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| **Other License by Credential Requirements** | Statute 40-15-275. License by credentials; requirements.  
(A) The board 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 complies with the provisions of Regulation 39-1 B. and produces evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has:  
(1) satisfactorily passed a state or regional clinical board examination approved by the board and a jurisprudence examination on the laws of this State and regulations as they relate to the practice of dentistry as approved by the board and administered in the English language;  
(2) a current license to practice dentistry issued by another state or United States territory that is not revoked, suspended, or restricted;  
(3) been actively practicing dentistry for a minimum of five years immediately preceding the date of application. "Actively practicing" means working a minimum of twelve hundred hours a year in a private practice or public health or military clinical setting or the combination of twelve hundred hours a year of clinical instructing at a Commission on Dental Accreditation approved dental school and private practice;  
(4) completed seventy hours of continuing education over the past five years;  
(5) not been the subject of any final or pending disciplinary action in the military or in any state or territory in which the applicant has held any other professional license;  
(6) no felony convictions and no other criminal convictions that would affect the applicant’s ability to render competent dental care;  
(7) signed a release allowing the disclosure of information from the National Practitioner Data Bank and the verification of registration status with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration;  
(8) agreed to submit to substance abuse testing if requested by the board;  
(9) agreed, upon request of the board, to provide proof that the applicant has no physical or psychological impairment that would adversely affect his or her ability to practice dentistry with reasonable skill and safety.  
(B) The board may conduct examinations and interviews to test the qualifications of an applicant and may require additional information to ascertain the applicant's ability to render competent dental care including, but not limited to, requiring substance abuse testing or proof that no physical or psychological impairment exists that would adversely affect the applicant’s ability to practice dentistry with reasonable skill and safety. The board may refuse to issue a license by credentials to an applicant who the board determines is unfit to practice dentistry.  
(C) If a licensee has not established an active practice in this State within two years of receiving a license by credentials, the license is automatically revoked. |
In order to provide the means of carrying out and enforcing the provisions of this section and the duties of the board, the board is authorized to charge and collect fees as established in regulation.

Regulation 39–1. License to Practice Dentistry.

A. The South Carolina Board of Dentistry has no reciprocal licensure arrangement with any other jurisdiction.

B. No applicant shall be examined by the Board to practice dentistry in this state unless the applicant shall:

1. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
2. Present such evidence of good moral character as is required by the Board.
3. Present to the Board satisfactory evidence of graduation from a dental college approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Dental and Dental Auxiliary Educational Programs of the American Dental Association. The Board may, in its discretion, accept as such satisfactory evidence of graduation any of the following:
   a. A notarized copy of the applicant’s diploma or other certificate of graduation from an approved dental college.
   b. A sworn statement from the Dean of the dental college stating that the applicant has graduated from such dental college.
4. Complete the application to practice dentistry in South Carolina on the form furnished by the Board at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the examination. In making the application the applicant authorizes the Board to verify the information contained in the application or to seek such further information pertinent to the applicant’s qualification or character as the Board may deem proper.
5. Pay to the Board a fee as prescribed by the Board at the same time the application is received by the Board.

C. The Board shall require each applicant to successfully complete an examination before such applicant is licensed. The examination may be given either orally, or in writing, or by requiring a practical demonstration of the applicant’s skill, or by any combination of such methods as the Board may in its discretion require. Each applicant shall furnish their own patient on the exam. The selection of this patient as well as the final treatment for this patient shall be considered in the final grade.

D. The Board may automatically disqualify any person who may be detected using or attempting to use any unfair assistance during the exam.

E. Dentists licensed in any state or territory of the United States may be issued a license to practice dentistry in this State if the applicant complies with the provisions of Regulation 39-1(B) and Section 40–15–275 and pays a fee for licensure by credentials. The Board may waive a portion of the fee upon agreement with an applicant to practice exclusively in a rural county for not less than two consecutive years.

F. The Board may charge fees as shown in South Carolina Code of Regulations Chapter 10–12 and on the South Carolina Board of Dentistry website at http://llr.sc.gov/POL/Dentistry.

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

POLICY / PROCEDURE: DENTAL LICENSE BY CREDENTIALS – WAIVER OF FEES

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 40-15-275; Board Regulation 39-1(D)

POLICY

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<td>An applicant for a license by credentials may request a partial fee waiver of $1500.00 of the application fee upon completion of a “Request for Waiver Form.” The Request for Waiver Form provides a list of counties in South Carolina that have been designated as “rural” by the South Board and with assistance of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board – Division of Research and Statistics. Applicant must agree to practice exclusively in a rural county in South Carolina for not less than two (2) years and must pay an application fee of $500.00.</td>
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