| **Initial Licensure Requirements** | All applicants required to take either: ADEX Dental Licensing Examination administered in Florida, or ADEX Dental Licensing Examination administered in a jurisdiction other than Florida, if the examination was completed after October 1, 2011 and graded by dentists who are licensed in Florida. Proof of completion of a minimum two hour course in the prevention of medical errors within the past two years. If applicable, a certification of licensure from each state in which applicant currently holds or has held a dental license. The certification should state that the license is in good standing; appropriate signatures and embossed seal of the certifying Board are needed for validation. |
| **License by Credential: Clinical experience requirements (years and/or hours)** | Clinical exam (ADEX) on patients required for licensure. 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 466.006 Examination of dentists. (1)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the costs associated with an independent state-developed practical or clinical examination to measure an applicant’s ability to practice the profession of dentistry and to use the American Dental Licensing Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., in lieu of an independent state-developed practical or clinical examination. The Legislature finds that the American Dental Licensing Examination, in both its structure and function, consistently meets generally accepted testing standards and has been found, as it is currently organized and operating, to adequately and reliably measure an applicant’s ability to practice the profession of dentistry. (b) Any person desiring to be licensed as a dentist shall apply to the department to take the licensure examinations and shall verify the information required on the application by oath. The application shall include two recent photographs. There shall be an application fee set by the board not to exceed $100 which shall be nonrefundable. There shall also be an examination fee set by the board, which shall not exceed $425 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of some or all of the examination from the American Board of Dental Examiners or its successor entity, if any, provided the board finds the successor entity’s clinical examination complies with the provisions of this section. The examination fee may be refundable if the applicant is found ineligible to take the examinations. (2) An applicant shall be entitled to take the examinations required in this section to practice dentistry in this state if the applicant: (a) Is 18 years of age or older. (b)1. Is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education; or 2. Is a dental student in the final year of a program at such an accredited dental school who has completed all the coursework necessary to prepare the student to perform the clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the examinations. With respect to a... |
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| (a) | A dental student in the final year of a program at a dental school, a passing score on the examinations is valid for 365 days after the date the examinations were completed. A dental school student who takes the licensure examinations during the student’s final year of an approved dental school must have graduated before being certified for licensure pursuant to s. 466.011. (c)1. Has successfully completed the National Board of Dental Examiners dental examination; or 2. Has an active health access dental license in this state; and a. The applicant has at least 5,000 hours within 4 consecutive years of clinical practice experience providing direct patient care in a health access setting as defined in s. 466.003; the applicant is a retired veteran dentist of any branch of the United States Armed Services who has practiced dentistry while on active duty and has at least 3,000 hours within 3 consecutive years of clinical practice experience providing direct patient care in a health access setting as defined in s. 466.003; or the applicant has provided a portion of his or her salaried time teaching health profession students in any public education setting, including, but not limited to, a community college, college, or university, and has at least 3,000 hours within 3 consecutive years of clinical practice experience providing direct patient care in a health access setting as defined in s. 466.003; b. The applicant has not been disciplined by the board, except for citation offenses or minor violations; c. The applicant has not filed a report pursuant to s. 456.049; and d. The applicant has not been convicted of or pled no contest to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession. (3) If an applicant is a graduate of a dental college or school not accredited in accordance with paragraph (2)(b) or of a dental college or school not approved by the board, the applicant is not entitled to take the examinations required in this section to practice dentistry until she or he satisfies one of the following: (a) Completes a program of study, as defined by the board by rule, at an accredited American dental school and demonstrates receipt of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. from said school; or (b) Submits proof of having successfully completed at least 2 consecutive academic years at a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. This program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in chapter 456 pertaining to the clinical dental licensure examination or national examinations, to be licensed as a dentist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete the following: (a) A written examination on the laws and rules of the state regulating the practice of dentistry; (b) 1. A practical or clinical examination, which shall be the American Dental Licensing Examination produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, that is administered in this state and graded by dentists licensed in this state and employed by the department for just such purpose, provided that the board has attained, and continues to maintain thereafter, representation on the board of directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, the examination development committee of the American Board of Dental Examiners, and such other committees of the...
American Board of Dental Examiners as the board deems appropriate by rule to assure that the standards established herein are maintained organizationally. A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in this state and graded by dentists who are licensed in this state is valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published.

