**Initial Licensure Examination Requirements**

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<td>An applicant for licensure shall have passed all of the following:</td>
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<td>1. The written national dental board examinations.</td>
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<td>2. The western regional examining board examination or a clinical examination</td>
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<td>administered by another state or regional testing agency in the United States within</td>
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<td>five years preceding filing the application.</td>
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<td>CDCA, CIT, CRDTS, SRTA or WREB</td>
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<td>3. The Arizona dental jurisprudence examination.</td>
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**General Licensure Requirements**

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<th><strong>Arizona Revised Statutes, 32-1232. Qualifications of applicant; application: fee; fingerprint clearance card</strong></th>
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<td>A. An applicant for licensure shall be of good moral character, shall meet the requirements of section 32-1233</td>
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<td>and shall hold a diploma conferring a degree of doctor of dental medicine or doctor of dental surgery from a</td>
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<td>recognized dental school.</td>
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<td>B. Each candidate shall submit a written application to the board accompanied by a nonrefundable Arizona</td>
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<td>dental jurisprudence examination fee of three hundred dollars. The board shall waive this fee for candidates</td>
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<td>who are holders of valid restricted permits. Each candidate shall also obtain a valid fingerprint clearance</td>
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<td>card issued pursuant to section 41-1758.03.</td>
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<td>C. The board may deny an application for a license, for license renewal or for a restricted permit if the</td>
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<td>applicant:</td>
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<td>1. Has committed any act that would be cause for censure, probation or suspension or revocation of a license</td>
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<td>under this chapter.</td>
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<td>2. While unlicensed, committed or aided and abetted the commission of any act for which a license is</td>
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<td>required by this chapter.</td>
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<td>3. Knowingly made any false statement in the application.</td>
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<td>4. Has had a license to practice dentistry revoked by a dental regulatory board in another jurisdiction in</td>
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<td>the United States for an act that occurred in that jurisdiction and that constitutes unprofessional conduct</td>
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<td>6. Has surrendered, relinquished or given up a license to practice dentistry in lieu of disciplinary action</td>
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<td>D. The board shall suspend an application for a license, for license renewal or for a restricted permit if</td>
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<td>the applicant is currently under investigation by a dental regulatory board in another jurisdiction.</td>
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<td>The board shall not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the investigation is resolved.</td>
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**Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-301. Application**

A. An applicant for licensure or certification shall provide the following information and documentation:

1. A sworn statement of the applicant’s qualifications for the license or certificate on a form provided by the Board;
2. A photograph of the applicant that is no more than 6 months old;
3. An official, sealed transcript sent directly to the Board from either:
   a. The applicant’s dental, dental hygiene, or denturist school, or
   b. A verified third-party transcript provider.

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 should consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for the complete and most recent dental licensure information, application requirements, forms and fees.
4. Except for a dental consultant license applicant, dental and dental hygiene license applicants provide proof of successfully completing a clinical examination by submitting:
   a. If applying for dental licensure by examination, a copy of the certificate or score card from the Western Regional Examining Board, indicating that the applicant passed the Western Regional Examining Board examination within the five years immediately before the date the application is filed with the Board;
   b. If applying for dental hygiene licensure by examination, a copy of the certificate or scorecard from the Western Regional Examining Board or an Arizona Board-approve clinical examination administered by a state, United States territory, District of Columbia or regional testing agency. The certificate or scorecard must indicate that the applicant passed the examination within the five years immediately before the date the application is filed with the Board; or
c. If applying for licensure by credential, certified documentation sent directly from the applicable state, United States territory, District of Columbia or regional testing agency to the Board containing the name of the applicant, date of examination or examinations and proof of a passing score;
5. Except for a dental consultant license applicant as provided in A.R.S. § 32-1234(A)(7), dental and dental hygiene license applicants must have an official score card sent directly from the National Board examination to the Board;
6. A copy showing the expiration date of the applicant's current cardiopulmonary resuscitation healthcare provider level certificate from the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or another certifying agency that follows the same procedures, standards, and techniques for CPR training and certification as the American Red Cross or American Heart Association;
7. A license or certification verification from any other jurisdiction in which an applicant is licensed or certified, sent directly from that jurisdiction to the Board. If the license verification cannot be sent directly to the Board from the other jurisdiction, the applicant must submit a written affidavit affirming that the license verification submitted was issued by the other jurisdiction;
8. If a dental or dental hygiene applicant has been licensed in another jurisdiction for more than six months, a copy of the self-inquiry from the National Practitioner Data Bank that is no more than 30 days old;
9. If a denturist applicant has been certified in another jurisdiction for more than six months, a copy of the self-inquiry from the Health Integrity and Protection Databank that is no more than 30 days old;
10. If the applicant is in the military or employed by the United States government, a letter of endorsement from the applicant’s commanding officer or supervisor that confirms the applicant's military service or United States government employment record; and
11. The jurisprudence examination fee.
B. The Board may request that an applicant provide:
   1. An official copy of the applicant’s dental, dental hygiene, or denturist school diploma,
   2. A copy of a certified document that indicates the reason for a name change if the applicant's application contains different names,
   3. Written verification of the applicant’s work history, and
   4. A copy of a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.
   C. An applicant shall pass the Arizona jurisprudence examination with a minimum score of 75%.

