Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA)** Application for Licensure Based on Passing the ADEX Examination Submit proof of having passed the following sections of the **ADEX** examination within five (5) years preceding the date of the application: ● Diagnostic Skills Examination / Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DSE OSCE) (computer based). ● Prosthodontic (manikin based). ● Endodontic (manikin based). ● Restorative (live patient or manikin based using CompeDont tooth). ● Periodontal Scaling (live patient, or manikin based using CompeDont tooth) Application for Licensure Based on Passing the WREB Examination Provide satisfactory evidence of having passed the following sections of the Western Regional Examining Board (**WREB**) examination within the five years (5) preceding the date of this application: ● Comprehensive Treatment Planning (CTP), a written, computer-based authentic simulated clinical examination (ASCE). ● Operative, a clinical section. ● Endodontics, also a clinical section. The WREB examination is no longer offered as of December 31, 2022. All required sections of the WREB examination must have been taken prior to this date for licensure eligibility in California. Application for Licensure Based on Completion of a Residency Program Completion of a clinically based advanced education in general dentistry program or an advanced education program in general practice residency. The program or residency must be, at minimum, one year in duration and accredited by either CODA or a national accrediting body approved by the Board. Source: Dental Board of California Dental License Applicant website
General Licensure Requirements	**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE – DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS , CHAPTER 4. Dentistry, ARTICLE 2. Application for Licensure.** **1628.** Any person over 18 years of age is eligible to take an examination before the board upon making application therefor and meeting all of the following requirements: (a) Paying the fee for applicants for examination provided by this chapter. (b) Furnishing satisfactory evidence of having graduated from a dental college approved by the board or by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and presenting satisfactory evidence of having completed at dental school or schools the full number of academic years of undergraduate courses required for graduation. For purposes of this article, “dental college approved by the board” or “approved dental school” include a foreign dental school accredited by a body that has a reciprocal accreditation agreement with any commission or accreditation organization whose findings are accepted by the board. (c) Furnishing the satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility or liability insurance for injuries sustained or claimed to be sustained by a dental patient in the course of the examination as a result of the applicant’s actions. (d) If the applicant has been issued a degree of doctor of dental medicine or doctor of dental surgery by a foreign dental school, the applicant shall furnish all of the following documentary evidence to the board: (1) That the applicant has completed, in a dental school or schools approved by the board pursuant to Section 1636.4, a resident course of professional

	instruction in dentistry for the full number of academic years of undergraduate courses required for graduation. (2) Subsequent thereto, the applicant has been issued by the dental school a dental diploma or a dental degree, as evidence of the successful completion of the course of dental instruction required for graduation. (e) Any applicant who has been issued a dental diploma from a foreign dental school that has not, at the time of the applicant's graduation from the school, been approved by the board pursuant to Section 1636.4 shall not be eligible for examination until the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of two academic years of education at a dental college approved by the board pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 1024) of Chapter 2 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and has been issued a degree of doctor of dental medicine or doctor of dental surgery or its equivalent. This subdivision shall not apply to applicants who have successfully completed the requirements of Section 1636 as it read before it was repealed on January 1, 2004, on or before December 31, 2003, or who have successfully completed the requirements of Section 1628.2 on or before December 31, 2008. An applicant who has successfully completed the requirements of Section 1636 as it read before it was repealed on January 1, 2004, on or before December 31, 2003, or who has successfully completed the requirements of Section 1628.2 on or before December 31, 2008, shall be eligible to take the examination required by Section 1632, subject to the limitations set forth in subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 1633. (f) Subdivisions (d) and (e) do not apply to a person who has been issued a degree of doctor of dental medicine or doctor of dental surgery by a foreign dental school accredited by a body that has a reciprocal accreditation agreement with any commission or accreditation organization whose findings are accepted by the board. *(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 28. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)* **1628.5.** The board may deny an application to take an examination for licensure as a dentist or dental auxiliary or an application for registration as a dental corporation, or, at any time prior to licensure, the board may deny the issuance of a license to an applicant for licensure as a dentist or dental auxiliary, if the applicant has been convicted of a crime or subject to formal discipline pursuant to Section 480. *(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 29. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)* **1628.7.** (a) The board may deny licensure to any applicant who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or of any cause that would subject a licensee to revocation or suspension of their license. The board may, upon an applicant's successful completion of the board's licensure requirements, in its sole discretion, issue a probationary license to an applicant for licensure as a dentist or dental auxiliary. The board may require, as a term or condition of issuing the probationary license, the applicant to do any of the following, including, but not limited to: (1) Successfully complete a professional competency examination. (2) Submit to a medical or psychological evaluation. (3) Submit to continuing medical or psychological treatment. (4) Abstain from the use of alcohol or drugs. (5) Submit to random fluid testing for alcohol or controlled substance abuse. (6) Submit to continuing participation in a board-approved rehabilitation program.

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	(7) Restrict the type or circumstances of practice. (8) Submit to continuing education and coursework. (9) Comply with requirements regarding notification to employer and changes of employment. (10) Comply with probation monitoring. (11) Comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry. (12) Limit practice to a supervised structured environment in which the licensee's activities shall be supervised by another dentist. (13) Submit to total or partial restrictions on drug prescribing privileges. (b) The board shall provide the decision placing the applicant on probation in plain view on the board's internet website. (c) Unless otherwise specified by the board, the term of probation shall be for three years and the licensee may petition the board for early termination, or modification of a condition of, the probation in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 1686. (d) An applicant shall not be eligible to reapply for licensure for a minimum of one year from the effective date of the denial of their application. (e) Upon successful completion of all terms and conditions of probation or termination of the probationary terms and conditions pursuant to subdivision (c), the board may issue an unrestricted license to the licensee. (f) Adjudication under the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) shall not be required to issue a probationary license pursuant to subdivision (a). *(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 3. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)* **1629.** (a) Any member of the board may inquire of any applicant for examination concerning the applicant's qualifications or experience and may take testimony of anyone in regard thereto, under oath, which the member is hereby empowered to administer. (b) Each applicant for licensure under this chapter shall furnish either fingerprint cards or a copy of a completed Live Scan form for submission to state and federal criminal justice agencies, including, but not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in order to establish the identity of the applicant and in order to determine whether the applicant has a record of any criminal convictions in this state or in any other jurisdiction, including foreign countries. The information obtained as a result of the fingerprinting of the applicant shall be used in accordance with Section 11105 of the Penal Code, and to determine whether the applicant is subject to denial of licensure pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) or Section 1628.5. The board shall request the subsequent arrest notification service for all applicants pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code. (c) Each applicant for licensure to practice dentistry shall furnish a signed release allowing disclosure of information from the National Practitioner Data Bank and verification of registration status with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration within the United States Department of Justice. The board shall review this information to determine if it presents sufficient evidence of a violation of Article 4 (commencing with Section 1670) to warrant the submission of additional information from the applicant or the denial of the application for licensure. *(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 30. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)*

