### Initial Licensure Examination Requirements

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1. Application. An applicant seeking an initial or a renewed license must submit an application with the fee established under section 18323 and any other materials required by the board. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

2. Age. An applicant must be 18 years of age or older. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

3. Time limit. An applicant has 90 days after being notified of the materials needed to complete the application to submit those materials to the board. Failure to complete the application within that 90-day period may result in a denial of the application. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

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1. Dentist license. Except as provided in section 18347, an applicant for licensure as a dentist must comply with the provisions of section 18341 and must provide:

   A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited as required by board rule; and [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

   B. Verification of passing all examinations required by the board. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

2. Faculty dentist license. An applicant for a faculty dentist license must comply with section 18341 and must provide:

   A. Verification of an active dental license in good standing issued under the laws of another state or a Canadian province; and [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

   B. Credentials, satisfactory to the board, including a letter from the employing school of dentistry, dental hygiene or denturism indicating that the applicant satisfies the credentialing standards of the school and that the applicant will teach:

   (1) Dentistry, dental hygiene or denturism in this State as part of a clinical and didactic program for professional education for dental students and dental residents accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or a successor organization approved by the board;

   (2) Dental hygiene in this State as part of a clinical and didactic program for professional education for dental hygiene students and dental hygiene residents accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or a successor organization approved by the board; or

   (3) Denturism in this State as part of a board-approved clinical and didactic program for professional education for denturism students. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

3. Limited dentist license. An applicant for a limited dentist license must comply with section 18341 and must provide:

   A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited as required by board rule; [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

   B. Verification that the applicant has been licensed as a dentist in good standing issued under the laws of this State or has an active dental license in good standing issued under the laws of another state or a Canadian province; [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

   C. Verification of passing all examinations required by board rule; and [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]
Maine Regulations 02-313-12: Requirements for Dental Licensure

I. GENERAL STANDARDS FOR DENTAL LICENSURE

For the purpose of 32 M.R.S.A. §1082, “acceptable dental college, school or dental department of a university approved by the Board” shall be a dental college, school or dental department of a university whose general dentistry undergraduate program resulting in a D.M.D. or D.D.S. degree has been accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA) Commission on Dental Curriculum Accreditation (CODA).

II. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL LICENSURE

1. Standard Licensure

To be licensed, candidates for dental licensure in this category shall meet the following requirements:

A. Have received a D.M.D. or D.D.S. degree from an undergraduate dental school accredited by the A.D.A. Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and have provided a statement under seal from the Office of the Dean of the school affirming that the applicant has met all applicable degree requirements;

B. Have successfully completed, with a passing grade, Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examination or the successor to that examination;

C. Have successfully completed, with a passing grade, all parts of: (1) the Northeast Regional Board Dental examination ("NERB") or the successor to that examination; or (2) any other U.S. state or regional dental board examination, so long as all modules are passed; or (3) a national dental clinical examination approved by the Board;

D. Provide the Board with documentary proof of current certification in CPR;

E. Have successfully completed with a passing grade of 90 percent, the jurisprudence examination given by the Board; and

D. Verification that the applicant will be practicing dentistry in a nonprofit dental clinic without compensation for work performed at the clinic. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

A. [PL 2017, c. 388, §8 (RP).]
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5. Charitable dentist license.
A. [PL 2017, c. 388, §8 (RP).]
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D. [PL 2017, c. 388, §8 (RP).]