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the applicant has passed the clinical examination of another state or testing agency more than five years before submitting an application for licensure pursuant to this chapter and the other state or testing agency maintains a standard of licensure that is substantially equivalent to that of this state as determined by the board. The board by rule shall require:

1. A minimum number of active practice hours within a specific time period before the applicant submits the application. The board shall define what constitutes active practice.
2. An affirmation that the applicant has completed the continuing education requirements of the jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed.

B. The applicant shall pay a licensure by credential fee of not more than two thousand dollars as prescribed by the board.

Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-201 Dental Licensure by Credential: Clinical Examination Requirements

A. If an applicant is applying under A.R.S. §§ 32-1240(A) or 32-1292.01(A), the Board shall ensure that the applicant has passed the clinical examination of another state, United States territory, District of Columbia or a regional testing agency. Satisfactory completion of the clinical examination may be demonstrated by one of the following:

1. Certified documentation, sent directly from another state, United States territory, District of Columbia or a regional testing agency, that confirms successful completion of the clinical examination or multiple examinations and administered by the state, United States territory, District of Columbia or regional testing agency. The certified documentation shall contain the name of the applicant, date of examination or examinations and proof of a passing score; or;
2. Certified documentation sent directly from another state, United States territory, District of Columbia dental board that shows the applicant passed that state's, United States territory's or District of Columbia's clinical examination before that state's, United States territory's or District of Columbia's participation in a regional examination. The certified documentation shall contain the name of applicant, date of examination or examinations and proof of a passing score.

B. An applicant shall meet the licensure requirements in R4-11-301 and R4-11-303.

Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-202 Dental Licensure by Credential

A. A dentist applying under A.R.S. § 32-1240(A) shall comply with all other applicable requirements in A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 11 and this Article.

B. A dentist applying under A.R.S. § 32-1240(A)(1) shall:

1. Have a current dental license in another state, territory or district of the United States;
2. Submit a written affidavit affirming that the dentist has practiced dentistry for a minimum of 5000 hours during the five years immediately before applying for licensure by credential. For purposes of this subsection, dental practice includes experience as a dental educator at a dental program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or employment as a dentist in a public health setting;
3. Submit a written affidavit affirming that the applicant has complied with the continuing dental education requirement of the state in which the applicant is currently licensed; and
4. Provide evidence regarding the clinical examination by complying with one of the subsections in R4-11-201(A)(1).

C. A dentist applying under A.R.S. § 32-1240(A)(2) shall submit certified documentation sent directly from the applicable state, United States territory, District of Columbia or regional testing agency to the Board that contains the
name of applicant, date of examination or examinations and proof of a passing score.

D. For any application submitted under A.R.S. § 32-1240(A), the Board may request additional clarifying evidence required under the applicable subsection in R4-11-201(A)(1).

E. An applicant for dental licensure by credential shall pay the fee prescribed in A.R.S. § 32-1240, except the fee is reduced by 50% for applicants who will be employed or working under contract in:
1. Underserved areas, such as declared or eligible Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs); or
2. Other facilities caring for underserved populations as recognized by the Arizona Department of Health Services and approved by the Board.