	1630. The examination of applicants for a license to practice dentistry in this state, as described in Section 1632, shall be sufficiently thorough to test the fitness of the applicant to practice dentistry, and shall include assessing competency in the areas of diagnosis, treatment planning, and restorative, endodontic, periodontic, and prosthetic dentistry. Both questions and answers shall be written in the English language. *(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 31. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)* 1632. (a) The board shall require each applicant to successfully complete the written examination of the National Board Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. (b) The board shall require each applicant to successfully complete an examination in California law and ethics developed and administered by the board. The board shall provide a separate application for this examination. The board shall ensure that the law and ethics examination reflects current law and regulations, and ensure that the examinations are randomized. Applicants shall submit this application and required fee to the board in order to take this examination. In addition to the aforementioned application, the only other requirement for taking this examination shall be certification from the dean of the qualifying dental school or the dean's delegate attended by the applicant that the applicant has graduated, or will graduate, or is expected to graduate. Applicants who submit completed applications and certification from the dean at least 15 days prior to a scheduled examination shall be scheduled to take the examination. Successful results of the examination shall, as established by board regulation, remain valid for two years from the date that the applicant is notified of having passed the examination. (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 1632.5, the board shall require each applicant to have taken and received a passing score on one of the following: (1) A clinical and written examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board within five years prior to the date of their application for a license under this section. (2) The clinical and written examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., within five years prior to the date of their application for a license under this section. (d) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 1628, the board is authorized to do either of the following: (1) Approve an application for examination from, and to examine an applicant who is enrolled in, but has not yet graduated from, a reputable dental school approved by the board. (2) Accept the results of an examination described in subdivision (c) submitted by an applicant who was enrolled in, but had not graduated from, a reputable dental school approved by the board at the time the examination was administered. In either case, the board shall require the dean of that school or the dean's delegate to furnish satisfactory proof that the applicant will graduate within one year of the date the examination was administered. (e) The board may determine the testing format, as related to patients, for the examination provided pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c). *(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 4. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)* 1632.5. (a) Prior to implementation of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632, the department's Office of Professional Examination Services

	shall review the Western Regional Examining Board examination to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 139 and to certify that the examination process meets those standards. If the department determines that the examination process fails to meet those standards, paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632 shall not be implemented. (b) The Western Regional Examining Board examination process shall be regularly reviewed by the department pursuant to Section 139. (c) The Western Regional Examining Board examination shall meet the mandates of subdivision (a) of Section 12944 of the Government Code. (d) As part of its next scheduled sunset review by the appropriate committees of the Legislature, the Dental Board of California shall report to that committee and the department on the pass rates of applicants who sat for the Western Regional Examining Board examination, compared with the pass rates of applicants who sat for the state clinical and written examination administered by the Dental Board of California. This report shall be a component of the evaluation of the examination process that is based on psychometrically sound principles for establishing minimum qualifications and levels of competency. *(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 6. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)* **1632.55.** (a) Prior to implementation of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632, the department's Office of Professional Examination Services shall review the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 139 and to certify that the examination process meets those standards, and deliver this review to the Dental Board of California. If the department determines that the examination process fails to meet those standards, does not deliver the review to the Dental Board of California, or if the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. fails to pay the costs and expenses the board incurs, as described in subdivision (d), paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632 shall not be implemented. (b) The American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination process shall be regularly reviewed by the department pursuant to Section 139. (c) The American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination shall meet the mandates of subdivision (a) of Section 12944 of the Government Code. (d) The American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. shall pay all reasonable costs and expenses the board incurs for the purposes of implementing this section. (e) The American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. examination may only be accepted for licensure by a candidate after it is determined that the examination has met the requirements of this section. Examinations taken prior to that date may not be used for licensure. *(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 7. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)* **1632.6.** (a) As part of the ongoing implementation of paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632, the board shall review the portfolio examination to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 139 and to certify that the portfolio examination process meets those requirements. If the board determines that the portfolio examination fails to meet those requirements, paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 1632 shall cease to be implemented and the portfolio examination will no longer be an option for applicants. The board's review and certification or determination shall be completed and submitted to the Legislature and the department by December 1, 2016.

	(b) A report to the Legislature pursuant to this section shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code. (c) This section shall become inoperative on December 1, 2020, pursuant to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code. *(Added by Stats. 2010, Ch. 446, Sec. 5. (AB 1524) Effective January 1, 2011. Inoperative December 1, 2020, by its own provisions.)* **1632.7.** The Department of Finance may accept funds pursuant to Sections 11005.1 and 16302 of the Government Code for the purposes of reviewing and analyzing the examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., as described in Section 1632.55. *(Added by Stats. 2016, Ch. 572, Sec. 3. (AB 2331) Effective January 1, 2017.)* **1633.** (a) When an applicant for a license has received a grading of 85 percent or above in any given subject, the applicant shall be exempt from reexamination on that subject in subsequent examinations before the board within two years after the examination on which the applicant received the exemption. (b) Notwithstanding Section 135, an applicant who fails to pass the examination required by Section 1632 after three attempts shall not be eligible for further reexamination until the applicant has successfully completed a minimum of 50 hours of education for each subject which the applicant failed in the applicant's last unsuccessful examination. The coursework shall be taken at a dental school approved by either the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable organization approved by the board, and shall be completed within a period of one year from the date of notification of the applicant's third failure. (c) The coursework described in subdivision (b) shall be required once for every three unsuccessful examination attempts. When the applicant applies for reexamination, the applicant shall furnish proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements of this section. *(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 33. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)* **1634.** A person successfully passing the examination shall be registered as a licensed dentist on the board register, as provided in Section 1612, and shall be granted by the board a license to practice dentistry in the State of California. *(Amended by Stats. 1973, Ch. 319.)* **1634.1.** Notwithstanding Section 1634, the board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who submits all of the following to the board: (a) A completed application form and all fees required by the board. (b) Satisfactory evidence of having graduated from a dental school approved by a national accrediting body approved by the board or by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. (c) Satisfactory evidence of having completed a clinically based advanced education program in general dentistry or an advanced education program in general practice residency that is, at minimum, one year in duration and is accredited by either the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or a national accrediting body approved by the board. The advanced education program shall include a certification of clinical residency program completion approved by the board, to be completed upon the resident's successful completion of the program in order to evaluate the resident's competence to practice dentistry in the state. The certification shall be within two years prior to the date of the resident's application for a license

