

Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	<p>CDCA-WREB-CITA, CRDTS, SRTA</p> <p>Required components include:</p> <p>(A) Endodontics, including access opening of a posterior tooth and access, canal instrumentation, and obturation of an anterior tooth;</p> <p>(B) Fixed prosthodontics, including an anterior crown preparation and two posterior crown preparations involving a fixed partial denture factor;</p> <p>(C) Periodontics, including scaling and root planing; and</p> <p>(D) Restorative, including a class II amalgam or composite preparation and restoration and a class III composite preparation and restoration.</p> <p>(E) The board may consider clinical examinations taken prior to July 1, 2019, or individual state clinical examinations as equivalent which demonstrates competency.</p> <p>Source: West Virginia Code §30-4-8. License to practice dentistry.</p>
General Licensure Requirements	<p>West Virginia Code §30-4-8. License to practice dentistry.</p> <p>(a) The board shall issue a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who meets the following:</p> <p>(1) Is at least 18 years of age;</p> <p>(2) Does not have any criminal convictions which would bar the applicant's licensure pursuant to §30-1-24 of this code;</p> <p>(3) Is a graduate of and has a diploma from a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or equivalently approved dental college, school, or dental department of a university as determined by the board;</p> <p>(4) Has passed a national board examination as given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and a clinical examination administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, the Southern Regional Testing Agency, or the Western Regional Examining Board, or the successor to any of those entities, which demonstrates competency, and passed each individual component with no compensatory scoring in:</p> <p>(A) Endodontics, including access opening of a posterior tooth and access, canal instrumentation, and obturation of an anterior tooth;</p> <p>(B) Fixed prosthodontics, including an anterior crown preparation and two posterior crown preparations involving a fixed partial denture factor;</p> <p>(C) Periodontics, including scaling and root planing; and</p> <p>(D) Restorative, including a class II amalgam or composite preparation and restoration and a class III composite preparation and restoration.</p> <p>(E) The board may consider clinical examinations taken prior to July 1, 2019, or individual state clinical examinations as equivalent which demonstrates competency.</p> <p>(5) Has not been found guilty of cheating, deception, or fraud in the examination or any part of the application;</p> <p>(6) Has paid the application fee specified by rule;</p> <p>(7) Not be an alcohol or drug abuser, as these terms are defined in §27-1A-11 of this code: <i>Provided</i>, That an applicant in an active recovery process, which may, in the discretion of the board, be evidenced by participation in a 12-step program or other similar group or process, may be considered; and</p> <p>(8) Meets the other requirements specified by rule.</p> <p>(b) A dentist may not represent to the public that he or she is a specialist in any branch of dentistry or limit his or her practice to any branch of dentistry unless first issued a certificate of qualification in that branch of dentistry by the board.</p> <p>(c) A license to practice dentistry issued by the board shall for all purposes be considered a license issued under this section: <i>Provided</i>, That a person holding a license shall renew the license.</p>

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	<p><u>West Virginia Rules §5-1-6. Designation of testing bodies.</u></p> <p>West Virginia Rules</p> <p>6.1. The Board designates for dental and dental hygiene license testing the following Boards:</p> <p>6.1.a. The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations for the written examination; and 5CSR1</p> <p>6.1.b. Any state and/or regional clinical examination.</p> <p><u>West Virginia Rules §5-9-3. Application for Licensure of a Dentist.</u></p> <p>3.1. Persons seeking licensure as a dentist shall submit an application to the Board prescribed by the Board.</p> <p>3.2. Each applicant shall submit a fee for application as set forth in the Board's fee schedule.</p> <p>3.3. Each applicant shall submit evidence of graduation with a diploma from an approved dental college, school or dental department of a university. An official transcript bearing the school or registrar's seal is required and must be sent directly from the college or university to the Board's office.</p> <p>3.4. Each applicant shall submit evidence of the applicant's successful completion of the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations sent directly from the Commission to the Board's office.</p> <p>3.5. Each applicant shall submit evidence of the applicant's successful completion of an examination by a regional and/or state clinical board approved by the Board sent directly from the regional or state board to the Board's office.</p> <p>3.6. Each applicant shall successfully complete the West Virginia Dental Law Examination.</p> <p>3.7. Each applicant shall submit verification of good standing of all health care licenses ever held in any jurisdiction by way of a formal letter from each entity issuing said licenses bearing said entities official seal or stamp sent directly to the Board's office.</p> <p>3.8. Each applicant shall submit verification of good moral character by two letters of recommendation from persons who know the applicant professionally. Letters shall be sent directly to the Board office by way of mail or facsimile from the persons writing them. Letters from the applicant's family members will not be accepted.</p> <p>3.9. Each applicant shall be personally interviewed with the West Virginia Board of Dentistry and/or appointed person by the Board who is or are Board Members or past Board Members. Applicants who are or have been given the law exam in a mass examination at a dental school within the boundaries of the State of West Virginia are exempted from this requirement</p>
<p>License by Credential/Endorsement Requirements</p>	<p><u>West Virginia Rules §5-9-4. Application of Licensure of a Dentist from out of State</u></p> <p>4.1. Persons seeking licensure as a dentist shall submit an application to the Board prescribed by the Board.</p> <p>4.2. Each applicant shall submit a fee for application as set forth in the Board's fee schedule.</p> <p>4.3. Each applicant shall submit evidence that he or she holds a license to practice dentistry in another state which was granted after completion of educational requirements substantially equivalent to those required in this state by way of a formal letter from the state issuing said license bearing said state's official seal or stamp sent directly to the Board's office or by submitting evidence of graduation with a diploma from an approved dental college, school or dental department of a university. An official transcript bearing the school or registrar's seal is required and must be sent directly from the college or university to the Board's office.</p>

