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| **License by Credential: Clinical experience requirements (years and/or hours)** | Actively practicing at least three out of the five years preceding application (i.e. licensed for at least three years preceding this application and completed more than 2,000 hours of clinical practice during the five years preceding application). The board will accept clinical practice hours completed during a residency. |

| **Other License by Credential Requirements** | Statute 36-6A-47. Criteria for license to practice dentistry for person licensed in another state. Any person licensed in another state desiring to practice as a dentist may obtain a license to practice as a dentist if the applicant satisfies each of the following criteria: (1) The application for a license to practice as a dentist is in writing and signed by the applicant; (2) The applicant has graduated from an American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited United States dental school, having obtained a doctor of dental medicine or a doctor of dental surgery degree; (3) The applicant is currently an active, competent practitioner, having completed a minimum of three thousand dental clinical hours within the five years immediately preceding the date of application; (4) The applicant has passed a standardized national comprehensive examination approved by the board; (5) The applicant has passed a clinical regional or national examination approved by the board or a state examination or examinations that the board deems equivalent; (6) The applicant currently holds a valid license in another state; (7) The applicant has no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved disciplinary complaint pending before a dental board at the time a license is to be issued by the board; (8) The licensure requirements in the other state are in the judgment of the board the same as or higher than those required by this state; (9) The applicant provides references that indicate the applicant is of good moral character; and (10) The applicant has passed an examination concerning the state laws and rules relating to dentistry. The board may require a laboratory or clinical examination of an applicant if it has reason to believe the applicant cannot practice safely. Any foreign-trained or any other graduate from a dental program not accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation may apply for a license to practice as a dentist. The board, by rule promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-25, shall establish requirements to reasonably ensure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure. |

**Rule 20:43:03:04. Requirements for licensure of dentists and dental hygienists by credential verification.** To receive South Dakota licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist under credential verification, an applicant must meet the requirements of SDCL 36-6A-47. An applicant for a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene must be a graduate of a
dental or dental hygiene school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. In addition, the candidate shall submit the following at least 30 days before the board meeting:

1. A completed application form and fee of $500 for dentists and $200 for dental hygienists;
2. A physician’s statement attesting to the applicant’s physical and mental condition;
3. A copy of the applicant’s passing National Board Examination grades or certificate;
4. A copy of the applicant’s passing Regional Board Examination grades or certificate;
5. A certified letter verifying the license number and status of such license from the board of dentistry in each state in which the applicant is or has been licensed;
6. A copy of the diploma or a certified letter from a dental or dental hygiene school official verifying that the applicant has graduated;
7. A copy of the applicant’s birth certificate;
8. A copy of the applicant’s current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card. The board accepts only the American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider, the American Red Cross for the Professional Rescuer, or an equivalent program approved by the board; and
9. A recent notarized photograph.

If requested, an applicant for licensure by credential verification must appear for a personal interview conducted by the board on a date set by the board.