applicant must complete a one-hour pain
	management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management
	Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).
	(4) A dental license granted under this rule will be the same as the license held in
	another state; i.e., if the dentist holds a general dentistry license, the Oregon
	Board will issue a general (unlimited) dentistry license. If the dentist holds a license
	limited to the practice of a specialty, the Oregon Board will issue a license limited
	to the practice of that specialty. If the dentist holds more than one license, the Oregon Board will issue a dental license which is least restrictive.
Continuing	Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 818 Oregon Board of Dentistry
Education	§818-021-0060 Continuing Education — Dentists
	(1) Each dentist must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years.
	Continuing education (C.E.) must be directly related to clinical patient care or the
	practice of dental public health.
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- (2) Dentists must maintain records of successful completion of continuing education for at least four licensure years consistent with the licensee's licensure cycle. (A licensure year for dentists is April 1 through March 31.) The licensee, upon request by the Board, shall provide proof of successful completion of continuing education courses.
- (3) Continuing education includes:
- (a) Attendance at lectures, dental study groups, college post-graduate courses, or scientific sessions at conventions.
- (b) Research, graduate study, teaching or preparation and presentation of scientific sessions. No more than 12 hours may be in teaching or scientific sessions. (Scientific sessions are defined as scientific presentations, table clinics, poster sessions and lectures.)
- (c) Correspondence courses, videotapes, distance learning courses or similar self-study course, provided that the course provides a certificate of completion to the dentist. The certificate of completion should list the dentist's name, course title, course completion date, course provider name, and continuing education hours completed.
- (d) Continuing education credit can be given for volunteer pro bono dental services provided in the state of Oregon; community oral health instruction at a public health facility located in the state of Oregon; authorship of a publication, book, chapter of a book, article or paper published in a professional journal; participation on a state dental board, peer review, or quality of care review procedures; successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations taken after initial licensure; a recognized specialty examination taken after initial licensure; or test development for clinical dental, dental hygiene or specialty examinations. No more than 6 hours of credit may be in these areas.
- (4) At least three hours of continuing education must be related to medical emergencies in a dental office. No more than four hours of Practice Management and Patient Relations may be counted toward the C.E. requirement in any renewal period.
- (5) At each renewal, all dentists licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry will complete a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).
- (6) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to infection control.
- (7) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to cultural competency (Effective January 1, 2021).
- (8) A dentist placing dental implants must complete at least seven (7) hours of continuing education related to the placement and/or restoration of dental implants every licensure renewal period (Effective January 1, 2024).

#### 818-021-0080 Renewal of License

Before the expiration date of a license, the Board will, as a courtesy, mail notice for renewal of license to the last mailing address on file in the Board's records to every licensee holding a current license. The licensee must complete the online renewal application and pay the current renewal fees prior to the expiration of said license. Licensees who fail to renew their license prior to the expiration date may not practice dentistry, dental therapy or dental hygiene until the license is reinstated and are subject to the provisions of OAR 818-021-0085, "Reinstatement of Expired Licenses."

(1) Each dentist shall submit the renewal fee and completed online renewal application by March 31 every other year. Dentists licensed in odd numbered years shall apply for renewal in odd numbered years and dentists licensed in even numbered years shall apply for renewal in even numbered years.

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- (2) Each dental hygienist must submit the renewal fee and completed online renewal application by September 30 every other year. Dental hygienists licensed in odd numbered years shall apply for renewal in odd numbered years and dental hygienists licensed in even numbered years shall apply for renewal in even numbered years.
- (3) Each dental therapist must submit the renewal fee and completed and signed renewal application form by September 30 every other year. Dental Therapists licensed in odd numbered years shall apply for renewal in odd numbered years and dental therapists licensed in even nu mbered years shall apply for renewal in even numbered years.
- (4) The renewal application shall contain:
- (a) Licensee's full name:
- (b) Licensee's mailing address:
- (c) Licensees business address including street and number or if the licensee has no business address, licensee's home address including street and number;
- (d) Licensee's business telephone number or if the licensee has no business telephone number, licensee's home telephone number;
- (e) Licensee's employer or person with whom the licensee is on contract;
- (f) Licensee's assumed business name;
- (g) Licensee's type of practice or employment;
- (h) A statement that the licensee has met the continuing educational requirements for their specific license renewal set forth in OAR 818-021-0060 or OAR 818-021-0070 or OAR 818-021-0076;
- (i) Identity of all jurisdictions in which the licensee has practiced during the two past years; and
- (j) A statement that the licensee has not been disciplined by the licensing board of any other jurisdiction or convicted of a crime.