	under this section. Completion of the program shall be within two years prior to the date of their application for a license under this section. (d) Satisfactory evidence of having successfully completed the written examination of the National Board Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. (e) Satisfactory evidence of having successfully completed an examination in California law and ethics. (f) Proof that the applicant has not failed a state, regional, or national examination for licensure to practice dentistry under this chapter within five years prior to the date of the application for a license under this chapter. If the applicant subsequently passed the examination for licensure, the prior failure shall not make the applicant ineligible under this subdivision. *(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 8. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)* **1634.2.** (a) An advanced education program's compliance with subdivision (c) of Section 1634.1 shall be regularly reviewed by the department pursuant to Section 139. (b) An advanced education program described in subdivision (c) of Section 1634.1 shall meet the requirements of subdivision (a) of Section 12944 of the Government Code. (c) The clinical residency program completion certification required by subdivision (c) of Section 1634.1 shall include a list of core competencies commensurate to those found in the board's examinations. The board, together with the department's Office of Professional Examination Services, shall ensure the alignment of the competencies stated in the clinical residency program completion certification with the board's current occupational analysis. The board shall implement use of the clinical residency program completion certification form and use of the core competency list through the adoption of emergency regulations by January 1, 2008. (d) As part of its next scheduled review after January 1, 2007, by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection, the board shall report to that committee and to the department the number of complaints received for those dentists who have obtained licensure by passing the state clinical examination and for those dentists who have obtained licensure through an advanced education program. The report shall also contain tracking information on these complaints and their disposition. This report shall be a component of the evaluation of the examination process that is based on psychometrically sound principles for establishing minimum qualifications and levels of competency. *(Amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 307, Sec. 6. (SB 821) Effective January 1, 2010.)* Notwithstanding Section 1636.4, graduates of a foreign dental school whose program was approved by the board prior to January 1, 2020, through any date before January 1, 2024, and who enrolled in the program prior to January 1, 2020, shall be eligible for licensure pursuant to Section 1628. *(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 367, Sec. 4. (SB 607) Effective January 1, 2022.)* **16 California Code of Regulations, Division 10 § 1028. Application for Licensure** (a) An applicant for licensure as a dentist shall submit an "Application for Licensure to Practice Dentistry" (WREB) Form 33A-22W (Revised 11/06),

	which is hereby incorporated by reference, or “Application for Determination of Licensure Eligibility (Portfolio)” Form 33A-22P (New 11/2014), which are hereby incorporated by reference, (b) Applications for licensure shall be accompanied by the following information and fees: (1) The application and examination(s) fees as set by Section 1021; (2) Satisfactory evidence that the applicant has met all applicable requirements in Sections 1628 and 1632 of the Code; (3) The applicant shall furnish two classifiable sets of fingerprints or submit a Live Scan inquiry to establish the identity of the applicant and to permit the Board to conduct a criminal history record check. The applicant shall pay any costs for furnishing the fingerprints and conducting the criminal history record check; (4) Where applicable, a record of any previous dental practice and certification of license status in each state or jurisdiction in which licensure as a dentist has been attained; (5) Applicant's name, social security number, address of residency, mailing address if different from address of residency, date of birth, telephone number, and gender of applicant; (6) Information as to whether the applicant has ever taken the California Law and Ethics written examination; (7) Any request for accommodation pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act; (8) A 2-inch by 2-inch passport style photograph of the applicant, submitted with the “Application for Licensure to Practice Dentistry (WREB)” Form 33A-22W (Revised 11/06), or “Application for Determination of Licensure Eligibility (Portfolio)” Form 33A-22P (New 11/2014); (9) Information regarding applicant's education including dental education and postgraduate study, if applicable; (10) Certification from the dean of the qualifying dental school attended by the applicant to certify the date the applicant graduated; (11) Information regarding whether the applicant has any pending or had in the past any charges filed against a dental license or other healing arts license; (12) Information regarding any prior disciplinary action(s) taken against the applicant regarding any dental license or other healing arts license held by the applicant including actions by the United States Military, United States Public Health Service or other federal government entity. “Disciplinary action” includes, but is not limited to, suspension, revocation, probation, confidential discipline, consent order, letter of reprimand or warning, or any other restriction or action taken against a dental license. If an applicant answers “yes”, he or she shall provide the date of the effective date of disciplinary action, the state where the discipline occurred, the date(s), charges convicted of, disposition and any other information requested by the board; (13) Information as to whether the applicant is currently the subject of any pending investigation by any governmental entity. If the applicant answers “yes,” he or she shall provide any additional information requested by the board; (14) Information regarding any instances in which the applicant was denied a dental license, denied permission to practice dentistry, or denied permission to take a dental board examination. If the applicant answers “yes”, he or she shall provide the state or country where the denial took place, the date of the denial, the reason for denial, and any other information requested by the board;

