## Mississippi

### Initial Licensure Requirements

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### License by Credential: Clinical experience requirements (years and/or hours)

Be engaged in the active practice of dentistry or in full-time dental education for the past five (5) years. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners has determined that a maximum of two (2) years of a candidate’s participation in an approved residency program may be used toward fulfilling the minimum five-year, active practice requirement.

### Other License by Credential Requirements

**Statute § 73-9-24--ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE FOR QUALIFYING FOR LICENSE BASED ON CREDENTIALS**

1. In addition to the method for obtaining a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene by way of examination as provided by Section 73-9-23, the board, in its sole discretion, may grant a license to a candidate who meets the following criteria:
   a. Submit proof of graduation from a dental school or school of dental hygiene accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (ADA), or its successor commission.
   b. Be engaged in the active practice of dentistry or dental hygiene or in full-time dental education or dental hygiene education for the past five (5) years;
   c. Currently hold a valid, unrestricted and unexpired license in a state whose standards for licensure are determined by the board as equivalent to Mississippi’s standards, and which state grants reciprocity or licensure by credentials to licensees of the State of Mississippi;
   d. Provides an endorsement from all states in which he or she is currently licensed or has ever been licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene;
   e. Has not been the subject of pending or final disciplinary action in any state in which the applicant has been licensed;
   f. Is not the subject of a pending investigation in any other state or jurisdiction;
   g. Has passed a state or regional clinical licensure examination and, within the past five (5) years, has not failed a clinical licensure examination administered by another state, jurisdiction, or regional licensing board;
   h. Has not failed at any time, a licensure examination administered by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners;
   i. Provides a written statement agreeing to appear for interviews at the request of the board;
   j. Has successfully completed all parts of the National Board Examinations of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, or its successor commission, unless the applicant graduated from an accredited dental or dental hygiene school before 1960;
   k. Successfully passes a written jurisprudence examination;
   l. Provides payment of a nonrefundable application fee as provided in Section 73-9-43; and
   m. In addition, the State Board of Dental Examiners may consider the following in accepting, rejecting or denying an application for licensure by credentialing:
   i. Information from the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank and/or the American Association.
of Dental Examiners Clearinghouse for Disciplinary Information.
(ii) Questioning under oath.
(iii) Results of peer review reports from constituent societies and/or federal dental services.
(iv) Substance abuse testing or treatment.
(v) Background checks for criminal or fraudulent activities.
(vi) Participation in continuing education.
(vii) A current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
(viii) Recent patient case reports and/or oral defense of diagnosis and treatment plans.
(ix) No physical or psychological impairment that would adversely affect the ability to deliver quality dental care.
(x) Agreement to initiate practice in the credentialing jurisdiction within a reasonable period of time.
(xi) Proof of professional liability coverage and that the coverage has not been refused, declined, canceled, nonrenewed or modified.
(xii) Any additional information or documentation that the board may stipulate by rule or regulation as necessary to qualify for a license by credentialing.

(2) The board shall be granted sufficient time to conduct a complete inquiry into the applicant’s qualifications for licensure by credentials, and the board may adopt such rules and regulations pertaining to the time needed to conduct investigations and the responsibility of applicants to produce verifiable documentation.

(3) Any applicant failing to meet the criteria in subsection (1) of this section shall not be eligible for a license based on credentials. Upon meeting the criteria in subsection (1) of this section, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners may, in its discretion, issue to the applicant a license to practice dentistry, or dental hygiene, unless grounds for denial of licensure exist as enumerated in Section 73-9-61. Evidence of falsification in the application for licensure through credentialing will result in revocation of the license.

(4) Any applicant applying for a specialty license by credentials must stay within his or her board recognized specialty and must practice only that specialty within the State of Mississippi. A specialty license holder must hold a general dentistry license before obtaining a specialty license.

(5) The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1

BOARD REGULATION NUMBER 47--LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS

1. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners has determined that a dentist or dental hygienist must practice a minimum of ninety (90) days per year from the date the application for licensure by credentials is received by the Board to be considered as actively practicing for the past five (5) years, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-24(1)(b).