#### Specialty **Practice**

#### **Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 679 – Dentists**

- §679.546 Advertising as specialist; requirements; rules. (1) A dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry may advertise that the dentist is a specialist in one or more areas of dentistry if the dentist:
- (a) Has completed a post-doctoral residency program that is at least two years in length and is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule;
- (b) Is a specialist as defined by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, or its successor organization, and adopted by the board by rule; or
- (c) Has completed an advanced dental education program that is at least two years in length and is recognized by the United States Department of Education, and approved by the board by rule.
- (2) The board may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section. Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 818 Oregon Board of Dentistry §818-021-0012 Specialties Recognized

The Board recognizes the following specialties:

- (1) Dental Anesthesiology:
- (2) Dental Public Health:
- (3) Endodontics;
- (4) Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology;
- (5) Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology;
- (6) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery;
- (7) Oral Medicine;
- (8) Orofacial Pain;
- (9) Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics;
- (10) Pediatric Dentistry:
- (11) Periodontics;

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#### (12) Prosthodontics.

## §818-021-0015 Certification as a Specialist

The Board may certify a dentist as a specialist if the dentist:

- (1) Holds a current Oregon dental license;
- (2) Is a diplomate of or a fellow in a specialty board accredited or recognized by the American Dental Association; or
- (3) Has completed a post-graduate program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

# §818-021-0017 Application to Practice as a Specialist

- (1) A dentist who wishes to practice as a specialist in Oregon, who does not have a current Oregon license, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:
- (a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and active licensure as a general dentist in another state. Licensure as a general dentist must have been obtained as a result of the passage of any clinical Board examination administered by any state or regional testing agency;
- (b) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination; and
- (c) Proof of satisfactory completion of a post-graduate specialty program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.
- (d) Passing the Board's jurisprudence examination.
- (e) Completion of a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).
- (2) A dentist who graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada who wishes to practice as a specialist in Oregon, who does not have a current Oregon license, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:
- (a) Completion of a post-graduate specialty program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, proficiency in the English language, and evidence of active licensure as a general dentist in another state obtained as a result of the passage of any clinical Board examination administered by any state or regional testing agency; or
- (b) Completion of a post-graduate specialty program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, proficiency in the English language and certification of having successfully passed the clinical examination administered by any state or regional testing agency within the five years immediately preceding application; and
- (c) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination; and
- (d) Passing the Board's jurisprudence examination; and
- (e) Completion of a one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority (Effective July 1, 2022).
- (3) An applicant who meets the above requirements shall be issued a specialty license upon:
- (a) Passing a specialty examination approved by the Board within the five years immediately preceding application; or

- (b) Passing a specialty examination approved by the Board greater than five years prior to application; and
- (A) Having conducted licensed clinical practice in the applicant's postdoctoral dental specialty in Oregon, other states or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application. Licensed clinical practice could include hours devoted to teaching the applicant's dental specialty by dentists employed by a dental education program in a CODA-accredited dental school, with verification from the dean or appropriate administration of the institution documenting the length and terms of employment, the applicant's duties and responsibilities, the actual hours involved in teaching clinical dentistry in the specialty applicant is applying for, and any adverse actions or restrictions; and;
- (B) Having completed 40 hours of continuing education in accordance with the Board's continuing education requirements contained in these rules within the two years immediately preceding application.
- (4) Any applicant who does not pass the first examination for a specialty license may apply for a second and third regularly scheduled specialty examination. If the applicant fails to pass the third examination for the practice of a recognized specialty, the applicant will not be permitted to retake the particular specialty examination until he/she has attended and successfully passed a remedial program prescribed by a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and approved by the Board.

  (5) Licenses issued under this rule shall be limited to the practice of the specialty

#### Advertising 818-015-0005 General Provisions

- (1) "To advertise" means to publicly communicate information about a licensee's professional services or qualifications for the purpose of soliciting business.
- (2) Advertising shall not be false, deceptive, misleading or not readily subject to verification and shall not make claims of professional superiority which cannot be substantiated by the licensee, who shall have the burden of proof.
- (3) Advertising shall not make a representation that is misleading as to the credentials, education, or the licensing status of a licensee. Licensee may not claim a degree, credential, or distinction granted by a professional organization or institution of higher learning that has not been earned.
- (4) A licensee who authorizes another to disseminate information about the licensee's professional services to the public is responsible for the content of that information unless the licensee can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the content of the advertisement is contrary to the licensee's specific directions.
- (5) A dentist shall adhere to the Doctors' Title Act, ORS 676.110 (Use of title "doctor").