### Initial Licensure Examination Requirements

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Source: Oregon Board of Dentistry Licensure by Examination Application

### General Licensure Requirements

**Oregon Revised Statutes 679.060 Application for license, fees, grounds for refusal**

1. Any person desiring to practice dentistry in this state shall file an application with the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
2. At the time of making the application, the applicant shall:
   a. Pay to the board the required application and examination fee.
   b. Furnish the board with evidence satisfactory to the board of details of any convictions recorded in any police records. Such details are subject to the findings required by ORS 670.280.
   c. Present to the board a diploma or evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental education program approved by the board.
3. If an applicant has been in practice in another state or states the applicant shall furnish an affidavit from the secretary of the board of dental examiners or similar body of such state or states that the applicant has been engaged in the legal practice of dentistry in such state or states for a period of time prescribed by the rules of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
4. The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been convicted of a violation of the law if the board makes the findings required by ORS 670.280. A certified copy of the record of conviction is conclusive evidence of conviction.
5. The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has been disciplined by a state licensing or regulatory agency of this or another state regarding any health care profession when, in the judgment of the board, the act or conduct resulting in the disciplinary action bears a demonstrable relationship to the ability of the licensee or applicant to practice dentistry in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the disciplinary action.
6. The board may refuse to issue a license to or renew a license of an applicant who has falsified a license application, or any person for any cause described under ORS 679.140 or 679.170.
7. Fees paid are not refundable

**Oregon Revised Statutes 679.065 Qualifications of applicants; rules.**

1. An applicant for a dental license shall be entitled to take the examination to practice dentistry in Oregon if the applicant:
   a. Is 18 years of age or older; and
   b. 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, which must have been approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
2. Foreign trained graduates of dental programs may apply for the dental licensure examination, providing the applicant meets the board’s requirements, by rule, as will reasonably assure that an applicant’s training and education are sufficient for licensure. [1983 c.169 §5]

**Oregon Revised Statutes 679.070 Examination; certain other examination results in lieu of examination.**

1. The Oregon Board of Dentistry may administer written, laboratory or clinical examinations to test professional knowledge and skills.
2. The examination shall be elementary and practical in character but sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dentistry. It shall include, written in the English language, questions on any subjects.
pertaining to dental science. The written examination may be supplemented by oral examination. Demonstrations of the applicant’s skill in operative and prosthetic dentistry also may be required.

(3) The board may accept the results of national standardized examinations in satisfaction of the written examination as authorized by this section, and shall accept the results of regional testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states in satisfaction of the laboratory or clinical examination authorized under this section, provided:

(a) The test or examination was taken within five years of the date of application; and (b) The applicant received a passing score on the test or examination as established by the board by rule.

(4) The board shall accept the results of regional testing agencies or of clinical board examinations administered by other states in satisfaction of the examinations authorized under this section for applicants who have engaged in the active practice of dentistry in other states, in Oregon or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for at least 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application and who meet all other requirements for licensure.

679.080 Reexamination of applicants; rules. The Oregon Board of Dentistry may adopt rules requiring additional education and examination of applicants who have failed the licensing examination three times.

679.090 Issuance of license. The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall, upon the applicant’s satisfactory completion of the educational requirements and written, laboratory and clinical examinations authorized under this chapter and upon receipt of the requisite fees, issue or renew the appropriate dental license.

Oregon Administrative Rules 818-021-0010 Application for License to Practice Dentistry

(1) An applicant to practice general dentistry, in addition to the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
(b) Having graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada, completion of a predoctoral dental education program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and proficiency in the English language; and
(c) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination.

(2) An applicant who has not met the educational requirements for licensure may apply for examination if the Dean of an accredited school certifies the applicant will graduate.

(3) An applicant must pass a Board examination consisting of a clinical portion administered by the Board, or any clinical Board examination administered by any state or regional testing agency and a jurisprudence portion administered by the Board. Clinical examination results will be recognized by the Board for five years.

