

<p><b>Initial Licensure Examination Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>CDCA, CITA, CRDTS, SRTA, WREB</b>                  (Source: <a href="#">Vermont Board of Dental Examiners - Dentist Licensure Application on Web Site</a>)                  The Vermont Board of Dental Examiners approved the following at their September 9, 2020 meeting: the examinations recognized by Administrative Rule will continue to be recognized if the relevant examining body elects to offer a non-patient exam. The Board shall monitor non-patient exams at least annually to ensure that the integrity of those exams is preserved. The motion applies to all clinical exams, whether in dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting.                  (Source: <a href="#">Vermont Board of Dental Examiners Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2020</a>)</p>
<p><b>General Licensure Requirements</b></p>	<p><b><u>26 V.S.A. Chapter 12, Subchapter 3</u></b>  <b>§ 601. License by examination</b>                  To be eligible for licensure as a dentist, an applicant shall:                  (1) have attained the age of majority;                  (2) be a graduate of:                  (A) a dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or                  (B) a program of foreign dental training and a postgraduate program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association that is acceptable to the Board; and                  (3) meet the certificate, examination, and training requirements established by the Board by rule. (Added 2011, No. 116 (Adj. Sess.), § 13; amended 2017, No. 144 (Adj. Sess.), § 14.)  <b><u>Code of Vermont Rules 04-030-080</u></b>                  4.1 How to Obtain a License as a Dentist                  (a) Qualifications for licensure as a dentist are set forth by 26 V.S.A. Chapter 13 §§ 801 through 805 . 26 V.S.A. § 804 gives the Board authority to promulgate rules relating to 1) the qualifications of applicants; 2) conducting the examinations; and 3) granting licenses.                  (b) Applications for a dental license may be obtained from the Office or online at <a href="http://vtprofessionals.org/">http://vtprofessionals.org/</a>. An applicant shall submit a fully completed application form with all supporting documentation and the fee to the Office.                  (c) An applicant may obtain a license as a dentist through one of the following three paths: examination, credentials (also referred to as "endorsement"), or licensed practice experience.                  d) Regardless of route to licensure, each applicant shall:                  1) have graduated from a school of dentistry or dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA) or, if the applicant has completed a program of dental education in an unregistered and unaccredited foreign dental school, evidence of successful completion of a minimum of one year of study in a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, resulting in the awarding of a dental degree (D.D.S. or D.M.D.) by that institution;                  2) be at least 18 years of age and not in violation of these rules or statutes governing the profession;                  4.2 Licensure by Examination The application and accompanying documents must show that the applicant:                  (a) Is at least 18 years of age and not in violation of these rules or statutes governing the profession.                  (b) Has graduated from a school of dentistry or dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or, if the applicant has completed a program of dental education in an unregistered and</p>

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	<p>4.4 Previously Licensed, but Who Do Not Meet Active Practice Requirements If the applicant meets all the requirements for licensure but has not actively practiced dentistry for five years or more, the applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) successfully complete a clinical course approved by the Board which will assure competence to reenter dental practice. A course taken to satisfy this rule must be one offered by a CODA accredited dental school, or;</li> <li>b) successfully complete the NERB, or the written portion of NERB and CRDTS, SRTA, WREB, or other examination as in Rule 4.3 immediately preceding the filing of the application.</li> <li>c) successfully complete the Vermont dental statutes and rules examination. The examination questions are available from the Office or online at <a href="http://vtprofessionals.org/">http://vtprofessionals.org/</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements</b></p>	<p><a href="#">26 V.S.A. Chapter 12, Subchapter 3</a>  <b>§ 602. License by endorsement</b></p> <p>(a) The Board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who is a graduate of a dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) is currently licensed in good standing to practice dentistry in any jurisdiction of the United States or Canada that has licensing requirements deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent to those of this State;</li> <li>(2) has successfully completed an approved emergency office procedures course;</li> <li>(3) has successfully completed the dentist jurisprudence examination; and</li> <li>(4) has met active practice requirements and any other requirements established by the Board by rule.