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| Initial Licensure Requirements | CDCA, CITA, CRDTS, SRTA, WREB, or OSCE, or PGY-1, or Portfolio Exam |
| License by Credential: Clinical experience requirements (years and/or hours) | Engaged in the active practice of clinical dentistry in the U.S. or one of its territories or Canada for a minimum of 300 hours per year, for a minimum of 5 years out of the 7 seven years immediately preceding the date the application was received. Experience from postgraduate training, residency programs, internships, or research will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Engaged in teaching dentistry, which involves personally providing care to patients for not less than 300 hours annually in an accredited dental school for a minimum of 5 years out of the 7 years immediately preceding the date the application was received. |
| Other License by Credential Requirements | Statute § 12-35-120. Licensure by endorsement (1) The board shall provide for licensure upon application of any person licensed in good standing to practice dentistry in another state or territory of the United States who provides the credentials and meets the qualifications set forth in this section in the manner prescribed by the board. (2) The board shall issue a license to an applicant licensed as a dentist in another state or territory of the United States if the applicant has submitted credentials and qualifications for licensure that include: (a) Proof of graduation from an accredited dental school; (b) Proof the applicant is currently licensed in another state or United States territory; (c) Proof the applicant has been in practice or teaching dentistry, which involves personally providing care to patients for not less than three hundred hours annually in an accredited dental school for a minimum of five years out of the seven years immediately preceding the date of the receipt of the application, or evidence that the applicant has demonstrated competency as a dentist as determined by the board; (d) Proof the applicant has not been subject to final or pending disciplinary action by any state in which the applicant is or has been previously licensed; except that, if the applicant has been subject to disciplinary action, the board may review such disciplinary action to determine whether the underlying conduct warrants refusal to issue a license; (e) Repealed by Laws 2014, Ch. 363, § 26, eff. July 1, 2014. (f) Proof the applicant has passed an entry level examination acceptable to the board; and (g) Proof the applicant has met any more stringent criteria established by the board. |

Rule III. Licensure of Dentists and Dental Hygienists
C. Endorsement for Dentists
1. In order to be qualified for licensure by endorsement, an applicant is required to demonstrate that he/she does not currently possess a suspended, restricted, or conditional license to practice dentistry, or is currently pending disciplinary action against such license in another state or territory of the United States or Canada.
2. Each qualified applicant shall submit a completed Board approved application along with the required fee in order to be considered for licensure approval and must also
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The Board may also apply 1 or more of the following towards demonstration of current clinical competency:
- Practice under a probationary or otherwise restricted license for a specified period of time;
- Successful completion of courses approved by the Board; or
- Any other professional standard or measure of continued competency as determined by the Board.

### Academic License

**Statute 12-35-117.5**

**Academic license**

(1)(a) A dentist who is employed at an accredited school or college of dentistry in this state and who practices dentistry in the course of his or her employment responsibilities shall either make written application to the board for an academic license in accordance with this section or shall otherwise become licensed pursuant to sections 12-35-117 and 12-35-119, as applicable.

(b) Nothing in this section shall require a dentist who appears in a program of dental education or research, as described in section 12-35-115(1)(f), to obtain an academic license pursuant to this section.

(2) A person who applies for an academic license shall submit proof to the board that he or she:

(a) Graduated from a school of dentistry located in the United States or another country; and

(b) Is employed by an accredited school or college of dentistry in this state.
(3) An applicant for an academic license shall satisfy the credentialing standards of the accredited school or college of dentistry that employs the applicant.
(4) An academic license shall authorize the licensee to practice dentistry only while engaged in the performance of his or her official duties as an employee of the accredited school or college of dentistry and only in connection with programs affiliated or endorsed by the school or college. An academic licensee may not use an academic license to practice dentistry outside of his or her academic responsibilities.
(5) In addition to the requirements of this section, an applicant for an academic license shall complete all procedures for academic licensing established by the board to become licensed, including payment of any fee imposed pursuant to section 12-35-117(1).

Rule III
D. Academic License
1. A dentist who is employed at an accredited school or college of dentistry in this state and who practices dentistry in the course of his/her employment responsibilities and is applying for an academic license shall submit with the application and fee the following credentials and qualifications for review and approval by the Board:
   a. Proof of graduation with a DDS or DMD degree or equivalent from a school of dentistry located in the United States or another country.
   b. Evidence of the applicant’s employment by an accredited school or college of dentistry in this state; actual practice is to commence only once licensure has been granted.
2. An applicant for an academic license shall satisfy the credentialing standards of the accredited school or college of dentistry that employs the applicant.
3. Pursuant to section 12-35-117.5(4), C.R.S., an academic license shall authorize the licensee to practice dentistry only while engaged in the performance of his/her official duties as an employee of the accredited school or college of dentistry and only in connection with programs affiliated or endorsed by the school or college. A dentist issued an academic license may not use it to practice dentistry outside of his/her academic responsibilities.
4. A dentist with an academic license is subject to discipline pursuant to sections 12-35-129, 12-35-129.1, 12-35-129.2, 12-35-129.4, 12-35-129.5, and 12-35-129.6, C.R.S.