(4) An applicant who passes the clinical portion but not the jurisprudence portion of the examination may retake the jurisprudence examination without limit on the number of times. The applicant must pass the jurisprudence portion within five years of passing the clinical portion or must retake the clinical examination.
(5) A person who fails any Board approved clinical examination three times must successfully complete the remedial training recommended by the testing agency. Such remedial training must be conducted by a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

License by Credential/Endorsement Requirements

**Oregon Administrative Rules 818-021-0011 Application for License to Practice Dentistry Without Further Examination**

(1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may grant a license without further examination to a dentist who holds a license to practice dentistry in another state or states if the dentist meets the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065 and submits to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or

(b) Having graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada, completion of a predoctoral dental education program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or completion of a postdoctoral General Dentistry Residency program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and proficiency in the English language; and

(c) Having passed the dental clinical examination conducted by a regional testing agency or by a state dental licensing authority; and

(d) Holding an active license to practice dentistry, without restrictions, in any state; including documentation from the state dental board(s) or equivalent authority, that the applicant was issued a license to practice dentistry, without restrictions, and whether or not the licensee is, or has been, the subject of any final or pending disciplinary action; and

(e) Having conducted licensed clinical practice in Oregon, other states or in the Armed Forces of the United States, the United States Public Health Service or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a minimum of 3,500 hours in the five years immediately preceding application. Licensed clinical practice could include hours devoted to teaching by dentists employed by a dental education program in a CODA accredited dental school, with verification from the dean or appropriate administration of the institution documenting the length and terms of employment, the applicant's duties and responsibilities, the actual hours involved in teaching clinical dentistry, and any adverse actions or restrictions; and

(f) Having completed 40 hours of continuing education in accordance with the Board's continuing education requirements contained in these rules within the two years immediately preceding application.

(2) Applicants must pass the Board's Jurisprudence Examination.

(3) A dental license granted under this rule will be the same as the license held in another state; i.e., if the dentist holds a general dentistry license, the Oregon Board will issue a general (unlimited) dentistry license. If the dentist holds a license limited to the practice of a specialty, the Oregon Board will issue a license limited to the practice of that specialty. If the dentist holds more than one license, the Oregon Board will issue a dental license which is least restrictive.

Continuing Education

**Oregon Administrative Rules 818-021-0060 Continuing Education — Dentists**

(1) Each dentist must complete 40 hours of continuing education every two years. Continuing education (C.E.) must be directly related to clinical patient care or the practice of dental public health.

(2) Dentists must maintain records of successful completion of continuing education for at least four licensure years consistent with the licensee's
licensure cycle. (A licensure year for dentists is April 1 through March 31.) The
licensee, upon request by the Board, shall provide proof of successful
completion of continuing education courses.

(3) Continuing education includes:
(a) Attendance at lectures, dental study groups, college post-graduate
courses, or scientific sessions at conventions.
(b) Research, graduate study, teaching or preparation and presentation of
scientific sessions. No more than 12 hours may be in teaching or scientific
sessions. (Scientific sessions are defined as scientific presentations, table
clinics, poster sessions and lectures.)
(c) Correspondence courses, videotapes, distance learning courses or
similar self-study course, provided that the course includes an examination
and the dentist passes the examination.
(d) Continuing education credit can be given for volunteer pro bono dental
services provided in the state of Oregon; community oral health instruction at a
public health facility located in the state of Oregon; authorship of a publication,
book, chapter of a book, article or paper published in a professional journal;
participation on a state dental board, peer review, or quality of care review
procedures; successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations
taken after initial licensure; a recognized specialty examination taken after
initial licensure; or test development for clinical dental, dental hygiene or
specialty examinations. No more than 6 hours of credit may be in these areas.

(4) At least three hours of continuing education must be related to medical
emergencies in a dental office. No more than four hours of Practice
Management and Patient Relations may be counted toward the C.E.
requirement in any renewal period.

