## Initial Licensure Examination Requirements

The Nebraska Board of Dentistry has determined that the following examinations will be accepted for Dental license applications completed between September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 (A passing score for each examination is determined by the respective testing agency):

- **2019-2020 ADEX** with a patient based periodontal examination, with a passing score of 75
- **2019-2020 CDCA** with either the CDCA Patient based Periodontal Examination or the CRDTS Patient based Periodontal Examination, with a passing score of 75
- **2019-2020 CITA** with a passing score of 75
- **2019-2020 CRDTS** with a passing score of 75
- **2019-2020 SRTA** with CRDTS Periodontal Examination, with a passing score of 75
- **2019-2020 WREB** with CRDTS Prosthodontic Manikin Examination or the WREB Prosthodontic Manikin Examination or the CDCA Prosthodontic Manikin Examination, with a passing score of 75

(Source: Nebraska Board of Dentistry - Dentist Application)

## General Licensure Requirements

**Nebraska Statutes 38-1117. Dentistry; license; requirements.**

(1) Every applicant for a license to practice dentistry shall (a) present proof of graduation with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree or a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from an accredited school or college of dentistry, (b) pass an examination approved by the Board of Dentistry which shall consist of the National Board Dental Examinations, both Part I and Part II, as constructed and administered by the American Dental Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, (c) demonstrate the applicant's skill in clinical dentistry by passing the practical examination administered by the Central Regional Dental Testing Service or any other regional or state practical examination that the Board of Dentistry determines to be comparable to such practical examination, (d) pass a jurisprudence examination approved by the board that is based on the Nebraska statutes, rules, and regulations governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, and (e) demonstrate continuing clinical competency as a condition of licensure if required by the board.

(2) Upon completion of these requirements, the department, with the recommendation of the board, shall issue the applicant a license to practice dentistry.

**172 Nebraska Administrative Code 56-003.01 Dentist Licensure**

**56-003.01A Qualifications:** To receive a credential to practice dentistry, an individual must meet the following qualifications:

1. **Age and Good Character:** Be at least 19 years old and of good character;
2. **Citizenship/Lawful Presence Information:** For purposes of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 to 4-114, be a citizen of the United States or qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. For purposes of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-129, be a citizen of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted into the United States who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act, or a nonimmigrant lawfully present in the United States who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act;
3. **Education:** Graduate from an accredited school or college of Dentistry with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctorate of Dental Medicine (DMD);
4. **Experience:** Applicants that are applying on the basis of licensure in another state must have engaged in the active practice of dentistry or in a dental residency or graduate training program for at least three years and one of the
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.

### Nebraska Statutes 38-1120. Dentist; reciprocity; requirements
Every applicant for a license to practice dentistry based on a license in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia shall meet the standards set by the board pursuant to section 38-126 and shall have been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry for at least three years, one of which must be within the three years immediately preceding the application, under a license in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia. Practice in an accredited school or college of dentistry for the purpose of completing a postgraduate or residency program in dentistry also serves as active practice toward meeting this requirement.

#### 172 Nebraska Administrative Code 56-003.01 Dentist Licensure
4. Experience: Applicants that are applying on the basis of licensure in another state must have engaged in the active practice of dentistry or in a dental residency or graduate training program for at least three years and one of the three years must have been within the three years immediately preceding the date of application.

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Practice Requirement for Reciprocity Applicants: If you are applying for a dental license by reciprocity, you are required to provide proof that you have been actively engaged in the practice of dentistry for at least three (3) years with one (1) of those years being within the past three (3) years. Acceptable proof of active practice can include:
- A copy of your W-2’s;
- A letter from your employer/practice partner on their letterhead stating the beginning and ending dates of employment and approximate number of hours worked per week.

### Continuing Education
172 Nebraska Administrative Code 56-005 Continuing Competency Requirements
Each dentist and dental hygienist holding an active credential within the state must, on or before the date of expiration of the credential, comply with the continuing competency requirements for his/her profession, unless the requirements are waived in accordance with 172 NAC 56-006.03 and 56-006.04. Individuals that hold a temporary dentist license are not required to comply with continuing competency requirements. Each credentialed individual

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is responsible for maintaining certificates or records of continuing competency activities.

56-005.01 On or before the expiration date of the credential, the credential holder must complete 30 hours of acceptable continuing competency requirements in the 24-month preceding the expiration date of the credential.