	(15) Information as to whether the applicant has ever surrendered a license to practice dentistry in another state or country. If the applicant answers "yes," additional information shall be provided including state or country of surrender, date of surrender, reason for surrender, and any other information requested by the board; (16) Information as to whether the applicant is in default on a United States Department of Health and Human Services education loan pursuant to Section 685 of the Code; and (17) A certification, under the penalty of perjury, by the applicant that the information on the application is true and correct. (c) In addition to complying with the applicable provisions contained in subsections (a) through (b) above, an applicant submitting an "Application for Licensure to Practice Dentistry" (WREB) Form 33A-22W (Revised 11/06), for licensure as a dentist upon passage of Western Regional Examining Board ("WREB") examination shall also furnish evidence of having successfully passed, on or after January 1, 2005, the WREB examination. (d) In addition to complying with the applicable provisions contained in subsections (a) through (b) above, an applicant submitting an "Application for Determination of Licensure Eligibility (Portfolio)" Form 33A-22P (New 11/2014) shall also furnish certification from the dean of the qualifying dental school attended by the applicant to certify the applicant has graduated with no pending ethical issues; (e) An "Application for Determination of Licensure Eligibility (Portfolio)" Form 33A-22P (New 11/2014) may be submitted prior to graduation, if the application is accompanied by a certification from the school that the applicant is expected to graduate. The Board shall not issue a license, until receipt of a certification from the dean of the school attended by the applicant, certifying the date the applicant graduated with no pending ethical issues on school letterhead. (1) The earliest date upon which a candidate may submit their portfolio for review by the board shall be within 90 days of graduation. The latest date upon which a candidate may submit their portfolio for review by the board shall be no more than 90 days after graduation. (2) The candidate shall arrange with the dean of his or her dental school for the school to submit the completed portfolio materials to the Board. (3) The Board shall review the submitted portfolio materials to determine if it is complete and the candidate has met the requirements for Licensure by Portfolio Examination. Note: Authority cited: Section 1614, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1628, 1628.5 and 1632, Business and Professions Code.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE – DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS , CHAPTER 4. Dentistry, ARTICLE 2. Application for Licensure** **1635.5.** (a) Notwithstanding Section 1634, the board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who has not taken an examination before the board, if the applicant submits all of the following to the board: (1) A completed application form and all fees required by the board. (2) Proof of an active and unrestricted license issued by another state, district, or territory of the United States to practice dentistry that is not subject to any current or pending disciplinary action such as revocation, suspension, or probation. (3) Proof that the applicant has either been in active clinical practice in another state, district, or territory of the United States, has been engaged in full-time nonclinical practice requiring an active dentist's license for federal, state, or

	local public health programs in another state, district, or territory of the United States for at least five years immediately preceding the application, or has been a full-time faculty member in an accredited dental education program and in active clinical practice for a total of at least 5,000 hours within the past five years immediately preceding the date of the application under this section. The clinical practice requirement may be met by submitting documentation of any of the following: (A) If the applicant has completed a residency training program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, including, but not limited to, a general practice residency, an advanced education in general dentistry program, or a training program in a specialty recognized by the American Dental Association, the applicant may receive credit of 1,000 hours for each year, up to 2,000 hours, of clinical practice completed in the residency training program. (B) The applicant agrees to practice dentistry full time for a minimum of 32 hours per week for two years in at least one primary care clinic licensed under subdivision (a) of Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code or primary care clinic exempt from licensure pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code, or a clinic owned or operated by a public hospital or health system, or a clinic owned and operated by a hospital that maintains the primary contract with a county government to fill the county's role under Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The applicant shall submit written documentation, executed by the authorized agent of the clinic, verifying compliance with this requirement. The board may periodically request verification of compliance with these requirements. (C) The applicant agrees to teach or practice dentistry in California for a minimum average of 40 hours per week for two years in at least one accredited dental education program approved by the board. The applicant shall submit written documentation, executed by the authorized agent of the program, verifying compliance with this requirement. The board may periodically request verification of compliance with these requirements. (4) Proof that the applicant has not been subject to disciplinary action by any state in which the applicant is or has been previously licensed to practice dentistry. If the applicant has been subject to disciplinary action, the board shall review that action to determine if it presents sufficient evidence of a violation of Article 4 (commencing with Section 1670) to warrant the submission of additional information from the applicant or the denial of the application for licensure. (5) A signed release allowing the disclosure of information from the National Practitioner Data Bank and the verification of registration status with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. The board shall review this information to determine if it presents sufficient evidence of a violation of Article 4 (commencing with Section 1670) to warrant the submission of additional information from the applicant or the denial of the application for licensure. (6) Proof that the applicant has not failed a state, regional, or national examination for licensure to practice dentistry under this chapter within five years prior to the date of the application for a license under this section. If the applicant subsequently passed the examination for licensure, the prior failure shall not make the applicant ineligible under this paragraph. (7) An acknowledgment by the applicant executed under penalty of perjury and automatic forfeiture of license, of the following:

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	(A) That the information provided by the applicant to the board is true and correct, to the best of their knowledge and belief. (B) That the applicant has not been convicted of an offense involving conduct that would violate Section 810. (8) Documentation of 50 units of continuing education completed within two years of the date of the application under this section. The continuing education shall include the mandatory coursework prescribed by the board pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1645. (9) Any other information as specified by the board to the extent it is required of applicants for licensure by examination under this article. (b) The board shall provide in the application packet to each out-of-state dentist pursuant to this section the following information: (1) The location of dental personnel shortage areas that exist in the state. (2) Those not-for-profit clinics and public hospitals seeking to contract with licensees for dental services. (c) (1) The board shall review the impact of this section on the availability of dentists in California and report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2008. The report shall include a separate section providing data specific to those dentists who intend to fulfill the alternative clinical practice requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a). The report shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: (A) The total number of applicants from other states who have sought licensure. (B) The number of dentists from other states licensed pursuant to this section, as well as the number of licenses not granted and the reasons why each license was not granted. (C) The location of the practice of dentists licensed pursuant to this section. (D) The number of dentists licensed pursuant to this section who establish a practice in a rural area or in an area designated as having a shortage of practicing dentists or no dentists at all. (E) The length of time dentists licensed pursuant to this section maintained their practice in the reported location. This information shall be reported separately for dentists described in subparagraphs (C) and (D). (2) In identifying a dentist's location of practice, the board shall use medical service study areas or other appropriate geographic descriptions for regions of the state. (3) If appropriate, the board may report the information required by paragraph (1) separately for primary care dentists and specialists. (d) The board is authorized to contract with a third party or parties to review applications filed under this section and to advise the board as to whether the applications are complete. The contracting party, its agents, and its employees shall agree to be bound by all provisions of law applicable to the board, its members, and staff, governing custody and confidentiality of materials submitted by applicants for licensure. (e) The board may issue a temporary, restricted license, valid for two years, to an applicant qualified under subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), that authorizes the holder to practice dentistry only in the facilities described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) or only to practice or teach dentistry at the accredited dental education programs described in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a). The board shall immediately revoke the temporary license issued pursuant to this subdivision upon a finding that the requirements of subparagraph (B) or (C) of

	paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), as applicable, have not been met. Upon revocation of the license, the board shall issue a notice of revocation that shall require the licensee to immediately cease dental practice. Upon the licensee's completion of the license requirements under this section and the expiration of the two-year term, all location restrictions on the license shall be removed and an unrestricted license shall be issued. (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a holder of a license issued by the board before January 1, 2006, under this section who committed to complete the remainder of the five years of clinical practice requirement by a contract either to practice dentistry in a facility described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) or to teach or practice dentistry in an accredited dental education program approved by the board pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) shall be required to complete only two years of service under the contract in order to fulfill the obligation under this section. Upon the expiration of that two-year term, all location restrictions on the license shall be removed and the holder is authorized to practice dentistry in accordance with this chapter in any allowable setting in the state. (g) A license issued pursuant to this section shall be considered a valid, unrestricted license for purposes of Section 1972. *(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 9. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)* **1635.7.** Any person licensed pursuant to Section 1635.5 shall be required to fulfill continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 before his or her license is eligible to be renewed in accordance with this chapter. *(Added by Stats. 2004, Ch. 464, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2005.)*
Specialty Practice	**16 California Code of Regulations § 1027. Special Permits -Definitions.** (a) As used in Section 1640(b) of the code, the phrase "graduated from a dental college approved by the board" means that the applicant possesses either: (1) a doctoral or other postgraduate degree issued by a dental school or college which is approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or which is accredited by a body which has a reciprocal accreditation agreement with that commission; or (2) a certificate of completion of an accredited dental program at such an institution. (b) As used in section 1640(c) of the code, the term "specialty board" means a dental specialty board approved by the American Dental Association. (c) As used in Section 1642 of the code, the term "affiliated institution" for purposes of fee for service practice by the holder of a special permit, means any setting or institution affiliated with the dental college and approved by the board, other than a private dental office. This definition shall not be interpreted to preclude a special permit holder from providing instruction in a private dental office as part of a dental school curriculum if that dental office has been approved by the board as an extramural facility. Note: Authority cited: Section 1614, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1640 and 1642, Business and Professions Code. **§ 1027.1. Eligibility for Specialty Board Examination.** A special permit holder who is not certified as a diplomate of a specialty board shall, as a condition of renewing such special permit, submit evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she is currently eligible to take a specialty board examination or has become a diplomate of a specialty board. This section shall be applicable to any person who applies for and is issued an initial special permit on or after April 1, 1994.

Continuing Education	**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE, DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS, CHAPTER 4. Dentistry, ARTICLE 2.6. Continuing Education** **1645.** (a) (1) All holders of licenses under this chapter shall continue their education after receiving a license as a condition to the renewal thereof, and shall obtain evidence satisfactory to the board that they have, during the preceding two-year period, obtained continuing education relevant to developments in the practice of dentistry and dental assisting consistent with regulations established by the board. (2) The board shall adopt regulations providing for the suspension of the licenses at the end of the two-year period until compliance with this section is accomplished. (b) The board may also, as a condition of license renewal, require licensees to successfully complete a portion of the required continuing education hours in specific areas adopted in regulations by the board. The board may prescribe this mandatory coursework within the general areas of patient care, health and safety, law and ethics, and the risks of addiction associated with the use of Schedule II drugs. The mandatory coursework prescribed by the board shall not exceed 15 hours per renewal period for dentists, and 7.5 hours per renewal period for dental auxiliaries. Any mandatory coursework required by the board shall be credited toward the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to subdivision (a). (c) For a retired dentist who provides only uncompensated care, the board shall not require more than 60 percent of the hours of continuing education that are required of other licensed dentists. Notwithstanding subdivision (b), all of the hours of continuing education as described in this subdivision shall be gained through courses related to the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or the community, as determined by the board. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to reduce any requirements imposed by the board pursuant to subdivision (b). (d) Satisfactory completion of courses in the following subjects shall count as continuing education in courses in the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or the community: (1) Licensee mental health and wellness and its impact on the delivery of dental services. (2) Diversity, equity, and inclusion and its impact on the delivery of dental services. *(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 11. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)* **1645.1.** (a) A person who applies for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall provide evidence of having successfully completed board-approved courses in infection control, the Dental Practice Act, basic life support, radiation safety and coronal polishing. The length and content of the courses shall be governed by applicable board regulations. Failure to comply with this section shall result in automatic suspension of the license, which shall be reinstated upon the receipt of evidence that the licensee has successfully completed the required courses. Completion of the courses may be counted toward fulfillment of the continuing education requirements governed by Section 1645. (b) The holder of an inactive registered dental assistant license is only required to comply with subdivision (a) as a condition of returning the holder's license to active status.

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(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 39. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)

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Any vaccine training program provided through the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the California Pharmacists Association, including courses that were completed by a licensed dentist or a registered dental hygienist on or after January 4, 2021, pursuant to the Department of Consumer Affairs public health emergency order DCA-20-104, DCA-21-111, DCA-21-113, or any subsequent waivers that supersede these waivers, and Section 1625.6 shall count toward the fulfillment of the continuing education requirements governed by Sections 1645 and 1936.1.
(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 653, Sec. 3. (AB 526) Effective October 8, 2021.)

California Code of Regulations Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations Division 10. Dental Board of California Chapter 1. General Provisions Applicable to All Licensees, Article 4. Continuing Education

6 CCR § 1016. Continuing Education Courses and Providers.

(a) Definition of Terms:

(1) Course of Study Defined. “Course of study” means an orderly learning experience in an area of study pertaining to dental and medical health, preventive dental services, diagnosis and treatment planning, clinical procedures, basic health sciences, dental practice management and administration, communication, ethics, patient management or the Dental Practice Act and other laws specifically related to dental practice.

(2) Coursework Defined. The term “Coursework” used herein refers to materials presented or used for continuing education and shall be designed and delivered in a manner that serves to directly enhance the licensee's knowledge, skill and competence in the provision of service to patients or the community.

(b) Courses of study for continuing education credit shall include:

(1) Mandatory courses required by the Board for license renewal shall include a Board-approved course in Infection Control, a Board-approved course in the California Dental Practice Act, completion of certification in Basic Life Support, and a Board-approved course on the responsibilities and requirements of prescribing Schedule II opioids.

(A) At a minimum, course content for a Board-approved course in Infection Control shall include all content of Section 1005 and the application of the regulations in the dental environment.

(B) At a minimum, course content for the Dental Practice Act [Division 2, Chapter 4 of the Code (beginning with § 1600)] shall instruct on acts in violation of the Dental Practice Act and attending regulations, and other statutory mandates relating to the dental practice. This includes utilization and scope of practice for auxiliaries and dentists; laws governing the prescribing of drugs; professional ethics, citations, fines, revocation and suspension of a license, and license renewal; and the mandatory reporter obligations set forth in the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Penal Code Section 11164 et seq.) and the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15600 et seq.) and the clinical signs to look for in identifying abuse.