6. Resident dentist license. An applicant for a resident dentist license must comply with section 18341 and must provide:
A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental school accredited as required by board rule; [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]
B. Verification of passing all examinations required by board rule; [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]
C. Verification that the applicant will be practicing dentistry in a board-approved practice setting within the State; and [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]
D. A statement from the sponsoring dentist that demonstrates that the level of supervision and control of the services to be performed by the applicant are adequate and that the performance of these services are within the applicant's dental knowledge and skill. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

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<td>1. Applicants licensed in another jurisdiction. An applicant for licensure or seeking authority under this chapter who is licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction is governed by this subsection.</td>
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<td>A. An applicant who is licensed in good standing at the time of application to the board under the laws of another state or a Canadian province may qualify for licensure by submitting evidence to the board that the applicant has held a substantially equivalent, valid license for at least 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the application to the board at the level of licensure applied for in this State.  [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]</td>
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<td>B. If the candidate was graduated subsequent to 1952, have successfully completed, with a passing grade, Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examination or the successor to that examination if such examination was required;</td>
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<td>C. Furnish proof, satisfactory to the Board, that the candidate has been duly licensed to practice dentistry in another U.S. state or Canadian province after full compliance with the requirements of its dental laws;</td>
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<td>D. If the candidate was graduated subsequent to 1972, have successfully completed, with a passing grade, all parts of: (1) the Northeast Regional Board Dental Examination (&quot;NERB&quot;) if such examination was required; or (2) any other U.S. state or regional dental board examination, so long as all modules are passed; or (3) a national dental clinical examination approved by the Board;</td>
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<td>E. Have engaged in an active clinical practice in a U.S. state or Canadian province for a minimum of three years prior to application;</td>
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F. Provide the Board with documentary proof of current certification in CPR;

G. Have successfully completed with a passing grade of 90 percent, the jurisprudence exam given by the Board; and

H. Have successfully completed a personal interview before the Board.

I. The Board may at its discretion waive the NERB exam, another U.S. state or regional examination, or a national dental clinical examination approved by the Board, if all of the other requirements of the Board of Dental Examiners have been met.

3. Requirements for Licensure when Re-Entering the Profession of Dentistry If an applicant has not been in active practice within the preceding five years, he/she must meet all of the requirements of section II(A) above.

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### Continuing Education

**Title 32, Chapter 143, Maine Revised Statutes, Subchapter 3, Licensing Qualifications §18349. License renewal; reinstatement**

1. Renewal. Licenses under this chapter expire at such times as the commissioner may designate. In the absence of any reason or condition that might warrant the refusal of granting a license, the board shall issue a renewal license to each applicant who meets the requirements of sections 18341 and 18350. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

2. Late renewals. Licenses may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of expiration if the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1 and pays a late fee established by the board pursuant to section 18323, subsection 3. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

3. Reinstatement. A person who submits an application for reinstatement more than 90 days after the license expiration date is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if that renewal application is received, together with the penalty fee established by the board pursuant to section 18323, subsection 3, within 2 years from the date of the license expiration. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

**§18350. Continuing education**

As a condition of renewal of a license to practice, an applicant must have a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification and complete continuing education during the licensing cycle prior to application for renewal. The board may prescribe by rule the content and types of continuing education activities that meet the requirements of this section. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

**Maine Regulations 02-313-13: Continuing Education**

I. Generally. As used in this chapter “directly related to dental practice” means that the continuing education must relate to professional competency and aspects of the profession for which the individual is licensed.

A. Dentists, Faculty Dentists, and Limited Dentists: Forty (40) Credit Hours Required for License Renewal

   1. No license will be renewed unless the licensee has completed 40 credit hours of continuing education directly related to dental practice during the preceding biennial license term as set forth in this subsection and has a current CPR certification. The biennial license term begins January 1 of even numbered years and ends December 31st of odd numbered years.

   2. Required Areas of Study

      a. As a condition of prescribing opioid medication, at least 3 of the 40 credit hours of continuing education must be earned on the prescription of opioid medication.
b. As a condition of holding a sedation permit issued by the Board, at least 6 of the 40 credit hours of continuing education must be earned in sedation and/or anesthesia, physical diagnosis, complications, and techniques.

