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| **Other License by Credential Requirements** | Statute (225 ILCS 25/9) (from Ch. 111, par. 2309)  
(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2026)  
Sec. 9. Qualifications of applicants for dental licenses. The Department shall require that each applicant for a license to practice dentistry shall:  
(a) (Blank).  
(b) Be at least 21 years of age and of good moral character.  
(c) (1) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of dental education by graduation from a dental college or school in the United States or Canada approved by the Department. The Department shall not approve any dental college or school which does not require at least (A) 60 semester hours of collegiate credit or the equivalent in acceptable subjects from a college or university before admission, and (B) completion of at least 4 academic years of instruction or the equivalent in an approved dental college or school that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or  
(2) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of dental education by graduation from a dental college or school outside the United States or Canada and provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant has completed a minimum of 2 academic years of general dental clinical training at a dental college or school in the United States or Canada approved by the Department. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent either the Department or any dental college or school from establishing higher standards than specified in this Act.  
(d) (Blank).  
(e) Present satisfactory evidence that the applicant has passed both parts of the National Board Dental Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and has successfully completed an examination conducted by one of the following regional testing services: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS), the Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc. (SRTA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the North East Regional Board (NERB), or the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA). For purposes of this Section, successful completion shall mean that the applicant has achieved a minimum passing score as determined by the applicable regional testing service. The Secretary may suspend a regional testing service under this subsection (e) if, after proper notice and hearing, it is established that (i) the integrity of the examination has been breached so as to make future test results unreliable or (ii) the test is fundamentally deficient in testing clinical competency. In determining professional capacity under this Section, any individual who has not been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry, has not been a dental student, or has not been engaged in a formal program of dental education during the 5 years immediately preceding the date of filing of the application for licensure.
preceding the filing of an application may be required to complete such additional testing, training, or remedial education as the Board may deem necessary in order to establish the applicant's present capacity to practice dentistry with reasonable judgment, skill, and safety.
(Source: P.A. 99-366, eff. 1-1-16.)

Regulation 1220.410 Endorsement

a) A person seeking licensure in Illinois as a dentist, a dental specialist or a dental hygienist who is so licensed in another state or territory and has been lawfully practicing for at least 3 of the last 5 years prior to application in Illinois, may be granted licensure in Illinois upon proof that the requirements for licensure in the other jurisdiction are at least equal to the requirements in Illinois.

b) An applicant for a dental license shall file an application for licensure on forms provided by the Division, that shall include:

1) Certification of licensure in the original jurisdiction and from any jurisdiction where the applicant has been practicing within the last 5 years, stating:
A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that jurisdiction, including the date of the original issuance of the license;
B) Whether the files of the jurisdiction contain any record of any disciplinary action taken or pending;

2) The applicant's National Board of Dentistry Examination scores, which must be forwarded to the Division from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations;

3) Certification of successful completion of 60 semester hours or its equivalent of college level pre-dental education and graduation from a course of instruction in a dental school that meets the minimum education standards of the Division specified in Section 1220.140;

4) After May 21, 1993, for dental applicants who graduated from a dental college or school outside of the United States or Canada:
   A) Certification of graduation from a dental college or school;
   B) Certification that the applicant was authorized to practice in the jurisdiction in which the applicant attended dental school; and
   C) Certification from an approved dental college or school in the United States or Canada that the applicant has completed a minimum of 2 years of clinical training at the school in which the applicant met the same level of scientific knowledge and clinical competence as all graduates from that school or college. The 2 years of clinical training shall consist of:
      i) 2850 clock hours completed in 2 academic years for full-time applicants; or
      ii) 2850 clock hours completed in 4 years with a minimum of 700 hours per year for part-time applicants;

5) Verification of employment;

6) The fee required under Section 1220.415.

c) An applicant for a dental hygienist license shall file an application for licensure on forms provided by the Division, that shall include:

1) Certification of licensure in the original jurisdiction and from any jurisdiction where the applicant has been practicing within the last 5 years, stating:

A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that jurisdiction, including the date of the original issuance of the license;
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.