(C) The mandatory requirement for certification in Basic Life Support shall be met by completion of:

	(i) An American Heart Association (AHA) or American Red Cross (ARC) course in Basic Life Support (BLS) or, (ii) A BLS course taught by a provider approved by the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE), or, (iii) A BLS course taught by a provider approved by the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI). For the purposes of this section, a Basic Life Support course shall include all of the following: 1. Instruction in both adult and pediatric CPR, including 2-rescuer scenarios; 2. Instruction in foreign-body airway obstruction; 3. Instruction in relief of choking for adults, child and infant; 4. Instruction in the use of automated external defibrillation with CPR; and; 5. A live, in-person skills practice session, a skills test and a written examination; The course provider shall ensure that the course meets the required criteria. (D) At a minimum, course content for a Board-approved course on the responsibilities and requirements of prescribing Schedule II opioid drugs shall include the practices for pain management in dentistry, regulatory requirements for prescribers and dispensers, and dental office procedures for managing vulnerable or substance use disorder patients. (2) Courses in the actual delivery of dental services to the patient or the community, such as: (A) Courses in preventive services, diagnostic protocols and procedures (including physical evaluation, radiography, dental photography) comprehensive treatment planning, charting of the oral conditions, informed consent protocols and recordkeeping. (B) Courses dealing primarily with nutrition and nutrition counseling of the patient. (C) Courses in esthetic, corrective and restorative oral health diagnosis and treatment. (D) Courses in dentistry's role in individual and community health emergencies, disasters, and disaster recovery. (E) Courses that pertain to the legal requirement governing the licensee in the areas of auxiliary employment and delegation of responsibilities; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); actual delivery of care. (F) Courses pertaining to federal, state and local regulations, guidelines or statutes regarding workplace safety, fire and emergency, environmental safety, waste disposal and management, general office safety, sexual harassment prevention, and all training requirements set forth by the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-DOSH) including the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard. (G) Courses pertaining to the administration of general anesthesia, moderate sedation, oral conscious sedation or medical emergencies. (H) Courses pertaining to the evaluation, selection, use and care of dental instruments, sterilization equipment, operatory equipment, and personal protective attire. (I) Courses in dependency issues and substance abuse such as alcohol and drug use as it relates to patient safety, professional misconduct, ethical considerations or malpractice. (J) Courses in behavioral sciences, behavior guidance, and patient management in the delivery of care to all populations including special needs,

	pediatric and sedation patients when oriented specifically to the clinical care of the patient. (K) Courses in the selection, incorporation, and use of current and emerging technologies. (L) Courses in cultural competencies such as bilingual dental terminology, cross-cultural communication, provision of public health dentistry, and the dental professional's role in provision of care in non-traditional settings when oriented specifically to the needs of the dental patient and will serve to enhance the patient experience. (M) Courses in dentistry's role in individual and community health programs. (N) Courses pertaining to the legal and ethical aspects of the insurance industry, to include management of third party payer issues, dental billing practices, patient and provider appeals of payment disputes and patient management of billing matters. (3) Courses in the following areas are considered to be primarily of benefit to the licensee and shall be limited to a maximum of 20% of a licensee's total required course unit credits for each license or permit renewal period: (A) Courses to improve recall and scheduling systems, production flow, communication systems and data management. (B) Courses in organization and management of the dental practice including business planning and operations, office computerization and design, ergonomics, and the improvement of practice administration and office operations. (C) Courses in leadership development and team development. (D) Coursework in teaching methodology and curricula development. (E) Coursework in peer evaluation and case studies that include reviewing clinical evaluation procedures, reviewing diagnostic methods, studying radiographic data, study models and treatment planning procedures. (F) Courses in human resource management and employee benefits. (4) Courses considered to be of direct benefit to the licensee or outside the scope of dental practice in California include the following, and shall not be recognized for continuing education credit: (A) Courses in money management, the licensee's personal finances or personal matters such as financial or estate planning, and personal investments. (B) Courses in general physical fitness, weight management or the licensee's personal health. (C) Presentations by political or public figures or other persons that do not deal primarily with dental practice or issues impacting the dental profession. (D) Courses designed to make the licensee a better business person or designed to improve licensee personal profitability, including motivation and marketing. (E) Courses pertaining to the purchase or sale of a dental practice, business or office; courses in transfer of practice ownership, acquisition of partners and associates, practice valuation, practice transitions, or retirement. (F) Courses pertaining to the provision of elective facial cosmetic surgery as defined by the Dental Practice Act in Section 1638.1, unless the licensee has a special permit obtained from the Board to perform such procedures pursuant to Section 1638.1 of the Code. (5) Completion of a course does not constitute authorization for the attendee to perform any services that he or she is not legally authorized to perform based on his or her license or permit type. (c) Registered Provider Application and Renewal

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	(1) An applicant for registration as a provider shall submit an "Application for Continuing Education Provider (Rev. 05/09)" that is hereby incorporated by reference. The application shall be accompanied by the fee required by section 1021. The applicant or, if the applicant is not an individual but acting on behalf of a business entity, the individual authorized by the business to act on its behalf shall certify that he or she will only offer courses and issue certificates for courses that meet the requirements in this section. (2) To renew its registration, a provider shall submit a "Continuing Education Registered Provider Permit Renewal Application (12/15/08)" that is hereby incorporated by reference. The application shall be accompanied by the fee required by section 1021 and a biennial report listing each of the course titles offered, the 11-digit registration number issued to each course, the number of units issued for each course, the dates of all courses offered, the name and qualifications of each instructor, a summary of the content of each course of study, and a sample of the provider's written certification issued to participants during the last renewal period. (d) Standards for Registration as an Approved Provider (1) Each course of study shall be conducted on the same educational standards of scholarship and teaching as that required of a true university discipline and shall be supported by those facilities and educational resources necessary to comply with this requirement. Every instructor or presenter of a continuing education course shall possess education or experience for at least two years in the subject area being taught. Each course of study shall clearly state educational objectives that can realistically be accomplished within the framework of the course. Teaching methods for each course of study shall be described (e.g., lecture, seminar, audiovisual, clinical, simulation, etc.) on all provider reports. (2) The topic of instruction and course content shall conform to this section. (3) An opportunity to enroll in such courses of study shall be made available to all dental licensees. (e) Enforcement, Provider Records Retention and Availability of Provider Records (1)(A) The Board may not grant prior approval to individual courses unless a course is required as a mandatory license renewal course. The minimum course content of all mandatory continuing education courses for all registered providers is set out in subsections (b)(1)(A-D). Providers shall be expected to adhere to these minimum course content requirements or risk registered provider status. (B) All registered providers shall submit their course content outlines for Infection Control and California Dental Practice Act to the Board staff for review and approval. If a provider wishes to make any significant changes which includes altering the course content of a previously approved course in Infection Control and the California Dental Practice Act, the provider shall submit a new course content outline to the Board. A provider may not offer the significantly changed course until the Board approves the new course outline. All new applicants for provider status shall submit course content outlines for courses in Infection Control and California Dental Practice Act to the board staff for review and approval at the time of application and prior to instruction. (2) Providers must possess and maintain the following: (A) Speaker curriculum vitae; (B) Course content outline; (C) Educational objectives or outcomes; (D) Teaching methods utilized;