B. Dental Hygienists and Faculty Dental Hygienists: Thirty (30) Credit Hours Required for License Renewal

No license will be renewed unless the licensee has completed 30 credit hours of continuing education directly related to dental practice during the preceding biennial license term as set forth in this subsection and has a current CPR certification. The biennial license term begins January 1 of odd numbered years and ends December 31st of even numbered years.

C. Denturists and Faculty Denturists: Thirty (30) Credit Hours Required for License Renewal

No license will be renewed unless the licensee has completed 30 credit hours of continuing education directly related to dental practice during the preceding biennial license term as set forth in this subsection and has a current CPR certification. The biennial license term begins January 1 of odd numbered years and ends December 31st of even numbered years.

D. Expanded Function Dental Assistants: Fifty (50) Credit Hours Required for License Renewal

No license will be renewed unless the licensee has completed 50 credit hours of continuing education directly related to dental practice during the preceding five-year license term as set forth in this subsection and has a current CPR certification. The license term begins the day the license is issued and ends in five years on the last day in the month in which the license was issued.

E. Dental Radiographers: Re-certification of CPR

No license will be renewed unless the licensee has a current CPR certification.

II. Eligible Continuing Education Activities

Continuing education credit hours that directly relate to dental practice may be earned only by participation in the following activities:

A. There is no credit hour limit on any of the following activities:

(1) Presentations, lectures, seminars, and workshops.

(2) Study clubs pre-approved pursuant to Section VI.

(3) Post-graduate academic courses related to dental practice or medical degree programs offered by a regionally accredited program recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(4) Academic courses related to the administration of local anesthesia, nitrous oxide analgesia, and expanded function dental assisting.

(5) Completion of a dental residency program.

(6) Distance learning activities such as online courses or webinars with verification and passage of an exit examination.

B. No more than ten (10) credit hours can be claimed in any one activity or any combination of activities listed below:

(1) Teaching, guest lecturer, guest clinical supervisor. A licensee may only once claim continuing education credit for preparation and presentation of a course, workshop or seminar on a distinct subject matter. A licensee may only once claim continuing education credit for preparation and presentation as either a guest lecturer or a guest clinical supervisor at a dental practice educational institution or program approved by the Board.

(2) Grand rounds. A licensee may claim continuing education credit for a formal meeting in hospital settings in which discussion of a clinical case of one or more patients occur.
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### III. Ineligible Continuing Education Activities

The following activities are ineligible for continuing education credit:

A. Continuing education pursuant to a Board order or consent agreement.
B. General attendance at a conference.
C. Business meetings of a professional association.
D. The study of yoga, energy healing; exploration of personal growth; or any activity of any nature whatsoever that does not directly relate to dental practice.
E. Reading of an article, a professional journal, an online or written publication, or a professional publication without an examination.
F. Clinical examinations taken to obtain a license.

Hands-on continuing education activities may be eligible for continuing education credit but are not eligible for double-credit.

### IV. Continuing Education Providers; Documentation

A. Providers. Eligible continuing education activities may be offered by providers of continuing education such as departments of regionally-accredited institutions; national, state or local professional organizations or associations; public or private human services organizations; or private consultants or individuals.

Such organizations include, but are not limited to:
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<td>a. The American Academy of Dental Hygiene;</td>
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B. Documentation. All documentation must be maintained for the time periods set forth in Section V(A). All continuing education activities completed by a licensee, including teaching, writing, independent study, and other distance learning activities, must be documented by a certificate issued by a provider of continuing education, an official academic transcript, or other reliable written proof of successful completion that is acceptable to the Board. The documentation must include the date, location, and duration of the activity; the name of the presenter; the name of the course or program; an agenda showing the content of the program; and the number of credit hours claimed. Continuing education printouts or logs maintained by a third party and provided to the Board by the licensee are not acceptable unless the printout or log contains all of the following information:

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<td>A certificate of completion documenting the name of the course or program, and the number of credit hours earned.</td>
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If the third party does not have a certificate of completion to document the activity, then it is the licensee’s responsibility to maintain documentation to substantiate the activity in accordance with this chapter.