(5) All dentists licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry will complete a
one-hour pain management course specific to Oregon provided by the Pain
Management Commission of the Oregon Health Authority. All applicants or
licensees shall complete this requirement by January 1, 2010 or within 24
months of the first renewal of the dentist’s license.

(6) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to
infection control.

(7) At least two (2) hours of continuing education must be related to
cultural competency (Effective January 1, 2021.)

| Specialty Practice | Oregon Revised Statutes 679.546 Advertising as specialist; requirements: rules. (1) A dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry may advertise that the dentist is a specialist in one or more areas of dentistry if the dentist:

(a) Has completed a post-doctoral residency program that is at least two
years in length and is accredited by the Commission on Dental
Accreditation, or its successor organization, and approved by the board
by rule;

(b) Is a specialist as defined by the National Commission on Recognition of
Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, or its successor organization,
and adopted by the board by rule; or

(c) Has completed an advanced dental education program that is at least
two years in length and is recognized by the United States Department
of Education, and approved by the board by rule.

(2) The board may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this section. | Oregon Administrative Rules 818-021-0012 Specialties Recognized
(1) A dentist may advertise that the dentist is an endodontist, oral and
maxillofacial pathologist, oral and maxillofacial surgeon, oral and maxillofacial
radiologist, orthodontist and dentofacial orthopedist, pediatric dentist. |
periodontist, prosthodontist or dental public health dentist, only if the dentist is licensed or certified by the Board in the specialty in accordance with Board rules.

(2) A dentist may advertise that the dentist specializes in or is a specialist in endodontics, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral and maxillofacial radiology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics or dental public health only if the dentist is licensed or certified by the Board in the specialty in accordance with Board rules.

**Oregon Administrative Rules 818-021-0015 Certification as a Specialist**

The Board may certify a dentist as a specialist if the dentist:

(1) Holds a current Oregon dental license;
(2) Is a diplomate of or a fellow in a specialty board accredited or recognized by the American Dental Association; or
(3) Has completed a post-graduate program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or
(4) Was qualified to advertise as a specialist under former OAR 818-010-0061.

**Oregon Administrative Rules 818-021-0017 Application to Practice as a Specialist**

(1) A dentist who wishes to practice as a specialist in Oregon, who does not have a current Oregon license, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Having graduated from a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and active licensure as a general dentist in another state. Licensure as a general dentist must have been obtained as a result of the passage of any clinical Board examination administered by any state or regional testing agency;
(b) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination; and
(c) Proof of satisfactory completion of a post-graduate specialty program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

(2) A dentist who graduated from a dental school located outside the United States or Canada who wishes to practice as a specialist in Oregon, who does not have a current Oregon license, in addition to meeting the requirements set forth in ORS 679.060 and 679.065, shall submit to the Board satisfactory evidence of:

(a) Completion of a post-graduate specialty program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, proficiency in the English language, and evidence of active licensure as a general dentist in another state obtained as a result of the passage of any clinical Board examination administered by any state or regional testing agency; or
(b) Completion of a post-graduate specialty program of not less than two years at a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, proficiency in the English language and certification of having successfully passed the clinical examination administered by any state or regional testing agency within the five years immediately preceding application; and
(c) Certification of having passed the dental examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or Canadian National Dental Examining Board Examination; and
(3) An applicant who meets the above requirements shall be issued a specialty license upon:
(a) Passing a specialty examination approved by the Board.
(b) Passing the Board's jurisprudence examination.
(4) Any applicant who does not pass the first examination for a specialty license may apply for a second and third regularly scheduled specialty examination. The applicable fee and application for the reexamination shall be submitted to the Board at least 45 days before the scheduled examination. If the applicant fails to pass the third examination for the practice of a recognized specialty, the applicant will not be permitted to retake the particular specialty examination until he/she has attended and successfully passed a remedial program prescribed by a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and approved by the Board.
(5) Licenses issued under this rule shall be limited to the practice of the specialty only.