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The Board may grant a license to an applicant who is a graduate of a dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and who is licensed and in good standing to practice dentistry in a jurisdiction of the United States or Canada that has licensing requirements deemed by the Board to be not substantially equivalent to those of this State if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the Board has determined that the applicant's practice experience or education overcomes any lesser licensing requirement of the other jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed; and</li> <li>(2) the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) has been in full-time licensed practice of at least 1,200 hours per year for a minimum of five years preceding the application;</li> <li>(B) is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which licensed;</li> <li>(C) has successfully completed an approved emergency office procedures course;</li> <li>(D) has successfully completed the dentist jurisprudence examination; and</li> <li>(E) has met active practice requirements and any other requirements established by the Board by rule. (Added 2011, No. 116 (Adj. Sess.), § 13.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Code of Vermont Rules 04-030-080</a></p> <p>4.5 Licensure by Endorsement</p> <p>(a) The Board may issue a license to an applicant who meets the requirements of Rule 4.1(d) and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) is currently licensed to practice dentistry in any jurisdiction of the United States or Canada whose licensing requirements are deemed by the Board to be substantially equivalent to those of this state and;</li> <li>(2) is in good standing as verified to the Board by the licensing authority of that jurisdiction, and;</li> <li>(3) has been in active practice and;</li> <li>(4) has passed an examination administered by the Board testing the applicant's knowledge of Vermont laws and rules of the profession; and</li> </ul>

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	<p>(5) has completed the emergency office procedure training as described in Rule 2.1(m).</p> <p>(b) For purposes of determining active practice the Board may include periods of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) dental practice within the military service,</li> <li>(2) teaching in an accredited dental school,</li> <li>(3) accredited dental residency programs, and</li> <li>(4) residency programs in American Dental Association recognized board specialties may be considered.</li> </ol> <p><b>4.6 PGY Licensed Experience: Endorsement, 5 Year Rule</b>          The Board may grant a license to a person licensed in a jurisdiction of the United States or Canada who obtained licensure through a CODA approved PGY1 residency program, rather than passing the examination required in Rule 4.3, if the Board in its discretion, determines:</p> <p>(a) that the applicant has been in practice full time of at least 1,200 hours per year for a minimum of five years, and is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which licensed;</p> <p>(b) that the applicant's practice experience or education overcomes any lesser licensing requirement of that other jurisdiction; and</p> <p>(c) that the applicant has successfully completed the Vermont dental statutes and rules examination. The examination questions are available from the Office or online at <a href="http://vtprofessionals.org/">http://vtprofessionals.org/</a>, and;</p> <p>(d) met the requirements of 4.1(d).</p> <p><b>4.7 Licensure by Licensed Experience, 5 Year Rule</b>          (a) The Board may issue a license to an applicant who is currently licensed to practice dentistry in any jurisdiction of the United States or Canada whose licensing requirements are deemed by the Board to be not substantially equivalent to those of this state if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the applicant meets the requirements of Rule 4.1(d);</li> <li>(2) the applicant is in good standing as verified to the Board by the licensing authorities of all jurisdictions in which licensed;</li> <li>(3) the applicant has been in practice full time of at least 1,200 hours per year for a minimum of five years before the application, and;</li> <li>(4) the Board in its discretion determines that the applicant's practice experience or education overcomes any lesser licensing requirement(s) of that other jurisdiction, and;</li> <li>(5) the applicant has successfully completed the Vermont dental statutes and rules examination. The examination questions are available from the Office or online at <a href="http://vtprofessionals.org/">http://vtprofessionals.org/</a>.</li> </ol> <p>(b) For purposes of determining active practice the Board may include periods of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) dental practice within the military service,</li> <li>(2) teaching in an accredited dental school,</li> <li>(3) accredited dental residency programs, and</li> <li>(4) residency programs in American Dental Association recognized board specialties may be considered.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Specialty Practice</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">26 V.S.A. Chapter 12, Subchapter 5</a></u></b>  <b>§584 Unprofessional Conduct</b>          The Board may refuse to give an examination or issue a license to practice dentistry, to practice as a dental therapist, or to practice dental hygiene or to register an applicant to be a dental assistant and may suspend or revoke any such license or registration or otherwise discipline an applicant, licensee, or registrant for unprofessional conduct. Unprofessional conduct means the following conduct and the conduct set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 129a by an applicant or person licensed or registered under this chapter:</p>