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	(E) Evidence of registration numbers and units issued to each course; (F) Attendance records and rosters (3) The Board may randomly audit a provider for any course submitted for credit by a licensee in addition to any course for which a complaint is received. If an audit is conducted, the provider shall submit to the Board the following information and documentation: (A) Speaker curriculum vitae; (B) Course content outline; (C) Educational objectives or outcomes; (D) Teaching methods utilized; (E) Evidence of registration numbers and units issued to each course; and (F) Attendance records and rosters. (4) All provider records described in this article shall be retained for a period of no less than three provider renewal periods. (f) Withdrawal of Provider Registration (1) The Board retains the right and authority to audit or monitor courses given by any provider. The Board may withdraw or place restrictions on a provider's registration if the provider has disseminated any false or misleading information in connection with the continuing education program, fails to comply with regulations, misrepresents the course offered, makes any false statement on its application or otherwise violates any provision of the Dental Practice Act or the regulations adopted thereunder. (2) Any provider whose registration is withdrawn or restricted shall be granted a hearing before the executive officer or his or her designee prior to the effective date of such action. The provider shall be given at least ten days notice of the grounds for the proposed action and the time and place of such hearing. (g) Provider Issuance of Units of Credit for Attendance One unit of credit shall be granted for every hour of contact instruction and may be issued in half-hour increments. Such increments shall be represented by the use of a decimal point in between the first two numbers of the 11-digit registration number of the course. This credit shall apply to either academic or clinical instruction. Eight units shall be the maximum continuing education credits granted in one day. (h) Additional Provider Responsibilities (1) A provider shall furnish a written certification of course completion to each licensee certifying that the licensee has met the attendance requirements of the course. Such certification shall not be issued until completion of the course and shall contain the following: (A) The licensee's, name and license or permit number, the provider's name, the 11-digit course registration number in the upper left hand corner of the certificate, date or dates attended, the number of units earned, and a place for the licensee to sign and date verifying attendance. (B) An authorizing signature of the provider or the providing entity and a statement that reads: “All of the information contained on this certificate is truthful and accurate.” (C) A statement on each certification that reads: “Completion of this course does not constitute authorization for the attendee to perform any services that he or she is not legally authorized to perform based on his or her license or permit type.” (2) If an individual whose license or permit has been cancelled, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered attends and completes a continuing education course, the provider or attendee may document on the certificate of course completion

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	the license or permit number the individual held before the license or permit was cancelled, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered. (3) When two or more registered providers co-sponsor a course, only one provider number shall be used for that course and that provider must assume full responsibility for compliance with the requirements of this article. (4) Only Board-approved providers whose course content outlines for Infection Control and California Dental Practice Act have been submitted and approved by the Board may issue continuing education certifications to participants of these courses. (5) The instructor of a course who holds a current and active license or permit to practice issued by the Board may receive continuing education credit for up to 20% of their total required units per renewal period for the course or courses they teach for a provider other than themselves. (6) Upon request, a provider shall issue a duplicate certification to a licensee whose name appears on the provider's original roster of course attendees. A provider may not issue a duplicate certification to a licensee whose name is not on the original roster of course attendees. The provider, not the licensee shall clearly mark on the certificate the word “duplicate.” (7) Providers shall place the following statement on all certifications, course advertisements, brochures and other publications relating to all course offerings: “This course meets the Dental Board of California's requirements for _(number of)_units of continuing education.” (i) Out of State Courses and Courses Offered by Other Authorized and Non-Authorized Providers (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section 1016, licensees who attend continuing education courses given by providers approved by the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) and who obtain a certification of attendance from the provider or sponsor shall be given credit towards his or her total continuing education requirement for renewal of his or her license with the exception of mandatory continuing education courses, if the course meets the requirements of continuing education set forth in this section. (j) A licensee who attends a course or program that meets all content requirements for continuing education pursuant to these regulations, but was presented outside California by a provider not approved by the Board, may petition the Board for consideration of the course by submitting information on course content, course duration and evidence from the provider of course completion. When the necessary requirements have been fulfilled, the Board may issue a written certificate of course completion for the approved number of units, which the licensee may then use for documentation of continuing education credits. **§ 1016.2. Requirements for Basic Life Support Courses for Dental Assistants and Licensure of Registered Dental Assistants, Orthodontic Assistants, and Dental Sedation Assistants.** (a) For the purpose of Code sections 1750(c)(3), 1750.2(a)(3), 1750.4(a)(3) and 1752.1(e)(3), and for the purpose of licensure renewal, the following are deemed to be equivalent basic life support (BLS) courses to the American Heart Association (AHA) or the American Red Cross (ARC): (1) A BLS course taught by a provider approved by the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE).

