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certified as accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (CODA). 2. An applicant for a dental license who did not attend an accredited dental school or dental college must successfully complete a post-graduate CODA-approved program in either general dentistry or one of the board approved specialties listed in §122. a. An acceptable general dentistry post-graduate program shall consist of at least two complete, consecutive years of training in no more than two CODA-approved institutions or programs. The board does not accept an accumulation of incomplete programs to satisfy this requirement. b. An acceptable specialty post-graduate program shall consist of at least two consecutive years at the same institution. The board does not accept an accumulation of programs which are less than two years in length to satisfy this requirement. c. If granted a dental license, an applicant who fulfills his or her dental education requirement through a CODA-approved post-graduate program will be required to practice in only the field in which he or she obtained the two years of post-graduate training. B. All applicants for a dental hygiene license shall furnish the board with satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited dental hygiene school, dental hygiene college, or educational program of at least two years in length. C. The phrase satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited dental school, dental college or educational program shall mean receipt of satisfactory evidence from the dean of the applicant's school specifically stating that the applicant will indeed graduate within 90 days following the successful completion of a board-approved clinical licensing examination. D. The president of the board shall withhold his signature on the license of the applicant pending receipt of satisfactory evidence of graduation before awarding the applicant's license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state of Louisiana.

Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part 33, Chapter 17 Licensure

§1701. Scope of Chapter A. This Chapter shall describe all procedures relative to the administration of the clinical licensing examinations for persons wishing to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state of Louisiana. AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(1) and (8). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 24:1118 (June 1998). §1707. Religious Obligations A. There will be no exceptions relative to religious obligations in the conducting of the clinical licensing examinations of the board. AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(1) and (8). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 24:1119 (June 1998). §1709. Examination of Dentists A. An applicant shall be entitled to take the examinations required in this Section to practice dentistry in this state if such applicant: 1. is 18 years of age or older; 2. is of good moral character; 3. is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, if any, or any other nationally-recognized accrediting agency; and 4. has successfully completed the National Board of Dental Examiners dental examination. B. To be licensed as a dentist in this state, an applicant for initial licensure must successfully complete the following: 1. a written examination on the jurisprudence and ethics of the state regulating the practice of dentistry; and 2. the Louisiana state Board of Dentistry approved clinical examination. This examination will be named by the board and this approval may be changed or amended as deemed necessary by the board. C. Examination scores are valid for initial licensure for three years following the candidate's
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passed an examination administered by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry
testing the applicant’s knowledge of the Louisiana Dental Practice Act and the
jurisprudence affecting same; 3. currently possesses a nonrestricted license in
another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2); 4. has been in active practice,
while possessing a nonrestricted license in another state, by: a. working full-
time as a dentist at a minimum of 1,000 hours per year for the preceding three
years before applying for licensure in Louisiana; or b. working full-time in
dental education as a teacher for a minimum of three years immediately prior
to applying for licensure in Louisiana; or c. having successfully completed a
two-year general dentistry residency program, and applying for a Louisiana
dental license by credentials within 180 days of his completion of the program;
or d. having successfully completed a residency program in one of the board-
recognized dental specialties as defined in §301, and applying for a Louisiana
dental license by credentials within 180 days of his completion of the program;
5. successfully completed an initial licensure examination that included
procedures on a live patient; 6. has not failed any clinical licensure
examination a total of three or more times. This number includes the
accumulation of all examinations taken regardless of the testing agency. This
number excludes failures of clinical examinations taken prior to an applicant’s
final year of dental school. A make-up examination counts as an examination.
This prohibition may be overcome if the applicant meets all of the other
requirements of this Rule, including the successful completion of an initial
licensure examination that included procedures on a live patient, and: a. has
been actively practicing with an unrestricted dental license for five years in
another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(2), has not had any discipline by
the dental board in any state, and meets in person with the full board, and
thereafter a majority of the full board votes to overcome this prohibition; or
b. following the last failure of a clinical licensure examination, completes a
dental post-doctoral program of a minimum of one year which is accredited by
an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of
Education, meets in person with the full board, and thereafter a majority of the
full board votes to overcome this prohibition; 7. is endorsed as being in good
standing by the state board of dentistry in the state of current practice and all
prior states of licensure and practice; 8. has no pending criminal charges
against him/her; 9. has paid all nonrefundable costs and fees; 10. has fully
completed the required application form with all supporting data and
certification of competency and good character; 11. has submitted Drug
Enforcement Administration registration certificate number and state narcotics
license number in all states wherein same are held or have been held; 12. has
submitted one recent passport type color photograph; 13. has accounted for all
units of time since graduation from dental school; 14. has furnished three
affidavits of recommendation from professional associates (unrelated to the
applicant) who have knowledge of the applicant’s ability to practice dentistry
after the applicant’s graduation from dental school; 15. has no physical or
psychological impairments which would, in the judgment of the board,
adversely affect his/her ability to practice dentistry; 16. has completed
continuing education in compliance with the rules of all states in which he is
currently licensed and practicing; 17. has, if deemed necessary by the board,
appeared for a personal interview before the board; 18. has shown or provided
a sworn affidavit that there are no unresolved complaints against him/her; 19.
has provided satisfactory explanation of any and all malpractice insurance
payments made on the behalf of the applicant or any of the applicant’s
employers; and 20. has shown that his/her professional liability insurance has
§307. Criteria to be Utilized to Determine Professional Competence, Conduct and Ethics of an Applicant Seeking Licensure by Credentials