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<td>B) Whether the files of the jurisdiction contain any record of any disciplinary action taken or pending;</td>
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<td>2) The applicant's National Dental Hygienist Board Examination scores, which must be forwarded to the Division from JCNDE;</td>
<td>Sec. 11. Types of dental licenses. The Department shall have the authority to issue the following types of licenses:</td>
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<td>3) Certification of 2 academic years of credit in an approved school of dental hygiene that meets the minimum education standards of the Division specified in Section 1220.250;</td>
<td>(d) Restricted faculty licenses. Persons who have received full-time appointments to teach dentistry at an approved dental school or hospital situated in this State may receive without examination, in the discretion of the Department, a restricted faculty license. In order to receive a restricted faculty license an applicant shall furnish satisfactory proof to the Department that:</td>
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<td>4) Verification of employment;</td>
<td>(1) The applicant is at least 21 years of age, is of good moral character and is licensed to practice dentistry in another state or country; and</td>
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<td>5) The fee required under Section 1220.415.</td>
<td>(2) The applicant has a full-time appointment to teach dentistry at an approved dental school or hospital situated in this State.</td>
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<td>d) Applicants who have not actively practiced in 3 of the last 5 years may be required to complete additional testing, training, or remedial education as the Board may deem necessary in order to establish the applicant's present capacity to practice dentistry.</td>
<td>Restricted faculty licenses issued under this Section shall be valid for a period of 3 years and may be extended or renewed. The holder of a valid restricted faculty license may perform acts as may be required by his or her teaching of dentistry. In addition, the holder of a restricted faculty license may practice general dentistry or in his or her area of specialty, but only in a clinic or office affiliated with the dental school. Any restricted faculty license issued to a faculty member under this Section shall terminate immediately and automatically, without any further action by the Department, if the holder ceases to be a faculty member at an approved dental school or hospital in this State.</td>
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<td>The Department may revoke a restricted faculty license for a violation of this Act or its rules, or if the holder fails to supply the Department, within 10 days of its request, with information as to his current status and activities in his teaching program.</td>
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<td>(e) Inactive status. Any person who holds one of the licenses under subsection (a) or (b) of Section 11 or under Section 12 of this Act may elect, upon payment of the required fee, to place his or her license on an inactive status and shall, subject to the rules of the Department, be excused from the payment of renewal fees until he or she notifies the Department in writing of his or her desire to resume active status.</td>
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<td>Any licensee requesting restoration from inactive status shall be required to pay the current renewal fee and upon payment the Department shall be required to restore his or her license, as provided in Section 16 of this Act.</td>
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<td>Any licensee whose license is in an inactive status shall not practice in the State of Illinois.</td>
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<td>(f) Certificates of Identification. In addition to the licenses authorized by this Section, the Department shall deliver to each dentist a certificate of identification in a form specified by the Department.</td>
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Rule 1220.155
Restricted Faculty Licenses
a) Pursuant to Section 11(d) of the Act, the Division shall issue a Restricted Faculty License to an individual who is currently licensed in another jurisdiction as a dentist and who files an application, on forms provided by the Division, that includes:
   1) Certification of licensure from the jurisdiction of original licensure and current licensure;
      A) The time during which the applicant was licensed in that jurisdiction, including the date of the original license;
      B) Whether the files of the jurisdiction contain any record of disciplinary action taken or pending;
   2) A certification, on forms provided by the Division, signed by the Dean of the school or hospital administrator, indicating:
      A) The name and address of the dental school or hospital;
      B) The beginning and ending date of the appointment;
      C) The nature of and the need for the educational service that will be provided by the applicant;
   3) The required fee set forth in Section 1220.415(a)(7).

b) The restricted faculty license shall be valid for 3 years from the date of issuance and may be renewed in accordance with subsection (e).

c) The holder of a restricted faculty license may perform acts as may be required by his or her teaching of dentistry and may practice general dentistry or in his/her area of specialty, including ordering, prescribing and administering controlled substances, but only in a hospital clinic or office affiliated with the dental school. A restricted faculty license holder may apply for and obtain a controlled substances license.

d) Any restricted faculty license and controlled substances license issued to a faculty member shall be terminated immediately and automatically without any further action by the Division if the holder ceases to be a faculty member at an approved dental school or hospital in this State.

e) Renewal
   1) Application for renewal of a restricted faculty license shall be made on forms supplied by the Division at least 30 days prior to expiration of the license. The application shall include:
      A) Certification from the Dean of a dental program or the administrator of the hospital indicating the term of the renewal contract, not to exceed 3 years from the date of the original expiration date;
      B) Certification from the jurisdiction of current licensure indicating the current status of the license; and
      C) The fee set forth in Section 1220.415(b).
   2) Failure to renew a restricted faculty license at least 30 days prior to its expiration shall result in the license expiring. A new application must be submitted.