2.a. As an alternative to the requirements of sub-paragraph 1., an applicant may submit scores from an American Dental Licensing Examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state after October 1, 2011, and such examination results shall be recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state. A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination administered out-of-state shall be the same as the passing score for the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in this state and graded by dentists who are licensed in this state. The examination results are valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published. The applicant must have completed the examination after October 1, 2011.

b. This subparagraph may not be given retroactive application.

3. If the date of an applicant’s passing American Dental Licensing Examination scores from an examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state under subparagraph 2. is older than 365 days, then such scores shall nevertheless be recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state, but only if the applicant demonstrates that all of the following additional standards have been met:

a.(I) The applicant completed the American Dental Licensing Examination after October 1, 2011.

(II) This sub-subparagraph may not be given retroactive application;
b. The applicant graduated from a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education. Provided, however, if the applicant did not graduate from such a dental school, the applicant may submit proof of having successfully completed a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation of at least 2 consecutive academic years at such accredited sponsoring institution. Such program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by "the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation;
c. The applicant currently possesses a valid and active dental license in good standing, with no restriction, which has never been revoked, suspended, restricted, or otherwise disciplined, from another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;
d. The applicant submits proof that he or she has never been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, or the American Association of Dental Boards Clearinghouse. This sub-subparagraph does not apply if the applicant successfully appealed to have his or her name removed from the data banks of these agencies; e.(I) In the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure in this state, the applicant must submit proof of having been consecutively engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or, if the applicant has been licensed in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant must submit proof of having been engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry since the date of his or her initial licensure.
(II) As used in this section, “full-time practice” is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each and every year in the consecutive 5-year period or, where applicable, the period since initial licensure, and must include any combination of the following:
(A) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care.
(B) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.
(C) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

(III) The board shall develop rules to determine what type of proof of full-time practice is required and to recoup the cost to the board of verifying full-time practice under this section. Such proof must, at a minimum, be:
(A) Admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;
(B) Submitted in writing;
(C) Submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of perjury attached;
(D) Further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant’s practice and testifies with particularity that the applicant has been engaged in full-time practice; and
(E) Specifically found by the board to be both credible and admissible.

(IV) An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable proof of full-time practice unless it is further attested to by someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of the applicant’s practice. If the board deems it necessary to assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the applicant or the applicant’s witnesses to appear before the board and give oral testimony under oath;

(f) The applicant must submit documentation that he or she has completed, or will complete, prior to licensure in this state, continuing education equivalent to this state’s requirements for the last full reporting biennium;

(g) The applicant must prove that he or she has never been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession in any jurisdiction;

(h) The applicant must successfully pass a written examination on the laws and rules of this state regulating the practice of dentistry and must successfully pass the computer-based diagnostic skills examination; and

(i) The applicant must submit documentation that he or she has successfully completed the National Board of Dental Examiners dental examination.

(5)(a) The practical examination required under subsection (4) shall be the American Dental Licensing Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, provided the board finds that the successor entity’s clinical examination complies with the provisions of this section, and shall include, at a minimum:

1. A comprehensive diagnostic skills examination covering the full scope of dentistry and an examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning in dentistry for dental candidates;

2. Two restorations on a live patient or patients. The board by rule shall determine the class of such restorations;

3. A demonstration of periodontal skills on a live patient;

4. A demonstration of prosthetics and restorative skills in complete and partial dentures and crowns and bridges and the utilization of practical methods of evaluation, specifically including the evaluation by the candidate of completed laboratory products such as, but not limited to, crowns and inlays filled to prepared model teeth;

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5. A demonstration of restorative skills on a mannequin which requires the candidate to complete procedures performed in preparation for a cast restoration;
6. A demonstration of endodontic skills; and
7. A diagnostic skills examination demonstrating ability to diagnose conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent tissues and structures from photographs, slides, radiographs, or models pursuant to rules of the board. If an applicant fails to pass the diagnostic skills examination in three attempts, the applicant shall not be eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board.

(b) The department shall consult with the board in planning the times, places, physical facilities, training of personnel, and other arrangements concerning the administration of the examination. The board or a duly designated committee thereof shall approve the final plans for the administration of the examination;
(c) If the applicant fails to pass the clinical examination in three attempts, the applicant shall not be eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board; and
(d) The board may by rule provide for additional procedures which are to be tested, provided such procedures shall be common to the practice of general dentistry. The board by rule shall determine the passing grade for each procedure and the acceptable variation for examiners. No such rule shall apply retroactively.