A. The following procedures shall be utilized by the board in determining the professional ability, conduct, and character of all applicants for a dental license in Louisiana by licensure by credentials: 1. information from the National Practitioner Data Bank and/or the American Association of Dental Examiners’ Clearinghouse for Disciplinary Information; 2. questioning under oath; 3. drug testing if reasonable cause is presented; 4. background check for criminal or fraudulent activities or conduct reflecting upon one’s professional conduct or ability; 5. the board reserves the right to conduct investigations into any and all information provided to satisfy statutory or regulatory requirements for licensure by credentials.

B. Regardless of the applicant’s compliance with the foregoing and the requirements listed in §306, the board may refuse to issue a dental license based on the applicant’s credentials for any of the following: 1. any material misrepresentation or omission in the application; or 2. any disciplinary action or sanctions taken against an applicant’s license in another jurisdiction; or 3. any reason listed in R.S. 37:775 or R.S. 37:776.

C. False or fraudulent statements or material omission will result in suspension or revocation of licensure if discovered after issuance of a license.

§308. Licensure by Credentials for Those Applicants Possessing D.D.S., D.M.D. and/or M.D. Degrees

A. The board shall issue a license to an applicant without the necessity of further examination except as required by R.S. 37:761, if it is determined that the applicant meets the requirements of §306 of this Chapter or: 1. is a graduate, with either a D.D.S. or D.M.D., of an accredited dental school or college or of a dental department of a university approved by the board and accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; and 2. is licensed to practice dentistry in another state as defined in R.S. 37:751(A)(I); and 3. has successfully completed a graduate training program in a recognized specialty branch of dentistry; or has completed a residency in general dentistry as recognized by the American Dental Association; and 4. is currently duly licensed to practice medicine in this state.
3. oral and maxillofacial surgery;
4. oral pathology;
5. orthodontic and facial orthopedics;
6. pediatric dentistry;
7. periodontics;
8. prosthodontics;
9. oral and maxillofacial radiology;
10. any other area of dentistry for which a dentist has completed a post-doctoral program consisting of at least two full-time years and which program is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education. B. The board approves of the definition of the specialties listed in §122.A and as set forth in §301.D, and acknowledges that those definitions set forth the scope of practice of said specialties. C. A licensed dentist is recognized as a specialist in Louisiana if the dentist meets the standards set forth below. 1. The board finds that terms implying that a dentist is a specialist in some field of dentistry are terms of art indicating that the dentist has completed an accredited postdoctoral educational program in that field of at least two years. Therefore, a licensed dentist seeking specialty recognition must have successfully completed a postdoctoral program in a specialty area of dentistry consisting of at least two full-time years and which is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education. 2. The requirements of Paragraph C.1 of this Section shall not apply to otherwise qualified specialists who have announced their ADA approved specialty prior to the date of promulgation of this rule. 3. Specialists must provide the board with satisfactory documentation of their specialty training. 4. Specialists are required to limit their practice exclusively to the indicated specialty area(s) as defined by the board and its rules. 5. A specialist who wishes to practice general dentistry must be evaluated by the board in accordance with LAC 46:XXXIII.124 to determine the need of remediation prior to practicing general dentistry.

Continuing Education

Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part 33, Chapter 16
Continuing Education Requirements