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	<p>(1) abandonment of a patient;</p> <p>(2) rendering professional services to a patient if the dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs;</p> <p>(3) promotion of the sale of drugs, devices, appliances, goods, or services provided for a patient in a manner to exploit the patient for financial gain or selling, prescribing, giving away, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes;</p> <p>(4) division of or agreeing to divide with any person for bringing or referring a patient the fees received for providing professional services to the patient;</p> <p>(5) willful misrepresentation in treatments;</p> <p>(6) practicing a profession regulated under this chapter with a dentist, dental therapist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who is not legally practicing within the State or aiding or abetting such practice;</p> <p>(7) gross and deceptive overcharging for professional services on single or multiple occasions, including filing of false statements for collection of fees for which services are not rendered;</p> <p>(8) permitting one's name, license, or registration to be used by a person, group, or corporation when not actually in charge of or responsible for the treatment given;</p> <p>(9) practicing dentistry or maintaining a dental office in a manner so as to endanger the health or safety of the public; or</p> <p><b>(10) holding out to the public as being specially qualified or announcing specialization in any branch of dentistry by using terms such as "specialist in" or "practice limited to" unless:</b></p> <p><b>(A) the American Dental Association has formally recognized the specialty and an appropriate certifying board for the specialty;</b></p> <p><b>(B) the dentist has met the educational requirements and standards set forth by the Commission on Dental Accreditation for the specialty; or</b></p> <p><b>(C) the dentist is a diplomate of the specialty certifying board recognized by the American Dental Association.</b></p>
<p>Continuing Education</p> <p><a href="#">Click here for online renewal web site for dentists</a></p>	<p><a href="#">26 V.S.A. Chapter 12, Subchapter 6</a></p> <p><b>§ 661 Renewal of License</b></p> <p>(a) Licenses and registrations shall be renewed every two years on a schedule determined by the Office of Professional Regulation.</p> <p>(b) No continuing education reporting is required at the first biennial license renewal date following licensure.</p> <p>(c) The Board may waive continuing education requirements for licensees who are on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.</p> <p>(d) Dentists.</p> <p>(1) To renew a license, a dentist shall meet active practice requirements established by the Board by rule and document completion of no fewer than 30 hours of Board-approved continuing professional education, which shall include an emergency office procedures course during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal.</p> <p>(2) Any dentist who has not been in active practice for a period of five years or more shall be required to meet the renewal requirements established by the Board by rule.</p> <p>(e) Dental therapists. To renew a license, a dental therapist shall meet active practice requirements established by the Board by rule and document completion of no fewer than 20 hours of Board-approved continuing professional education,</p>

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	<p>which shall include an emergency office procedures course during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal.</p> <p>(f) Dental hygienists. To renew a license, a dental hygienist shall meet active practice requirements established by the Board by rule and document completion of no fewer than 18 hours of Board-approved continuing professional education, which shall include an emergency office procedures course during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal.</p> <p>(g) Dental assistants. To renew a registration, a dental assistant shall meet the requirements established by the Board by rule. (Added 2011, No. 116 (Adj. Sess.), § 13; amended 2015, No. 161 (Adj. Sess.), § 2, eff. June 2, 2016.)</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Code of Vermont Rules 04-030-080</a></u></b></p> <p>4.10 Maintaining a Dentist License The Board will renew a license when the dentist shows the active practice, / continuing education, and emergency office procedures requirements set forth below have been met.</p> <p>4.11 Active Practice Requirement In order to renew a license each dentist must maintain a license in good standing and engage in active practice, for at least 800 hours, or accumulate 100 continuing education credits approved by the Board in practice related subjects during the previous five years. A combination of practice hours and continuing education hours in that ratio may be accepted in the discretion of the Board.</p> <p>4.12 Continuing Education Requirement In addition to meeting the active practice requirement in subsection (a) above, a dentist must also document completion of 30 hours professional education which shall include emergency office procedures courses during the two-year licensing period preceding renewal. Except for emergency office procedures, this provision shall apply only to renewals after an applicant's initial two years of practice in Vermont.</p> <p>4.13 Approval of Continuing Education Programs</p> <p>(a) Standards - A program meets Board qualifications if it is a formal course of learning which contributes to the growth of professional knowledge and competence in providing patient care.