The department shall require a mandatory standardization exercise for all examiners prior to each practical or clinical examination and shall retain for employment only those dentists who have substantially adhered to the standard of grading established at such exercise.

(6)(a) It is the finding of the Legislature that absent a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the relocation of applicants to practice dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state, who are lawfully and currently practicing dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, based on their scores from the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in a state other than this state, is substantially related to achieving the important state interest of improving access to dental care for underserved citizens of this state and furthering the economic development goals of the state. Therefore, in order to maintain valid active licensure in this state, all applicants for licensure who are relocating to this state based on scores from the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in a state other than this state must actually engage in the full-time practice of dentistry inside the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year of receiving such licensure in this state. The Legislature finds that, if such applicants do not actually engage in the full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year of receiving such a license in this state, access to dental care for the public will not significantly increase, patients' continuity of care will not be attained, and the economic development goals of the state will not be significantly met.

(b)1. As used in this section, "full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours in the initial year of licensure, which must include any combination of the following:
   a. Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care within the geographic boundaries of this state.
b. Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.
c. Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.

2. The board shall develop rules to determine what type of proof of full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state for 1 year is required in order to maintain active licensure and shall develop rules to recoup the cost to the board of verifying maintenance of such full-time practice under this section. Such proof must, at a minimum:
   a. Be admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding;
   b. Be submitted in writing;
   c. Be submitted by the applicant under oath with penalties of perjury attached;
   d. Be further documented by an affidavit of someone unrelated to the applicant who is familiar with the applicant’s practice and testifies with particularity that the applicant has been engaged in full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within the last 365 days; and
   e. Include such additional proof as specifically found by the board to be both credible and admissible.

3. An affidavit of only the applicant is not acceptable proof of full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year, unless it is further attested to by someone unrelated to the applicant who has personal knowledge of the applicant’s practice within the last 365 days. If the board deems it necessary to assess credibility or accuracy, the board may require the applicant or the applicant’s witnesses to appear before the board and give oral testimony under oath.

(c) It is the further intent of the Legislature that a license issued pursuant to paragraph (a) shall expire in the event the board finds that it did not receive acceptable proof of full-time practice within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year after the initial issuance of the license. The board shall make reasonable attempts within 30 days prior to the expiration of such a license to notify the licensee in writing at his or her last known address of the need for proof of full-time practice in order to continue licensure. If the board has not received a satisfactory response from the licensee within the 30-day period, the licensee must be served with actual or constructive notice of the pending expiration of licensure and be given 20 days in which to submit proof required in order to continue licensure. If the 20-day period expires and the board finds it has not received acceptable proof of full-time practice within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year after the initial issuance of the license, then the board must issue an administrative order finding that the license has expired. Such an order may be appealed by the former licensee in accordance with the provisions of chapter 120. In the event of expiration, the licensee shall immediately cease and desist from practicing dentistry and shall immediately surrender to the board the wallet-size identification card and wall card. A person who uses or attempts to use a license issued pursuant to this section which has expired commits unlicensed practice of dentistry, a felony of the third degree pursuant to s. 466.026(1)(b), punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Regulation 64B5-2.0150 American Dental Licensing Exam Scores from Other Jurisdiction: Full-Time Practice Requirements,
The Florida dental clinical or practical examination is currently the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. The examination shall be administered in Florida and shall be graded by dentists licensed in Florida. An applicant for a dental license in Florida can submit ADLEX scores from a jurisdiction other than Florida if the examination was completed after October 1, 2011. If, however, the passing scores from the ADLEX are over 365 days old, the results will not be recognized unless all criteria below are met.

(1) Applicable Definitions:
   a) Full-time practice - means completing one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practice per calendar year; when applicable, the hours shall be broken down to one hundred (100) hours per month.
   b) Month - means thirty (30) days.
   c) Practice - means any combination of the following: 1) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care; 2) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or 3) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.
   d) Recognized or Other Jurisdiction - means a state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
   e) Verified - means the document shall be verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S.