56-005.02 Acceptable Continuing Competency Activities:

1. State and National meetings, i.e., a meeting of the local, state, or American Dental Association, local, state, or American Dental Hygiene Association, National Dental Association, and/or educational programs sponsored by the recognized specialty groups in dentistry of the American Dental Association;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of attendance, and only the portion of such meeting which meets the definition of continuing education can be accepted for credit.

2. District meetings and Study Clubs. In order to qualify as a Study Club in the State of Nebraska, the Dental Study Club must have a charter or constitution, officers, and consist of at least four licensed members. The Study Club must submit a list of meetings, including length, date, and topics by March 1 of the reporting period;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of attendance, and only the portion of such meeting which meets the definition of continuing education can be accepted for credit.

3. Formal education courses which relate directly to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of attendance.

4. University-sponsored courses in continuing education in dentistry or dental hygiene;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of attendance.

5. Licensee acting as table clinician or lecturer to licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists or dental auxiliaries or licensee attending table clinics;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of presentation or attendance; allowable credit limited to 2 hours within a 24-month renewal period.

6. Home study with testing mechanism. If there is not a testing mechanism or certificate of completion, the licensee must submit an abstract or resume of the material covered to the Board of Dentistry. The abstract or resume must be written by only the licensee and will be reviewed by members of the Board's subcommittee on continuing education;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of study; allowable credit limited to 10 hours within a 24-month renewal period.

7. Direct clinical observation;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of direct clinical observation; allowable credit limited to 2 hours within a 24-month renewal period.

8. Initial Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification or CPR recertification;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of study;
   b. Allowable credit limited to 10 hours for initial CPR certification within a 24-month renewal period; and
   c. Allowable credit limited to 4 hours for CPR re-certification within a 24-month renewal period.

9. Faculty Overseeing Student Dental Clinics;
   a. One hour credit for each hour of faculty overseeing student dental clinics; allowable credit limited to 5 hours within a 24-month renewal period.

10. Dental Public Health continuing education;
56-005.03 Dental Locum Tenens are not required to meet continuing competency requirements.

56-006 Renewal: An individual who wants to renew his/her dental or dental hygiene credential must request renewal as specified in 172 NAC 56-006.02. All dental or dental hygiene credentials issued by the Department will expire on March 1 of each odd-numbered year. Except temporary dental license will expire one year from the date of issuance, or when the postgraduate/residency program ends.

56-006.01 Renewal Notice: At least 30 days before the expiration of a credential, the Department will notify each credential holder at the last known address of record. The renewal notice will include:
1. The type of credential;
2. The credential number;
3. The expiration date;
4. Continuing competency requirements for renewal of dentist and dental hygienist credentials only;
5. Proof of enrollment in a postgraduate/residency program for renewal of temporary dentist credentials,
6. The amount of the renewal fee; and
7. Information on how to request renewal and how to place a credential on inactive status.