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Specialty Practice	<p><u>West Virginia Code §30-4-8a. Dental Specialties</u></p> <p>(a) The Board of Dentistry may issue a dental specialty license authorizing a dentist to represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist, and to practice as a specialist, upon proper application and fee for each specialty and as provided pursuant to the provisions of this article.</p> <p>(b) A dentist may not represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist, nor practice as a specialist, unless the individual:</p> <p>(1) Has successfully completed a board-recognized dental specialty/advanced education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation;</p> <p>(2) Holds a general dental license in this state; and</p> <p>(3) Has completed any additional requirements set forth in state law or rules and has been issued a dental specialty license by the board.</p> <p>(c) Specialties recognized by the board and the educational requirements for obtaining a specialty license shall include:</p> <p>(1) Dental public health. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of one full-time academic year of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p> <p>(2) Endodontics. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p> <p>(3) Oral and maxillofacial surgery. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of three full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p> <p>(4) Oral and maxillofacial radiology. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time years of at least eight calendar months each, of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p>

	<p>(5) Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency. In addition, any applicant for an orthodontic and dentofacial orthopedic specialty certificate shall submit verification of successful completion of the American Board of Orthodontics written examination.</p> <p>(6) Pediatric dentistry. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p> <p>(7) Periodontics. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p> <p>(8) Prosthodontics. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p> <p>(9) Oral pathology. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years of at least eight calendar months, each of graduate or post-graduate education, internship, or residency.</p> <p>(10) Dental anesthesiology. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, through (1) a graduate or post-graduation education; (2) an internship; or (3) a residency. Each full-time academic year must have consisted of at least eight calendar months.</p> <p>(11) Oral medicine. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, through (1) a graduate or post-graduation education; (2) an internship; or (3) a residency. Each full-time academic year must have consisted of at least eight calendar months.</p> <p>(12) Orofacial pain. — In order to qualify for this specialty, the licensee shall have successfully completed a minimum of two full-time academic years, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, through (1) a graduate or post-graduation education; (2) an internship; or (3) a residency. Each full-time academic year must have consisted of at least eight calendar months.</p> <p>(d) The licensee shall limit his or her practice of dentistry only to the specialty or specialties in which he or she is licensed and in which he or she holds himself or herself out to the public as a specialist.</p> <p>(e) If a licensee lists his or her services in a telephone directory or on the internet, then the licensee shall only list those specialties in which he or she practices in his or her office or offices.</p> <p>(f) The limitation of practice is removed for purposes of volunteering services in organized health clinics and at charitable events.</p> <p><u>West Virginia Rules §5-9-7. Application for Licensure as a Dental Specialist</u></p> <p>7.1. Persons seeking licensure as a dental specialist must obtain a dental license before applying for a license as a dental specialist.</p> <p>7.2. Persons seeking licensure as a dental specialist shall submit an application to</p>
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Continuing Education	<p><u>West Virginia Code §30-4-12. License renewal.</u></p> <p>(a) All persons regulated by this article shall annually or biannually, renew his or her board authorization by completing a form prescribed by the board and submitting any other information required by the board.</p>