(2) Mandatory Criteria: The applicant shall meet all of the following criteria.
   a) Compliance with all provisions of Section 466.006(4)(b)3., F.S. The applicant should carefully review this section of the Florida Statutes.
   b) Provide documentation that the applicant has been consecutively engaged in full-time practice in a recognized jurisdiction for the preceding five (5) years or since initial licensure, if less than five years prior to the date of application for licensure to the Florida Board of Dentistry.

(3) Mandatory Documentation: The applicant shall comply with providing the following mandatory documentation.
   a) Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet:
      1. The submission of a calendar month-by-calendar month and year-by-year chronological history of the applicant's full-time practice in a spreadsheet format.
      2. The spreadsheet shall be headed with the applicant's full legal name and sub-headed "History of Full-Time Practice."
      3. Each page shall be sequentially paginated in the lower right hand corner with the applicant's last name followed by a hyphen with an Arabic numeral. (Example: Smith-2, Smith-3, Smith-4, etcetera).
      4. The applicant shall verify the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet by placing at the end of the document, "Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing History of Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet and that the facts stated in it are true." The applicant shall sign directly under the verification statement and date the document. Reference Section 92.525, F.S., concerning verification of documents.
      5. Someone unrelated to the applicant shall verify the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet, by signing the same document with the same verification clause or by submitting a document (affidavit) verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S. The verified document must attest that the applicant has been engaged in the full-time practice as indicated by the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet.
   b) Additional Verified Documents:
Each category of full-time practice claimed must be supported by the following documentation, which establishes or supports the spreadsheet submitted. There must be documentation submitted from subparagraph 1. and 2. below, if applicable.

1. A verified copy of financial or business record documents, reflecting the dates of employment that match the spreadsheet; a verified copy of a patient log or appointment schedule (names of patients shall be redacted to reflect the initials only). The Board will request verified financial billing documents to corroborate the patient log if the Board finds the patient log or appointment schedule lacking credibility.

2. An original and official letter from the dean of the school or program sent directly from the program or school to the Board, that supports that the applicant did engage in full-time practice as a faculty member or as a student which matches the dates month-for-month and year-for-year as listed on the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet.

3. Any other verified documentation that supports the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet.

(4) Mandatory Board Appearance and Delays:

a) It is in the best interest of the applicant to carefully review all documents submitted for accuracy, authenticity, legibility, and statutory and rule compliance to avoid unnecessary delays, board appearances, or denials.

b) The Board is authorized to require the applicant and the applicant’s witness to appear before the Board to give oral testimony under oath to assess credibility or accuracy of the full-time practice requirements. Section 466.006(4)(b)3.e.(IV), F.S. In addition, the Board can require a mandatory appearance regarding any licensure application and a failure to appear at one of the next two regularly scheduled meetings shall result in a denial of licensure and will toll the time for ruling on the application.

Regulation 64B5-2.0152 Licenses Granted Based on The American Dental Licensing Exam From Other Jurisdiction: Full-Time Practice Requirements.

The Florida dental clinical or practical examination is currently the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. The examination shall be administered in Florida and shall be graded by dentists licensed in Florida. An applicant for a dental license in Florida can submit ADLEX scores from a jurisdiction other than Florida if the examination was completed after October 1, 2011. Applicants who are relocating to this state based on scores from the ADLEX that was administered in a jurisdiction other than Florida must engage in the full-time practice of dentistry inside the geographical boundaries of this state within the first year of receiving a dental license in Florida. In order to maintain the dental license the licensee must meet the following criteria.

(1) Applicable Definitions:

a) Full-Time Practice - means completing one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practice within the geographical boundaries of Florida within the first year of obtaining a Florida dental license.

b) Practice - means any combination of the following: 1) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care; 2) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or 3) Full-Time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

c) Another or Other Jurisdiction - means another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

d) Full-Time Practice Log - means a log the licensee must keep from the initial date of licensure in Florida which documents the daily practice time of the licensee.
(e) Relocating Applicants - means those applicants who are lawfully and currently practicing dentistry in another jurisdiction who apply for licensure in Florida based on the ADLEX administered in another jurisdiction. Lawfully and currently means those applicants that have or had a license to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction within the past six (6) months and those who have practiced the profession in any manner utilizing such license within the past six (6) months, prior to submitting the application for licensure in Florida.

(f) Verified - means the document shall be verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S.