2. The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners has determined that a maximum of two (2) years of a candidate's participation in an approved residency program may be used toward fulfilling the minimum five-year, active practice requirement stipulated by Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-24(1)(b).
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<td>Statute § 73-9-28--ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE, CERTIFICATE OR PERMIT FOR TEACHING OR DENTAL PRACTICE IN LIMITED CATEGORIES The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners is vested with the authority to promulgate rules and regulations allowing special categories of licenses, certificates, specialty certificates and permits under which institutional, teaching and provisional privileges may be granted on an individual basis, pursuant to such rules and regulations prescribing the qualifications, conditions and limitations of such privileges as may be established by the board. Those qualifications, conditions and limitations shall pertain to applicants who require but are eligible for less than complete resident licensure as provided for in the dental practice act. Application for a special category of license, certificate, specialty certificate or permit, and the renewal thereof, shall be made to the board in writing in accordance with such rules and regulations as the board may adopt. The secretary or executive director shall collect a fee therefor as provided in Section 73-9-43.</td>
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<td>Regulation 7--PROVISIONAL AND SPECIALTY LICENSURE Pursuant to its authority under Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-9-3, 73-9-28 and 73-9-29, the Board may, in its discretion, award (a) licenses, other than regular licenses, to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this State to individuals selected for the faculty of any college of dentistry, college of dental hygiene, or other dental auxiliary program, and for participants in any Board-approved fellowship program; and (b) specialty licenses to licensed dentists who meet all criteria therefor. Additionally, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-50-1, occupational licensing boards are charged with issuing temporary or provisional licenses/permits to military personnel and their spouses to enable dental and dental hygiene applicants to practice in the State of Mississippi for a reasonable period of time while they fulfill all requirements for a permanent license.</td>
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| 1. The types and requirements for issuance of provisional licenses. a. Provisional License (1) A Provisional License shall authorize the licensee to perform only the following: (a) instruction; and (b) the performance of dentistry or dental hygiene adjunct to instruction; and (c) participation in intramural practice plans. (2) A Provisional License may be awarded by the Board if the applicant meets the following criteria: (a) the applicant is a graduate of a fully accredited dental or dental hygiene school in the United States, or, if the applicant is a graduate of a foreign country dental or dental hygiene school, the applicant is or has been licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in such foreign country wherein the applicant graduated; and (b) the applicant is currently certified by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; and (c) the applicant is licensed to practice in at least one state in the United States; and (d) the applicant has not failed the Mississippi dental or dental hygiene licensure examination; and (e) the applicant is recommended for such licensure by the Dean of the institution at which the applicant is to teach; and (f) the applicant accurately completes the appropriate application for licensure, submits to an interview before the Board, and successfully completes a jurisprudence examination prior to 51 beginning employment with the institution at which the applicant is to teach. (3) A Provisional License may be renewed according to the renewal schedule stipulated in Board Regulation 37 provided that the licensee continues to be employed in a teaching capacity by the institution and remits the applicable renewal fee. (4) Provisional Licenses may be awarded to full-time or part-time faculty. b. Provisional Teaching License (1) A Provisional Teaching License shall authorize the licensee to perform only the following: (a) instruction; and (b) the performance of dentistry or dental hygiene adjunct to instruction; and (c) participation in intramural practice plans, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 2 of this Regulation; and (d) nonmechanical consultation with Federal or State agencies, whether for a fee or not. (2)
A Provisional Teaching License may be awarded by the Board if the applicant meets the following criteria: (a) the applicant is a graduate of a fully accredited dental or dental hygiene school in the United States, or, if the applicant is a graduate of a foreign country dental or dental hygiene school, the applicant is or has been licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in such foreign country wherein the applicant graduated; and (b) the applicant is currently certified by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; and (c) the applicant has not failed the Mississippi dental or dental hygiene licensure examination; and (d) the applicant is recommended for such licensure by the Dean of the institution at which the applicant is to teach; and (e) the applicant accurately completes the appropriate application for licensure, submits to an interview before the Board, and successfully completes a jurisprudence examination prior to beginning employment with the institution at which the applicant is to teach. (3) A Provisional Teaching License may be renewed according to the renewal schedule stipulated in Board Regulation 37 provided that the licensee continues to be employed in a teaching capacity by the institution and remits the applicable renewal fee. (4) Provisional Teaching Licenses may be awarded to full-time or part-time faculty.