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| Other License by Credential Requirements | Statute § 90-36. Licensing practitioners of other states.  
(a) The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners may issue a license by credentials to an applicant who has been licensed to practice dentistry in any state or territory of the United States if the applicant produces satisfactory evidence to the Board that the applicant has the required education, training, and qualifications, is in good standing with the licensing jurisdiction, has passed satisfactory examinations of proficiency in the knowledge and practice of dentistry as determined by the Board, and meets all other requirements of this section and rules adopted by the Board. The Board may conduct examinations and interviews to test the qualifications of the applicant and may require additional information that would affect the applicant's ability to render competent dental care. The Board may, in its discretion, refuse to issue a license by credentials to an applicant who the Board determines is unfit to practice dentistry.  
(b) The applicant for licensure by credentials shall be of good moral character and shall have graduated from and have a DDS or DMD degree from a program of dentistry in a school or college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and approved by the Board.  
(c) The applicant must meet all of the following conditions:  
(1) Has been actively practicing dentistry, as defined in G.S. 90-29(b)(1) through (b)(9), for a minimum of five years immediately preceding the date of application.  
(2) Has not been the subject of final or pending disciplinary action in the Armed Forces of the United States, in any state or territory in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed to practice dentistry, or in any state or territory in which the applicant has held any other professional license.  
(3) Presents evidence that the applicant has no felony convictions and that the applicant has no other criminal convictions that would affect the applicant’s ability to render competent dental care.  
(4) Has not failed an examination conducted by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.  
(d) The applicant for licensure by credentials shall submit an application to the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners, the form of which shall be determined by the Board, pay the fee required by G.S. 90-39, successfully complete examinations in Jurisprudence and Sterilization and Infection Control, and meet the criteria or requirements established by the Board.  
(e) The holder of a license issued under this section shall establish a practice location and actively practice dentistry, as defined in G.S. 90-29(b)(1) through (b)(9), in North Carolina within one year from the date the license is issued. The license issued under this section shall be void upon a finding by the Board that the licensee fails to limit the
licensee’s practice to North Carolina or that the licensee no longer actively practices dentistry in North Carolina. However, when a dentist licensed under this section faces possible Board action to void the dentist’s license for failure to limit the dentist’s practice to North Carolina, if the dentist demonstrates to the Board that out-of-state practice actions were in connection with formal contract or employment arrangements for the dentist to provide needed clinical dental care to patients who are part of an identified ethnic or racial minority group living in a region of the other state with low access to dental care, the Board, in its discretion, may waive the in-State limitations on the out-of-state practice for a maximum of 12 months. (1935, c. 66, s. 9; 1971, c. 755, s. 7; 1981, c. 751, s. 6; 2002-37, s. 2; 2009-289, s. 1; 2011-183, s. 58.)

RULE SECTION .0500 – LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS
21 NCAC 16B .0501 DENTAL LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS
(a) An applicant for a dental license by credentials shall submit to the Board:
(1) a completed, notarized application form provided by the Board;
(2) the non-refundable licensure by credentials fee;
(3) an affidavit from the applicant stating for the five years immediately preceding the application:
(A) the dates that and locations where the applicant has practiced dentistry;
(B) that the applicant has provided at least 5,000 hours of clinical care directly to patients, not including post graduate training, residency programs or an internship; and
(C) that the applicant has continuously held an active, unrestricted dental license issued by another U.S. state or U.S. territory;
(4) a statement disclosing and explaining any investigations, malpractice claims, state or federal agency complaints, judgments, settlements, or criminal charges;
(5) a statement disclosing and explaining periods within the last 10 years of any voluntary or involuntary commitment to any hospital or treatment facility, observation, assessment, or treatment for substance abuse, with verification demonstrating that the applicant has complied with all provisions and terms of any county or state drug treatment program, or impaired dentists or other impaired professionals program;
(6) a copy of a current CPR certificate; and
(7) a statement disclosing whether or not the applicant holds or has ever held a registration with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and whether such registration has ever been surrendered or revoked.
(b) In addition to the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, an applicant for a dental license by credentials shall arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board office the following documents as a package, with each document in an unopened envelope sealed by the entity involved:
(1) official transcripts verifying that the applicant graduated from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;
(2) if the applicant is or has ever been employed as a dentist by or under contract with a federal agency, a letter certifying the applicant’s current status and disciplinary history from each federal agency where the applicant is or has been employed or under contract;
(3) a certificate of the applicant’s licensure status from the dental regulatory authority or other occupational or professional regulatory authority and a full, fair and accurate disclosure of any disciplinary action taken or investigation pending, from all licensing jurisdictions where the applicant holds or has ever held a dental license or other occupational or professional license;
(4) a report from the National Practitioner Databank;
(5) a report of any pending or final malpractice actions against the applicant verified by the malpractice insurance carrier covering the applicant. The applicant shall submit a letter of coverage history from all current and all previous malpractice insurance carriers covering the applicant;

(6) a score certification letter from a dental professional regulatory board or regional testing agency of a passing score on a clinical licensure examination substantially equivalent to the clinical licensure examination required in North Carolina by Rule .0303 of this Subchapter. The examination shall be administered by the dental professional regulatory board or a regional testing agency. The score certification letter shall:

(A) state that the examination included procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of restorative clinical competencies and included evaluations in periodontics and at least three of the following subject areas:

(i) endodontics, clinical abilities testing;
(ii) amalgam preparation and restoration;
(iii) anterior composite preparation and restoration;
(iv) posterior ceramic or composite preparation and restoration;
(v) prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing;
(vi) oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; or
(vii) oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing; and

(B) state that licensure examinations after January 1, 1998 included:

(i) anonymity between candidates and examination graders;
(ii) standardization and calibration of graders; and
(iii) a mechanism for post exam analysis;

(7) the applicant’s passing score on the Dental National Board Part I and Part II written examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; and

(8) the applicant’s passing score on the licensure examination in general dentistry conducted by a regional testing agency or independent state licensure examination substantially equivalent to the clinical licensure examination required in North Carolina as set out in Subparagraph (b)(6) of this Rule.

(c) All information required shall be completed and received by the Board office as a complete package with the initial application and application fee. Incomplete applications shall be returned to the applicant.

(d) All applicants shall submit to the Board a signed release form, completed Fingerprint Record Card, and other form(s) required to perform a criminal history check at the time of the application. The forms are available at the Board office.

(e) An applicant for dental licensure by credentials must pass written examinations as set out in G.S. 90-36 and, if deemed necessary based on the applicant’s history, a clinical simulation examination administered by the Board. An applicant who fails the written examination may retake it two additional times during a one year period. The applicant shall wait at least 72 hours before attempting to retake a written examination. Individuals who fail the clinical examination or do not pass the written examination after three attempts within one year may not reapply for licensure by credentials.

(f) Should the applicant reapply for licensure by credentials, an additional licensure by credentials fee shall be required at the time of each reapplication.

(g) Any license obtained through fraud or by any false representation shall be void ab initio and of no effect.