F. An applicant for dental licensure by credential who works in areas or facilities described in subsection (E) shall:
1. Commit to a three-year, exclusive service period,
2. File a copy of a contract or employment verification statement with the Board, and
3. As a licensee, submit an annual contract or employment verification statement to the Board by December 31 of each year.

G. A licensee's failure to comply with the requirements in subsection (F) is considered unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action based on the circumstances of the case.

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A. Notwithstanding any other law, an occupational or professional license or certificate shall be issued, in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity, pursuant to this title to a person who establishes residence in this state or without an examination to a person who is married to an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and who is accompanying the member to an official permanent change of station to a military installation located in this state if all of the following apply:

1. The person is currently licensed or certified in at least one other state in the discipline applied for and at the same practice level as determined by the regulating entity and the license or certification is in good standing in all states in which the person holds a license or certification.
2. The person has been licensed or certified by another state for at least one year.
3. When the person was licensed or certified by another state there were minimum education requirements and, if applicable, work experience and clinical supervision requirements in effect and the other state verifies that the person met those requirements in order to be licensed or certified in that state.
4. The person previously passed an examination required for the license or certification if required by the other state.
5. The person has not had a license or certificate revoked and has not voluntarily surrendered a license or certificate in any other state or country while under investigation for unprofessional conduct.
6. The person has not had discipline imposed by any other regulating entity. If another jurisdiction has taken disciplinary action against the person, the regulating entity shall determine if the cause for the action was corrected and the matter resolved. If the matter has not been resolved by that jurisdiction, the regulating entity may not issue or deny a license until the matter is resolved.
7. The person does not have a complaint, allegation or investigation pending before another regulating entity in another state or country that relates to unprofessional conduct. If an applicant has any complaints, allegations or
investigations pending, the regulating entity in this state shall suspend the application process and may not issue or deny a license to the applicant until the complaint, allegation or investigation is resolved.

8. The person pays all applicable fees.

9. The person does not have a disqualifying criminal history as determined by the regulating entity pursuant to section 41-1093.04.

B. This section does not prevent a regulating entity under this title from entering into a reciprocity agreement with another state or jurisdiction for persons married to active duty members of the armed forces of the United States, except that the agreement may not allow out-of-state licensees or certificate holders to obtain a license or certificate by reciprocity in this state if the applicant has not met standards that are substantially equivalent to or greater than the standards required in this state as determined by the regulating entity on a case-by-case basis.

C. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, a regulating entity that administers an examination on laws of this state as part of its license or certificate application requirement may require an applicant to take and pass an examination specific to the laws of this state.

D. A person who is licensed pursuant to this title is subject to the laws regulating the person's practice in this state and is subject to the regulating entity's jurisdiction.

E. This section does not apply to:

1. A license or registration certificate that is issued pursuant to chapter 24 or 26 of this title.

2. Requirements for a fingerprint clearance card issued pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 3.1.

3. Criteria for a license, permit or certificate of eligibility that is established by an interstate compact.

4. The ability of a regulating entity under this title to require an applicant to submit fingerprints in order to access state and federal criminal records information for noncriminal justice purposes.

F. A license or certificate issued pursuant to this section is valid only in this state and does not make the person eligible to be part of an interstate compact. A regulating entity under this title may determine eligibility for an applicant to be licensed or certified under this section if the applicant is not part of an interstate compact.

**Continuing Education**

**Arizona Revised Statutes 2-1236. Dentist triennial licensure; continuing education; license reinstatement; license for each place of practice;**

A. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a license expires on June 30 of every third year. On or before June 30 of every third year, every licensed dentist shall submit to the board a complete renewal application and pay a license renewal fee of not more than six hundred fifty dollars, established by a formal vote of the board. At least once every three years, before establishing the fee, the board shall review the amount of the fee in a public meeting. Any change in the amount of the fee shall be applied prospectively to a licensee at the time of licensure renewal. The fee prescribed by this subsection does not apply to a licensee in disabled or retired status.