§1601. Scope of Chapter A. The rules of this Chapter govern the board's minimum continuing education requirements for relicensure and recertification of dentists and dental hygienists as authorized by R.S. 37:760(13), and provides for record keeping, penalties, reporting, exemptions, approved courses of instruction, and all related matters. Except where noted, these rules shall apply equally to dentists and dental hygienists. AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8)(13). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 20:661 (June 1994). §1603. Effective Date A. Beginning January 1, 1995, dentists and dental hygienists licensed to practice in the state of Louisiana, in addition to other requirements, shall complete the minimum hours of continuing education set forth in this Chapter during each renewal period in order to renew or have recertified their licenses, permits or certificates necessary to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state. These continuing education requirements also apply to all dentists and dental hygienists licensed to practice in Louisiana, but are practicing outside of Louisiana. AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8)(13). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 20:661 (June 1994), amended LR 26:489 (March 2000). §1605. Penalties A. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Chapter may be grounds for disciplinary action against the
licensee under R.S. 37:776(A), (3), (24) for dentists, and R.S. 37:777(3), (18) for dental hygienists setting forth cause for the non-issuance, suspension, revocation, or imposition of restrictions on one’s license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene, and/or imposition of a fine as set forth in R.S. 37:780(B). B.1. All continuing education not completed on time shall be completed no later than August of the following calendar year and shall not count toward the continuing education requirements of the subsequent renewal period. 2. A second violation of the continuing education requirements may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, whereas the first violation will not.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8), (13). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 20:661 (June 1994), amended LR 39:2277 (August 2013). §1607. Exemptions A. Continuing education requirements, other than the three-hour opioid management course listed in §1611.A.3, shall not apply to: 1. dentists enrolled in full-time post-graduate specialty training; 2. dental hygienists enrolled in full-time post-graduate training; 3. dentists in the first calendar year of their initial licensure; 4. dental hygienists in the first calendar year of their initial licensure. B. In the event of unusual circumstances or special hardship, the board may excuse licensees from continuing education requirements. C. Dentists renewing their licenses in the calendar year following their initial licensure must complete one-half of the continuing education required under §1611. D. Dental hygienists renewing their licenses in the calendar year following their initial licensure must complete one-half of the continuing education required under §1613. AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8) and (13). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 20:661 (June 1994), amended LR 24:1117 (June 1998), LR 26:1613 (August 2000), repromulgated LR 27:1894 (November 2001), amended LR 41:1284 (July 2015), amended by the Department of Health, Board of Dentistry, LR 44:46 (January 2018). §1609. Reporting and Record Keeping A. Upon renewal of a dental or dental hygiene license, the licensee must list on a form provided by the board the date, location, sponsor, subject matter and hours completed during the past renewal period of continuing education courses. The licensee must attest to the truthfulness of his report by executing his signature where required on the reporting form. B. The licensee shall retain satisfactory documentation such as certificates of attendance as may be necessary to document completion of the required number of continuing education hours. The board will not give credit unless the licensee can prove attendance at the course and, therefore, shall obtain and retain certificates of attendance. With cause, the board may request such documentation. Without cause the board may request such documentation from licensees selected at random. C. Each dentist and dental hygienist shall maintain records of his/her continuing education for three calendar years following the calendar year in which the course was completed. AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:760(8), (13). HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Dentistry, LR 20:661 (June 1994), amended LR 26:489 (March 2000), LR 28:2512 (December 2002).

§1611. Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists A. Unless exempted under §1607, each dentist shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education during each renewal period for the renewal of his/her license to practice dentistry by taking courses approved as set forth in §1615 in the following amounts: 1. 20 hours of personally attended clinical
courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental services to patients; 2. 10 hours of clinical courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental services to patients that may be done in person, online or via correspondence; if done online or via correspondence the courses must require the successful completion of a written examination at the conclusion of the course; 3. 3 of the 30 hours listed in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Subsection must include an opioid management course which includes training on drug diversion, best practice prescribing of controlled substances or appropriate treatment for addiction. Successful completion of this three-hour requirement once during a dentist’s career shall satisfy this requirement in full. A dentist can become exempt from this requirement by submitting to the board a certification form attesting that he has not prescribed, administered, or dispensed a controlled dangerous substance during the entire renewal period. B. Continuing education ordered as a result of disciplinary matters shall not serve as credit for mandatory continuing education unless specifically authorized in a consent decree or in an order issued by the board. C. Past and present dentist members of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry are allowed four hours of continuing dental education credit for each meeting of the American Association of Dental Examiners attended by said past or present dentist member. D. No credit will be given for activities directed primarily to persons preparing for licensure in Louisiana.

E. Dentists who are on staffs of hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations may receive continuing education credit for those continuing education courses provided by said hospital. F. Dentists will be awarded three clinical credit hours for successful completion of cardiopulmonary resuscitation course “C”, basic life support for healthcare providers as defined by the American Heart Association or the Red Cross professional rescue course. When being audited for compliance with cardiopulmonary resuscitation course completion, a photocopy of the CPR card evidencing successful completion of the course for each year shall be appended to the form. G.1. Dentists who successfully complete certification courses in advanced cardiac life support continuing education will be awarded up to 16 hours of clinical continuing dental education. However, dentists completing the shorter recertification course in advanced cardiac life support will be awarded 3 hours of clinical continuing dental education. 2. Dentists who successfully complete the certification courses in pediatric advanced cardiac life support continuing education will be awarded up to 14 hours of clinical continuing dental education. However, dentists completing the shorter recertification course in PALS will be awarded 6 hours of clinical continuing dental education. H. In order to renew permits for the administration of deep sedation or moderate sedation, each licensee shall complete an in person adult sedation course of a minimum of 12 hours pertinent to the level of their sedation permit no less than once every four years. If the permit has a pediatric certification, then the aforementioned 12 hours must address pediatric sedation. If the holder of a permit with a pediatric certification sedates persons above the age of 12 as well as persons below the age of 13, the permit holder must take both the adult and the pediatric sedation courses for a total of 24 in-person hours. If the holder of the permit with a pediatric certification sedates only persons below the age of 13, and signs a certification to that effect, then only the 12hour in-person pediatric sedation course is necessary. These hours will count towards the requirement of §1611.A.1. The CPR, ACLS, and PALS courses required in §§1503 and 1504 do not count toward the requirements set forth in this Section. Recertification for deep
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