	<p>(b) The board shall charge a fee for each renewal of a board authorization and shall charge a late fee for any renewal not paid by the due date.</p> <p>(c) The board shall require as a condition of renewal that each licensee, certificate holder or permittee complete continuing education.</p> <p>(d) The board may deny an application for renewal for any reason which would justify the denial of an original application,</p> <p><u>West Virginia Rules §5-11 Continuing Education</u></p> <p>§5-11-1. General.</p> <p>1.1. Scope. This legislative rule establishes continuing education requirements for licensees or permittees regulated by the West Virginia Board of Dentistry.1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §30-4-6.</p> <p>1.3. Effective Date. -- May 2, 2022</p> <p>1.4. Filing Date. -- July 1, 2022</p> <p>1.5. Sunset Provision. -- This rule shall terminate and have no further force or effect on August 1, 2032.</p> <p>§5-11-2. Definitions.</p> <p>2.1. "Board" means the West Virginia Board of Dentistry.</p> <p>2.2. "Controlled Substances" means drugs that are classified by federal or state law in Schedules I, 11, 111, IV or V, as defined in W. Va. Code §60A-2-204 through 212.</p> <p>2.3. "Drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances training" means training which includes all of the following:</p> <p>2.3.1. Drug diversion, including statistical information on prescription drug abuse and resulting deaths. Dentists practicing within West Virginia shall take a course that includes West Virginia statistics. Dentists practicing in other states may take a course that includes statistical information relative to the state they are practicing in;</p> <p>2.3.2. Epidemiology of pain and misuse of opioids;</p> <p>2.3.3. Indication for opioids in pain treatment including general characteristics, toxicities and drug interactions;</p> <p>2.3.4. Identification of diversion and drug seeking tactics and behaviors;</p> <p>2.3.5. Best practice methods for working with patients suspected of drug seeking behavior and diversion;</p> <p>2.3.6. Compliance with controlled substances laws and rules; and</p> <p>2.3.7. Registration with and use of the West Virginia Controlled Substances Monitoring Program established in W. Va. Code §60A-9-1 et seq.</p> <p>2.4. "Opioid" means natural and semi-synthetic derivatives of the opium poppy, as well as similar synthetic compounds that have analgesic or painrelieving properties because of their effects on the central nervous system. These include, but are not limited to, codeine, morphine, hydromorphone, hydrocodone, oxycodone, methadone, and fentanyl.</p> <p>2.5. "Study Club" means a group of at least 5 dentists or dental hygienists who do the following:</p> <p>2.5.1. Organize for the purpose of scientific study;</p> <p>2.5.2. Operate under the direction of elected officers;</p> <p>2.5.3. Maintain written by-laws;</p> <p>2.5.4. Conduct regular meetings; and</p> <p>2.5.5. Maintain written attendance records of all meetings.</p> <p>§5-11-3. Continuing education requirements.</p> <p>3.1. Hours Required Biennially.</p> <p>3.1.1. Each licensed dentist shall complete biennially not less than 35 hours of continuing education.</p>
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	<p>3.1.2. Each licensed dental hygienist shall complete biennially not less than 20 hours of continuing education.</p> <p>3.2. Initial Dental Licensees.</p> <p>3.2.1. Each dental applicant upon initial licensure shall complete at least 3 hours of continuing education regarding drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances training and training on prescribing and administration of an opioid antagonist within one year of receiving his or her initial dental license from the Board.</p> <p>3.3. Approved Providers.</p> <p>3.3.1. The Continuing Education course shall be offered by a Board approved provider. The course or program shall be designed to enhance the licensee's clinical knowledge and ability to treat dental patients.</p> <p>3.3.2. The Board approves any course or program sponsored by the following providers, or their constituent or component organizations for credit:</p> <p>3.3.2.a. An accredited dental or dental hygiene school;</p> <p>3.3.2.b. The American Dental Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.c. A National Dental Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.d. The American Dental Hygienists' Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.e. The National Dental Hygiene Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.f. The American Medical Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.g. The American Hospital Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.h. The American Red Cross;</p> <p>3.3.2.i. The American Heart Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.j. American Dental Association recognized specialty societies;</p> <p>3.3.2.k. The Academy of General Dentistry;</p> <p>3.3.2.l. The Veteran's Administration;</p> <p>3.3.2.m. The United States Uniformed Services;</p> <p>3.3.2.n. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;</p> <p>3.3.2.o. The W. Va. Department of Health and Human Resources;</p> <p>3.3.2.p. The W. Va. Bureau for Public Health;</p> <p>3.3.2.q. The W. Va. Dental Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.r. The W. Va. Pharmacists Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.s. The W. Va. Dental Hygienists' Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.t. The W. Va. Dental Assistants' Association;</p> <p>3.3.2.u. Agencies of the United States Department of Justice; and</p> <p>3.3.2.v. Study Clubs.</p> <p>3.3.3. Providers not identified in subdivision 2 of this subsection may petition the Board for approval of continuing education. The Board may approve other sponsors of continuing education credits. The Board's approval expires after two consecutive years and must be renewed. The course or program shall be designed to enhance the licensee's clinical knowledge and ability to treat dental patients.</p> <p>3.3.4. Courses or programs that are not approved for continuing education credit for license renewal include, but are not limited to, those on the subjects of estate planning, money management, personal finance, personal business matters, cultural subjects, personal health and recreation, politics, memory training, and speed reading.</p> <p>3.3.5. The board may excuse a licensee from all or any part of continuing education requirements due to unusual circumstance, emergency or special hardship.</p> <p>3.4. Record Keeping, Reporting, & Monitoring:</p> <p>3.4.1. Each dentist and dental hygienist shall maintain accurate records relating to continuing education courses he or she has successfully completed.</p>
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