(2) Mandatory Criteria:
The licensee shall meet all of the following criteria.

a) Compliance with all provisions of Section 466.006(6), F.S. The dentist should carefully review this section of the Florida Statutes.

b) Provide documentation that the relocating dentist has been consecutively engaged in full-time practice within the first year of licensure in Florida.

c) Maintain a Full-Time Practice Log.

d) A failure to meet the required full-time practice requirements will cause the dental license to expire as enumerated in Section 466.006(6), F.S.

(3) Mandatory Documentation:
The dentist shall comply with providing the following mandatory documentation.

a) Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet:

1. The submission of a month-by-month chronological history of the dentist’s full-time practice in a spreadsheet format from the date of initial license in Florida.

2. The spreadsheet shall be headed with the dentist’s full legal name and sub-headed "History of Full-Time Practice."

3. Each page shall be sequentially paginated in the lower right hand corner with the dentist’s last name followed by a hyphen with an Arabic numeral. (Example: Smith-2, Smith-3, Smith-4, etcetera.).

4. The dentist shall verify the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet by placing at the end of the document, "Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing History of Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet and that the facts stated in it are true." The dentist shall sign directly under the verification statement and date the document. Reference Section 92.525, F.S., concerning verification of documents.

5. Someone unrelated to the dentist shall verify the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet, by signing the same document with the same verification clause or by submitting a document (affidavit) verified in compliance with Section 92.525, F.S. The verified document must attest that the dentist has been engaged in the full-time practice as indicated by the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet.

b) Additional Verified Documents:

Each category of full-time practice claimed must be supported by the following documentation, which establishes or supports the spreadsheet submitted.

1. A verified copy of financial or business record documents, reflecting the dates of employment that match the spreadsheet: a verified copy of a patient log or appointment schedule (names of patients shall be redacted to reflect initials only). The Board will request verified financial billing documents to corroborate the patient log if the Board finds the patient log or appointment schedule lacking credibility.

2. A verified copy of the Full-Time Practice Log.

3. An original and official letter from the dean of the school or program sent directly from the program or school to the Board, that supports that the dentist did engage in full-time practice as a faculty member or as a student which matches the dates month-for-month as listed on the spreadsheet.
4. Any other verified document that supports the Full-Time Practice Spreadsheet.

(4) Mandatory Submission:

a) All documentation shall be submitted to the Board office within thirty days prior to the expiration of the first year of practice. The initial day of licensure shall not count. A failure to timely submit all required documentation will lead to the expiration of licensure in compliance with Section 466.006(6)(c), F.S.

b) The dentist shall make certain that all submissions are timely, accurate, legible, and authentic to avoid the expiration of the dental licensee. The Board is authorized to require the licensee and the licensees’ witnesses to appear before the Board and give oral testimony under oath to assess credibility and accuracy.

From the Florida Board of Dentistry Website
The State of Florida does not have reciprocity with any state and does not issue licenses by endorsement or credentials. The requirements for licensure by examination are as follows and can be found in Section 466.006, F.S.:

An applicant must be:

1. Is at least 18 years of age
2. A graduate of a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education; or
3. Successfully complete the following examinations:
   • Dental National Board Examination
   • Florida Laws and Rules Examination
   • ADEX Dental Licensing Examination

Scores from ADEX Dental Licensing examinations administered in Florida are valid for 365 days after the date the official examination results are published. Scores from ADEX Dental Licensing Examinations administered in a jurisdiction other than Florida must be completed on or after October 2, 2011.

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### POST LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS IF ADEX COMPLETED IN A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN FLORIDA

In order to maintain valid active licensure in this state, all applicants for licensure who are relocating to this state based on scores from the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in a state other than this state must actually engage in the full-time practice of dentistry inside the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year of receiving such licensure in this state.

Full-time practice of dentistry within the geographic boundaries of this state within 1 year is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours in the initial year of licensure, which must include any combination of the following:

- Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care within the geographic boundaries of this state.
- Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.
- Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and located within the geographic boundaries of this state.

Failure to meet this requirement will cause the license to expire. Please review s. 466.006(6), F.S. for additional information concerning the specific requirements.

### PRE- LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS IF ADEX COMPLETED IN A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN FLORIDA AND THE ADEX SCORES ARE OLDER THAN 365 DAYS

Applicants who completed the ADEX Dental Licensing Examinations administered in a jurisdiction other than Florida on or after October 2, 2011 and older than 365 days must submit proof of having been consecutively engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or, if the applicant has been licensed in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant must submit proof of having been engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry since the date of his or her initial licensure.

