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| **Initial Licensure Requirements** | CDCA, CITA, SRTA, CRDTS  
Alabama “only accept[s] regional dental examinations for initial dental licensure by regional exam that include a periodontal examination section conducted on a live patient and a prosthodontic examination section that includes preparation of abutment teeth on a manikin for a fixed prosthesis wherein the bridge draw is evaluated. The Board will make an exception to this requirement for any examination taken and passed before August 1, 2012, as long as no more than five (5) years has passed since the taking of said examination.” |
| **License by Credential: Clinical experience requirements (years and/or hours)** | Active clinical practice for the five years or 5,000 hours immediately preceding application |
| **Other License by Credential Requirements** | **Regulation 34-9-10**  
(c) Any individual who possesses a current license in any state, who has passed an examination approved by the board and who has, since graduation from dental or dental hygiene school, practiced or participated in a clinical residency or practiced dentistry or dental hygiene in the Armed Forces or with the public health service shall be eligible for licensure if an application is received by the board within five years of the completion of the subject residency or Armed Forces or public health service commitment. All the above applicants shall pay a fee which shall accompany the application.  
(d) Licensure by credentials may be utilized to evaluate the theoretical knowledge and clinical skill of a dentist, dental hygienist, or expanded duty dental assistant when an applicant for licensure by credentials holds a dental, dental hygiene, or expanded duty dental assisting license in another state. The board may promulgate rules and regulations relating to licensure by credentials in addition to any requirements by law. An applicant for licensure by credentials shall satisfy all of the following:  
(1) The dentist, dental hygienist, or expanded duty dental assistant shall have been engaged in the active practice of clinical dentistry, clinical dental hygiene, or clinical expanded duty dental assisting or in full-time dental, dental hygiene, or clinical expanded duty dental assisting education for the five years or 5,000 hours immediately preceding his or her application.  
(2) The applicant shall hold a current, valid, unrevoked, and unexpired license in a state having examination standards regarded by the board as an equivalent to the Alabama standards.  
(3) The board of examiners in the state of current practice shall verify or endorse that the applicant's license is in good standing without any restrictions.  
(4) The dentist, dental hygienist, or expanded duty dental assistant shall not be the subject of a pending disciplinary action in any state in which the individual has been licensed which shall be verified by a query to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Health Integrity Protection Data Bank, the American Association of Dental Boards Clearing House for Disciplinary Information, or any other pertinent bank currently existing or which may exist in the future.  
(5) The applicant shall provide a written statement agreeing to be interviewed at the request of the board. |
(6) The individual shall successfully pass a written jurisprudence examination.
(7) There shall be certification from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and from the state board of any state in which the applicant is or has been licensed that the DEA registration is not the subject of any pending disciplinary action or enforcement proceeding of any kind.
(8) The dentist applicant shall submit affidavits from two licensed dentists practicing in the same geographical area where the applicant is then practicing or teaching attesting to the moral character, standing, and ability of the applicant. The dental hygiene applicant shall submit affidavits from two licensed dentists or two licensed dental hygienists, or any combination of two thereof, practicing in the same geographical area where the applicant is then practicing or teaching attesting to the moral character, standing, and ability of the applicant. The expanded duty dental assistant applicant shall submit affidavits from two licensed dentists, two licensed dental hygienists, or two licensed expanded duty dental assistants, or any combination of two thereof, practicing in the same geographical area where the applicant is then practicing or teaching attesting to the moral character, standing, and ability of the applicant.
(9) The applicant shall provide the board with an official transcript with school seal from the school of dentistry, school of dental hygiene, or expanded duty dental assisting which issued the applicant's professional degree or execute a request and authorization allowing the board to obtain the transcript.
(10) The applicant shall be a graduate of a dental, dental hygiene, or expanded duty dental assisting school, college, or educational program approved by the board.
(11) The applicant shall not be the subject of any pending or final action from any hospital revoking, suspending, limiting, modifying, or interfering with any clinical or staff privileges.
(12) The applicant shall not have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or of any law dealing with the administering or dispensing of legend drugs, including controlled substances.
(13) The board may consider or require other criteria including, but not limited to, any of the following:
   a. Questioning under oath.
   b. Results of peer review reports from constituent dental societies or federal dental services.
   c. Substance abuse testing or treatment.
   d. Background checks for criminal or fraudulent activities.
   e. Participation in continuing education.
   f. A current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
   g. Recent case reports or oral defense of diagnosis and treatment plans.
   h. Proof of no physical or psychological impairment that would adversely affect the ability to practice dentistry or dental hygiene with reasonable skill and safety.
   i. An agreement to initiate practice within the State of Alabama within a period of one year.
   j. Proof of professional liability coverage and that coverage has not been refused, declined, cancelled, nonrenewed, or modified.
   k. Whether the applicant has been subject to any final disciplinary action in any state in which the individual has been licensed which shall be verified by a query in the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Health Integrity Protection Data Bank, the American Association of Dental Boards Clearing House for Disciplinary Information, any state where
the applicant has been licensed, or any other pertinent bank currently existing or which may exist in the future.

I. Whether the applicant's DEA registration or any state controlled substances permit has ever been revoked, suspended, modified, restricted, or limited in any way. Provided, however, that any discipline that results only from a failure to timely renew a registration or permit shall not prevent an applicant from being eligible for this method of licensure.

(14) If all criteria and requirements are satisfied and the board determines, after notice and hearing, that the individual committed fraud or in any way falsified any information in the application process, the license may be revoked by the board.

**Teaching Permits**

**Regulation 34-9-8**

(a) The board shall annually issue dental faculty teaching permits to persons who are bona fide members of the faculty of a dental college, if they hold a dental degree but are not licensed and registered to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or expanded duty dental assisting in the state. The dean of any dental college located in the state shall annually certify to the board the bona fide members of the clinical faculty of the college who are not licensed and registered to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state. The board shall issue teaching permits to applicants upon the certification by the dean. The teaching permits shall be invalid if the holder ceases to be a member of the clinical faculty of the dental college. The dean of any dental college shall promptly notify the board regarding changes in the faculty which affect the eligibility of a faculty member to possess a teaching permit. The holder of a teaching permit shall be subject to this chapter and may perform all clinical operations which a person licensed to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or expanded duty dental assisting in the state is entitled to perform. The operations may only be performed within the facilities of the dental college or any other facility approved by the board as an adjunct to his or her teaching functions in the college. An annual fee established pursuant to this chapter shall be paid to the board when the teaching permit is issued.

(b) The board shall annually issue dental faculty special teaching permits to persons who are bona fide members of the faculty of a dental college if they hold a dental degree but are not licensed and registered to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or expanded duty dental assisting in the state. The dean of any dental college located in the state shall annually certify to the board the bona fide members of the clinical faculty of the college who are not licensed and registered to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or expanded duty dental assisting in the state. The board shall issue special teaching permits to applicants upon certification by the dean. The special teaching permits shall be invalid if the holder ceases to be a member of the clinical faculty of the dental college. The dean of any dental college shall promptly notify the board regarding changes in the faculty which affect the eligibility of a faculty member to possess a special teaching permit. The holder of a special teaching permit shall be subject to this chapter and may perform all clinical operations on his or her private patients which a person licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state is entitled to perform. The clinical operations may only be performed within the faculty private practice facilities of the dental college or any other facility approved by the board. An annual fee established pursuant to this chapter shall be paid to the board when the special teaching permit is issued.

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 are strongly urged to consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for current dental licensure information.