56-006.02 Renewal Procedures: The request for renewal may be submitted in person, by mail, or by Internet, and must include all required documentation and the renewal fee, which must be paid no later than the expiration date. The applicant may obtain an application from the Department or construct an application that must contain the following information:
1. Application: The applicant, on his/her application:
   a. Must provide the following information:
      (1) The legal name of the applicant, maiden name (if applicable), and any other names by which the applicant is known;
      (2) Mailing address (street, rural route, or post office address; and city, state, and zip code, or country information);
      (3) The applicant’s:
         (a) Social Security Number (SSN);
         (b) Alien Registration Number (A#); or
         (c) Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) number. Certain applicants may have not a SSN and an A# or I-94 number, and if so, must report both.
   b. May provide the following information about him/herself:
      (1) The applicant’s telephone number including area code;
      (2) The applicant’s e-mail address; and
      (3) The applicant’s fax number:
   c. Must attest that s/he:
      (1) Is of good character;
(2) Has met the continuing competency requirements specified in 172 NAC 56-005 or has requested a waiver if s/he meets the requirements of 172 NAC 56-006.03 and/or 56-006.04;
(3) Has not, since the last renewal of the credential, committed any act which would be grounds for action against the credential as specified in 172 NAC 56-007 or if an act(s) was committed, provide an explanation of all such acts;
(4) For purposes of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 4-108 to 4-114, is a citizen of the United States or qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act; and
(5) For purposes of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-129, is a citizen of the United States, an alien lawfully admitted into the United States who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act, or a nonimmigrant lawfully present in the United States who is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act.
2. Documentation: The applicant must submit the following documentation with the application:
   a. Alien or Nonimmigrant: Evidence of lawful presence, and/or immigration status may include a copy of:
      (1) A Green Card, otherwise known as a Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551), both front and back of the card;
      (2) An unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired Temporary I-551 stamp bearing the same name as the passport;
      (3) A document showing an Alien Registration Number (“A#”). An employment Authorization Card/Document is not acceptable; or
      (4) A Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record);
   b. Other Credential Information: If the applicant holds or has held a credential to provide health services, health-related services, or environmental services in Nebraska or in another jurisdiction, the applicant must submit the state, credential number, type of credential, date issued, and expiration date of each credential;
   c. Disciplinary Action: A list of any disciplinary actions taken against the applicant’s credential and a copy of the disciplinary action(s), including charges and disposition;
   d. Denial: If the applicant was denied a credential or denied the right to take a credentialing examination, an explanation of the basis for the denial;
   e. Conviction Information: If the applicant has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor since his/her last renewal or during the time period since initial credentialing if such occurred within the previous two years, the applicant must submit to the Department:
      (1) A list of any misdemeanor or felony convictions;
      (2) A copy of court record, which includes charges and disposition;
      (3) Explanation from the applicant of the events leading to the conviction (what, when, where, why) and a summary of actions the applicant has taken to address the behaviors/actions related to the convictions;
      (4) All addiction/mental health evaluations and proof of treatment, if the conviction involved a drug and/or alcohol related offense and if treatment was obtained and/or required;
      (5) A letter from the probation officer addressing probationary conditions and current status, if the applicant is currently on probation; and
      (6) Any other information as requested by the Board/Department;
   f. Temporary dentists are required to provide proof of enrollment in a postgraduate/residency program;
3. The renewal fee according to 172 NAC 2.

### 56-006.03 Waivers for Military Service
A credential holder who has served in the regular armed forces of the United States during part of the credentialing period immediately preceding the renewal date, or is actively engaged in military service, as defined in 172 NAC 56-002, is not required to pay the renewal fee or to meet the continuing competency requirements if acceptable documentation is submitted to the Department. The individual must document his/her military service by submitting to the Department:
1. Military identification proving that s/he is in active service;
2. Military orders; or
3. A letter from his/her Commanding Officer indicating that s/he is on active duty. Upon receipt of acceptable documentation, the Department will waive the fee and the continuing competency requirements and renew the credential. The credential will remain active until the next renewal period.

### 56-006.04 Waiver of Continuing Competency Requirements
The Department waives continuing competency requirements for individuals who were first credentialed within the 24-month period immediately preceding the renewal date.

### 56-006.05 Audit Of Continuing Competency Requirements
The Department or the Board may biennially select, in a random manner, a sample of the renewal applications for audit of continuing competency requirements. Each credential holder selected for audit must produce documentation of the continuing competency activities.

#### 56-006.05A
The Department will notify each selected credential holder by mail. Failure to notify the Department of a current mailing address will not absolve the credential holder from the requirement for audit.

#### 56-006.05B
Within 30 days, each selected credential holder must respond by submitting documentation that s/he has met the requirements for continuing competency. An extension beyond 30 days for submission of the documentation may be granted at the discretion of the Department. Documentation submitted by the credential holder will not be returned.

#### 56-006.05C
Acceptable documentation that the credential holder has met the continuing competency requirements includes documentation of attendance at or participation in acceptable continuing education activities;

#### 56-006.05D
The Department will review the submitted documentation to determine if the credential holder has met the requirements for continuing competency activities for renewal of the credential. Only documented activities/hours that meet the continuing competency requirements will be counted toward the total requirements for renewal.

#### 56-006.05E
The Department will notify the credential holder upon satisfactory completion of the audit.

#### 56-006.05F
The credential of any person who fails to comply with the conditions of the audit will expire 30 days after notice and an opportunity for a hearing.

#### 56-006.05G
The Board reserves the right to audit continuing competency requirements of any credential holder by notifying the credential holder and requesting that s/he produce the required documentation of attendance at or participation in acceptable continuing competency programs within 30 days of mailing.

### 56-006.06 Department Review
The Department will act within 150 days upon all completed applications for renewal.

### 56-006.06A
False Information: The Department may refuse to renew a credential for falsification of any information submitted for renewal of a
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