B. A licensee shall include a written affidavit with the renewal application that affirms that the licensee complies with board rules relating to continuing education requirements. A licensee is not required to complete the written affidavit if the licensee received an initial license within the year immediately preceding the expiration date of the license or the licensee is in disabled status. If the licensee is not in compliance with board rules relating to continuing education, the board may grant an extension of time to complete these requirements if the licensee includes a written request for an extension.
with the renewal application instead of the written affidavit and the renewal application is received on or before June 30 of the expiration year. The board shall consider the extension request based on criteria prescribed by the board by rule. If the board denies an extension request, the license expires on August 30.

C. A person applying for licensure for the first time in this state shall pay a prorated fee for the period remaining until the next June 30. This fee shall not exceed one-third of the fee established pursuant to subsection A of this section. Subsequent licensure renewal shall be conducted pursuant to this section.

D. An expired license may be reinstated by submitting a complete renewal application within the twenty-four-month period immediately following the expiration of the license with payment of the renewal fee and a one hundred dollar penalty. Whenever issued, reinstatement is as of the date of application and entitles the applicant to licensure only for the remainder of the applicable three-year period. If a person does not reinstate a license pursuant to this subsection, the person must reapply for licensure pursuant to this chapter.

E. Each licensee must provide to the board in writing both of the following:
1. A primary mailing address and
2. The address for each place of practice.

F. A licensee maintaining more than one place of practice shall obtain from the board a duplicate license for each office. A fee set by the board shall be charged for each duplicate license. The licensee shall notify the board in writing within ten days of opening the additional place or places of practice. The board shall impose a penalty of fifty dollars for failure to notify the board.

G. A licensee who is fully retired and a licensee who is permanently disabled may contribute services to a recognized charitable institution and still retain that classification for triennial registration purposes on payment of a reduced renewal fee as prescribed by the board by rule.

**Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-1201. Continuing Dental Education**

A. A licensee or certificate holder shall:
1. Satisfy a continuing dental education requirement that is designed to provide an understanding of current developments, skills, procedures, or treatment related to the licensee’s or certificate holder’s practice; and
2. Complete the recognized continuing dental education required by this Article each renewal period.

B. A licensee or certificate holder receiving an initial license or certificate shall complete the prescribed credit hours of recognized continuing dental education by the end of the first full renewal period.

**Arizona Administrative Code 4-11-1202. Continuing Dental Education Compliance and Renewal Requirements**

A. When applying for a renewal license, certificate, or restricted permit, a licensee, certificate holder, or restricted permit holder shall complete a renewal application provided by the Board.

B. Before receiving a renewal license or certificate, each licensee or certificate holder shall possess a current form of one of the following:
1. A current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) healthcare provider certificate from the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or another certifying agency;
2. Advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) course completion confirmation from the American Heart Association or another agency. The confirmation must indicate that the course was completed within two years immediately before submitting a renewal application; or
3. Pediatric advanced life support (PALS) course completion confirmation from the American Heart Association or another agency. The confirmation must indicate that the course was completed within two years immediately before...
submitting a renewal application.

C. A licensee or certificate holder shall include an affidavit affirming the licensee's or certificate holder's completion of the prescribed credit hours of recognized continuing dental education with a renewal application. A licensee or certificate holder shall include on the affidavit the licensee's or certificate holder's name, license or certificate number, the number of hours completed in each category, and the total number of hours completed for activities defined in R4-11-1209(A)(4).

D. A licensee or certificate holder shall submit a written request for an extension before the June 30 deadline. If a licensee or certificate holder fails to meet the credit hour requirement because of military service, dental or religious missionary activity, residence in a foreign country, or other extenuating circumstances as determined by the Board, the Board, upon written request, may grant an extension of time to complete the recognized continuing dental education credit hour requirement.

E. The Board shall: 1. Only accept recognized continuing dental education credits accrued during the prescribed period immediately before license or certificate renewal, and 2. Not allow recognized continuing dental education credit accrued in a renewal period in excess of the amount required in this Article to be carried forward to the next renewal period.

F. A licensee or certificate holder shall maintain documentation of attendance for each program for which credit is claimed that verifies the recognized continuing dental education credit hours the licensee or certificate holder participated in during the most recently completed renewal period.