As used in this section, “full-time practice” is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each and every year in the consecutive 5-year period or, where applicable, the period since initial licensure, and must include any combination of the following:

- Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care.
- Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

### Teaching Permits

**Statute 466.002**

Persons exempt from operation of chapter.—Nothing in this chapter shall apply to the following practices, acts, and operations:

1. The practice of her or his profession including surgical procedures involving the oral cavity by a physician or surgeon licensed as such under the laws of this state.
2. A qualified anesthetist giving an anesthetic for a dental operation under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.
3. The practice of dentistry in the discharge of their official duties by graduate dentists or dental surgeons in the United States Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Public Health Service, Coast Guard, or United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
(4) The practice of dentistry by licensed dentists of other states or countries at meetings of dental organizations approved by the board, while appearing as clinicians.

(5) Students in Florida schools of dentistry and dental hygiene or dental assistant educational programs, while performing regularly assigned work under the curriculum of such schools.

(6) Instructors in Florida schools of dentistry, instructors in dental programs that prepare persons holding D.D.S. or D.M.D. degrees for certification by a specialty board and that are accredited in the United States by January 1, 2005, in the same manner as the board recognizes accreditation for Florida schools of dentistry that are not otherwise affiliated with a Florida school of dentistry, or instructors in Florida schools of dental hygiene or dental assistant educational programs, while performing regularly assigned instructional duties under the curriculum of such schools. A full-time dental instructor at a dental school or dental program approved by the board may be allowed to practice dentistry at the teaching facilities of such school or program, upon receiving a teaching permit issued by the board, in strict compliance with such rules as are adopted by the board pertaining to the teaching permit and with the established rules and procedures of the dental school or program as recognized in this section.

Rule 64B5-7.005
Teaching Permits.

(1) A teaching permit shall be issued by the Board of Dentistry to a full time dental instructor of a dental program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and, except for the orthodontic specialty program at Jacksonville University, shall be located within a dental school as defined herein or in a medical school accredited by the American Medical Association’s Liaison Committee for Medical Education upon the request of the dean if the faculty member:

(a) Has a degree in dentistry and either: 1) is eligible to take the Florida dental licensure examination and has not failed the examination on three occasions or; 2) was at one time eligible to take the Florida examination, and has not failed the Florida dental licensure examination on three occasions or; 3) has successfully completed a post-doctoral training program of at least two years in duration and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or; 4) is not eligible to take the Florida examination, but obtained the degree from a foreign dental education program and agrees to practice dentistry only under the general supervision of a Florida licensed dentist; and

(b) Is a full-time dental instructor; and

(c) Beginning on March 1, 2014, all new applicants must pass the Florida Dental Laws & Rules Examination; and

(d) Beginning with the March 1, 2014 biennium licensure renewal cycle, all teaching permit holder’s must comply with the continuing education mandates in Rule Chapter 64B5-12, F.A.C.; and

(e) Does not engage in the practice of dentistry, except at the teaching facilities under the accredited dental program.

(2) A dental school is an educational institution that includes a predoctoral dental education program of not less than four years from which students graduate with a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree.

(3) A teaching permit or temporary teaching permit authorizes the holder to practice dentistry at the teaching facility under the following terms and conditions:

(a) All records pertaining to the teaching practice shall be subject to review and available to the Board.
(b) Upon the Board’s request, the permit holder shall submit any information the Board deems necessary to evaluate compliance with Chapters 456 and 466, F.S., and Chapter 64B5, F.A.C.

(c) Permits shall be in effect only as long as the holder is a full-time dental instructor and shall be automatically cancelled and nullified by the termination of the holder as a dental instructor at the teaching facility or third time failure of the Florida dental licensure examination.

(d) Teaching permits are subject to cancellation or revocation by the Board for failure to comply with Chapters 456 and 466, F.S., and Chapter 64B5, F.A.C.; and the biennium continuing education licensure requirements.

(4) Prior to issuance of a teaching permit, each faculty member must provide proof of current CPR certification. If otherwise eligible, the faculty member will be granted a permit with the requirement that current CPR certification be obtained within 60 days. Each faculty member holding a teaching faculty permit shall maintain current CPR certification.