</p> <p>(b) The board will consider a continuing education course to be a "formal course of learning" if it meets the following criteria: The course is conducted by a qualified instructor who will be able to instruct and interact in any of the following formats:</p> <p>(1) Classroom Instruction - Traditional in-classroom, with instructor and student interaction and written materials;</p> <p>(2) Interactive Television which permits continuous mutual communication between the instructor and all students, continuous observation of the instructor by all students, and continuous observation of all students by the instructor;</p> <p>(3) Distance Courses /Online Delivery Distance education courses are defined as programs whereby instruction does not take place in a traditional classroom setting but rather through other media where teacher and student are apart but exchange between instructor and student by electronic means.</p> <p>(4) Self-study courses which conclude with an examination may be accepted.</p> <p>(c) Case-by-case approval - Individual courses may be approved upon submitting to the Board a course outline, instructor qualifications, sponsoring organization, and dates of presentation. Advance approval is not required. The Board will not approve a course or program for continuing education credit if, in its discretion, the Board determines that the program does not contain sufficient educational content.</p> <p>(d) Approved sponsors may include the ADA, ADHA, ADAA, and their constituent and component dental societies and associations, CODA accredited schools or programs, and home study programs sponsored by any of the above groups.</p>
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	<p>Approved sponsors will also include any sponsor that has ADA, CERP, or AGD, PACE certification.</p> <p>(e) Courses in practice management and financial management will be accepted if they contribute to the growth of professional knowledge and competence in providing patient care. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) courses that promote communication among members of the dental team and between members of the dental team and patients;</li> <li>(2) ethics;</li> <li>(3) insurance billing and coding; and</li> <li>(4) proper patient record keeping.</li> </ol> <p>(f) The Board considers that the following are among the subjects that do not contribute to the growth of professional knowledge and competence in providing patient care, and will not be approved by the Board for continuing education credit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) accounting and similar topics;</li> <li>(2) business administration or management;</li> <li>(3) cultural matters;</li> <li>(4) general office and computer skills;</li> <li>(5) memory training;</li> <li>(6) personal business and financial planning matters;</li> <li>(7) personal development;</li> <li>(8) personal health and recreation;</li> <li>(9) personal money management;</li> <li>(10) politics;</li> <li>(11) software for office use;</li> <li>(12) speed reading;</li> <li>(13) success training;</li> <li>(14) time management; and</li> <li>(15) web site development.</li> </ol> <p>4.14 Verification Audits The Board may conduct random audits to verify completion of continuing education up to seven years after a license is renewed. Upon request by the Board, the licensee shall submit certificates of completion for all programs listed in the licensee's renewal application.</p> <p>4.15 Failure to Meet Active Practice/Continuing Education Requirement A dentist who fails to meet the active practice/continuing education requirement will be refused renewal and must file an application and must successfully complete the examinations required by Rule 4.4.</p> <p>4.16 Emergency Office Procedures Completion of a course in emergency office procedures as defined in Rule 2.1(m) is required for license renewal.</p> <p>Part 8. License or Registration Renewals, All Professions.</p> <p>8.1 Renewing a License or Registration</p> <p>(a) Licenses and registrations must be renewed before they expire. The expiration date is stated on the license or registration certificate. Before the expiration date, the Office will mail a renewal application and notice of the renewal fee. Evidence of having taken a course in emergency office procedures as required by these rules must accompany the renewal application. A license or registration which is not renewed will be considered as lapsed as of the expiration date.</p> <p>(b) Dentists and dental hygienists must verify compliance with license renewal requirements before the license will be renewed.</p> <p>8.2 Dentists A dentist who has not engaged in active practice as defined above will be refused renewal and must successfully complete the examinations for licensure specified in 4.4 before the renewal is granted.</p>
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	<p>8.3 Dental Hygienists A dental hygienist who has not fulfilled the continuing education requirement above may be required to complete the continuing education requirements for the immediate preceding licensing period before renewal.</p> <p>8.4 Dental Hygienists Expanded Function Scope of Duties, Insufficient Active Practice A dental hygienist with expanded function duties who has not met continuing education requirements must complete the continuing education requirements for the immediate preceding licensing period before renewal, meet all DANB requirements and re-certify as a certified dental hygienist.</p> <p>8.5 Traditional Dental Assistants, No Active Practice Traditional dental assistants have no active practice requirement.</p> <p>8.6 Reinstating an Expired License or Registration If a license or registration has expired because it was not renewed on time, the licensee may apply for reinstatement, meet all reinstatement requirements, and pay the renewal fee for the current renewal period and late penalty.</p> <p>8.7 Lapsed Radiography Endorsement A registrant applying to reinstate dental radiography privileges after a lapse of ten years must successfully complete an approved radiography course.</p>
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