G. Each year, the Board shall audit continuing dental education requirement compliance on a random basis or when information is obtained which indicates a licensee or certificate holder may not be in compliance with this Article. A licensee or certificate holder selected for audit shall provide the Board with documentation of attendance that shows compliance with the continuing dental education requirements within 60 days from the date the licensee or certificate holder received notice of the audit by certified mail.

H. If a licensee or certificate holder is found to not be in compliance with the continuing dental education requirements, the Board may take any disciplinary or non-disciplinary action authorized by A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 11.

Arizona Administrative Code 4-11-1203. Dentists and Dental Consultants

Dentists and dental consultants shall complete 72 hours of recognized continuing dental education in each renewal period as follows:

1. At least 42 credit hours in any of the following areas: Dental and medical health, preventive services, dental diagnosis and treatment planning, dental recordkeeping, dental clinical procedures, managing medical emergencies, pain management, dental public health, and courses in corrective and restorative oral health and basic dental sciences which may include current research, new concepts in dentistry, and behavioral and biological sciences that are oriented to dentistry. A licensee who holds a permit to administer general anesthesia, deep sedation, parenteral sedation, or oral sedation who is required to obtain continuing education pursuant to Article 13 may apply those credit hours to the requirements of this Section;

2. No more than 18 credit hours in the following areas: Dental practice organization and management, patient management skills, and methods of health care delivery;

3. At least three credit hours in chemical dependency, which may include tobacco cessation;

4. At least three credit hours in infectious diseases or infectious disease control;
5. At least three credit hours in CPR healthcare provider, ACLS and PALS. Coursework may be completed online if the course requires a physical demonstration of skills; and
6. At least three credit hours in ethics or Arizona dental jurisprudence

Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-1209. Types of Courses
A. A licensee or certificate holder shall obtain recognized continuing dental education from one or more of the following activities:
1. Seminars, symposiums, lectures, or programs designed to provide an understanding of current developments, skills, procedures, or treatment related to the practice of dentistry;
2. Seminars, symposiums, lectures or programs designed to provide an understanding of current developments, skills procedures, or treatment related to the practice of dentistry by means of audio-video technology in which the licensee is provided all seminar, symposium, lecture or program materials and the technology permits attendees to fully participate; or
3. Curricula designed to prepare for specialty board certification as a specialist or recertification examinations or advanced training at an accredited institution as defined in A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 11; and
4. Subject to the limitations in subsection (B), any of the following activities that provide an understanding of current developments, skills, procedures, or treatment related to the practice of dentistry:
   a. A correspondence course video, internet or similar self-study course, if the course includes an examination and the licensee or certificate holder passes the examination;
   b. Participation on the Board, in Board complaint investigations including clinical evaluations or anesthesia and sedation permit evaluations;
   c. Participation in peer review of a national or state dental, dental hygiene, or denturist association or participation in quality of care or utilization review in a hospital, institution, or governmental agency;
   d. Providing dental-related instruction to dental, dental hygiene, or denturist students, or allied health professionals in a recognized dental school, recognized dental hygiene school, or recognized denturist school, or providing dental-related instruction sponsored by a national, state, or local dental, dental hygiene, or denturist association;
   e. Publication or presentation of a dental paper, report, or book authored by the licensee or certificate holder that provides information on current developments, skills, procedures, or treatment related to the practice of dentistry. A licensee or certificate holder may claim credit hours:
      i. Only once for materials presented;
      ii. Only if the date of publication or original presentation was during the applicable renewal period; and
      iii. One credit hour for each hour of preparation, writing, and presentation; or
   f. Providing dental, dental hygiene, or denturist services in a Board-recognized charitable dental clinic or organization.
B. The following limitations apply to the total number of credit hours earned per renewal period in any combination of the activities listed in subsection (A)(4):
1. Dentists and Dental Hygienists, no more than 24 hours;
2. Denturists, no more than 12 hours;
3. Retired or Restricted Permit Holder Dentists or Dental Hygienists, no more than nine hours; and
4. Retired Denturists, no more than three hours.