V. Audit

A. Certification of continuing education for renewal

At the time of application for renewal, each licensee must certify, on a form provided by the Board, compliance with the continuing education credit hours required during the preceding license term or during the continuing education period established in statute or by Board rule. No additional information or continuing education documentation is required to be submitted at the time of renewal. However, the licensee must retain documentation of all continuing education credit hours earned during the most recent license renewal term for two years’ post-renewal.

B. Verification of compliance by audit
Applications for license renewal will be selected on a random basis for audit of continuing education compliance. In addition, an individual licensee may be selected for an audit as part of an investigation or if there is reasonable cause to believe the licensee has provided a false certification concerning the completion of continuing education requirements. Licensees selected for audit will be notified to submit documentation of the continuing education activities that were certified by the licensee at the time of renewal. Continuing education credit hours that cannot be documented in accordance with the documentation requirements of Section IV(B) or that do not satisfy the criteria for continuing education contained in statute or Board rule will be disallowed.

VI. Pre-approval of Continuing Education Activities
The Board may pre-approve courses, seminars, and workshops, to ensure the activity is directly related to dental practice only at the request of a provider of the continuing education. A seminar, workshop, or institute for which pre-approval has been sought but denied is not eligible for continuing education credit.

VII. The Audit Findings
If data submitted to the Board pursuant to an audit does not fulfill the requirements of this chapter, then the licensee shall be notified of the Board’s failed audit finding. A failed audit constitutes unprofessional conduct and the Board may, without hearing, enter into a consent agreement with a licensee who has not met the continuing education requirements of this chapter.

VIII. Waivers, Extensions, First Renewal, Inactive Status
A. Waiver/extension. Upon receipt of a written request prior to license expiration, the Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of time or other waiver to an individual licensed or certified by the Board who, because of prolonged illness or other extenuating circumstances, e.g., military deployment, has been unable to meet the educational requirements under this chapter.
B. First renewal; general requirements. Licensees who renew for the first time must complete one half of the required continuing education credit hours as outlined in this chapter and have a current CPR certification.
C. First renewal for dentists. Dentists who are renewing for the first time must complete one half of the required continuing education credit hours as outlined in this chapter and must have a current CPR certification. The content of the credit hours must include completion of 3 credit hours in opioid medication prescribing as a condition to prescribe opioid medication, and completion of 6 credit hours of sedation and/or anesthesia training as a condition to administer sedation under Chapter 14 of the Board’s rules.
D. Active to Inactive License Status. To place an active license on inactive status, the licensee must submit a written request to the Board attesting that services will not be rendered during the remainder of the license term. Licensees with an inactive status are required to renew their licenses but are not required to complete continuing education credit hours under this chapter.
E. Inactive to Active License Status. To place an inactive license on active status, the licensee must submit a written request to the Board, documented evidence of completing continuing education credit hours as outlined below, and a current CPR certification card. For purposes of this section, the Board may require dentists to comply with the opioid prescription and the sedation techniques training required under this chapter.
(1) Licensees who hold an inactive license status for a period less than five years must complete one-half of the continuing education credit hours required...
for the license they hold under this chapter and present a current CPR certification, to return the license to active status.

(2) Licensees who hold an inactive license status for a period exceeding five years must complete all of the continuing education credit hours required for the license they hold under this chapter and present a current CPR certification, to return the license to active status.

IX. Transition Language

Individuals who are licensed on the effective date of this revised Chapter 13 may use credits earned pursuant to the former Chapter 13 to satisfy continuing education requirements for their first license renewal due on or after this revision’s effective date. Continuing education requirements of this newly-effective Chapter 13 shall apply to subsequent renewals by those individuals and to individuals initially licensed after this revision’s effective date. However, this does not exempt dentists from completing the 3 hours of opioid training as a condition to prescribe opioids, or completing 6 hours of sedation training as a condition to renew a sedation permit.