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	(2) A BLS course taught by a provider approved by the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI). (b) For the purposes of this section, a Basic Life Support course shall include all of the following: (1) Instruction in both adult and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), including 2-rescuer scenarios; (2) Instruction in foreign-body airway obstruction; (3) Instruction in relief of choking for adults, children and infants; (4) Instruction in the use of automated external defibrillation with CPR; and; (5) A live, in-person skills practice session, a skills test, and a written examination. **§ 1017. Continuing Education Units Required for Renewal of License or Permit.** (a) As a condition of renewal, all licensees are required to complete continuing education as follows: (1) Two units of continuing education in Infection Control specific to California regulations as defined in Section 1016(b)(1)(A). (2) Two units of continuing education in the California Dental Practice Act and its related regulations as defined in Section 1016(b)(1)(B). (3) A maximum of four units of a course in Basic Life Support as specified in Section 1016(b)(1)(C). (4) Only dentists shall be required to complete two units of continuing education on the subjects set forth in 1016(b)(1)(D). (b) Mandatory continuing education units count toward the total units required to renew a license or permit; however, failure to complete the mandatory courses will result in non-renewal of a license or permit. (c) All licensees shall accumulate the continuing education units equal to the number of units indicated below during the biennial license or permit renewal period assigned by the Board on each license or permit. All licensees shall verify to the Board that he or she who has been issued a license or permit to practice for a period less than two years shall begin accumulating continuing education credits within the next biennial renewal period occurring after the issuance of a new license or permit to practice. (1) Dentists: 50 units. (2) Registered dental hygienists: 25 units. (3) Registered dental assistants: 25 units. (4) Dental Sedation Assistant Permit Holders: 25 units. (5) Orthodontic Assistant Permit Holders: 25 units. (6) Registered dental hygienists in extended functions: 25 units. (7) Registered dental assistants in extended functions: 25 units. (8) Registered dental hygienists in alternative practice: 35 units. (d) Each dentist licensee who holds a general anesthesia permit shall complete, as a condition of permit renewal, continuing education requirements pursuant to Section 1646.5 of the Code at least once every two years, and either (1) an advanced cardiac life support course which is approved by the American Heart Association and which includes an examination on the materials presented in the course or (2) any other advanced cardiac life support course which is identical in all respects, except for the omission of materials that relate solely to hospital emergencies or neonatology, to the course entitled “2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care”

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	published by the American Heart Association December 13, 2005 which is incorporated herein by reference. (e) Each dentist licensee who holds a moderate sedation permit shall complete at least once every two years a minimum of 15 total units of coursework related to the administration of moderate sedation and to medical emergencies, as a condition of permit renewal, in continuing education requirements pursuant to Section 1647.5 of the Code. Refusal to execute the required assurance shall result in non-renewal of the permit. (f) Each dentist licensee who holds an oral conscious sedation permit for adults, as a condition of permit renewal, shall complete at least once every two years a minimum of 7 total units of coursework related to the subject area in continuing education requirements pursuant to Section 1647.21 of the Code. (g) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, tape recorded courses, home study materials, video courses, and computer courses are considered correspondence courses, and will be accepted for credit up to, but not exceeding, 50% of the licensee's total required units. (h) In the event that a portion of a licensee's units have been obtained through non-live instruction, as described in subsection (g) above, all remaining units shall be obtained through live interactive course study with the option to obtain 100% of the total required units by way of interactive instruction courses. Such courses are defined as live lecture, live telephone conferencing, live video conferencing, live workshop demonstration, or live classroom study. (i) Licensees who provide direct patient care as an unpaid volunteer at a free public health care event or non-profit community health clinic shall be issued continuing education credit of one unit per hour of providing unpaid volunteer dental services to patients, for up to three units of their total continuing education unit requirements for license renewal. Units of credit may be issued in half hour increments. (j) Licensees who participate in the following activities shall be issued continuing education credit for up to 20% of their total continuing education unit requirements for license renewal: (1) Participation in any Dental Board of California or Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) administered examination including attendance at calibration training, examiner orientation sessions, and examinations. (2) Participation in any site visit or evaluation relating to issuance and maintenance of a general anesthesia, moderate sedation or oral conscious sedation permit. (3) Participation in any calibration training and site evaluation training session relating to general anesthesia, moderate sedation or oral conscious sedation permits. (4) Participation in any site visit or evaluation of an approved dental auxiliary program or dental auxiliary course. (k) The Board shall issue to participants in the activities listed in subsection (j) a certificate that contains the date, time, location, authorizing signature, 11-digit course registration number, and number of units conferred for each activity consistent with all certificate requirements herein required for the purposes of records retention and auditing. (l) The license or permit of any person who fails to accumulate the continuing education units set forth in this section or to assure the Board that he or she will accumulate such units, shall not be renewed until such time as the licensee complies with those requirements. (m) A licensee who has not practiced in California for more than one year because the licensee is disabled need not comply with the continuing

	education requirements of this article during the renewal period within which such disability falls. Such licensee shall certify in writing that he or she is eligible for waiver of the continuing education requirements. A licensee who ceases to be eligible for such waiver shall notify the Board of such and shall comply with the continuing education requirements for subsequent renewal periods. (n) A licensee shall retain, for a period of three renewal periods, the certificates of course completion issued to him or her at the time he or she attended a continuing education course and shall forward such certifications to the Board only upon request by the Board for audit purposes. A licensee who fails to retain a certification shall contact the provider and obtain a duplicate certification. (o) Any licensee who furnishes false or misleading information to the Board regarding his or her continuing education units may be subject to disciplinary action. The Board may audit a licensee continuing education records as it deems necessary to ensure that the continuing education requirements are met. (p) A licensee who also holds a permit for general anesthesia, moderate sedation, or oral conscious sedation of an adult, may apply the continuing education units required in the specific subject areas to their dental license renewal requirements. (q) A registered dental assistant or registered dental assistant in extended functions who holds a permit as an orthodontic assistant or a dental sedation assistant shall not be required to complete additional continuing education requirements beyond that which is required for licensure renewal in order to renew either permit. (r) Pertaining to licensees holding more than one license or permit, the license or permit that requires the largest number of continuing education units for renewal shall equal the licensee's full renewal requirement. Dual licensure, or licensure with permit, shall not require duplication of continuing education requirements. (s) Current and active licensees enrolled in a full-time educational program in the field of dentistry, including dental school program, residency program, postdoctoral specialty program, dental hygiene school program, dental hygiene in alternative practice program, or registered dental assisting in extended functions program approved by the Board or the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation shall be granted continuing education credits for completed curriculum during that renewal period. In the event of audit, licensees shall be required to present school transcripts to the Board as evidence of enrollment and course completion. (t) Current and active dental sedation assistant and orthodontic assistant permit holders enrolled in a full-time dental hygiene school program, dental assisting program, or registered dental assisting in extended functions program approved by the Board or the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation shall be granted continuing education credits for completed curriculum during that renewal period. In the event of audit, assisting permit holders shall be required to present school transcripts to the committee or Board as evidence of enrollment and course completion. (u) Continuing education for retired dentists in only uncompensated practice shall include mandatory courses described at Section 1016(b)(1) and courses directly related to the delivery of dental services to patients described at Section 1016(b)(2) and shall be no less than 30 units.

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	§ 1017.1. Continued Competency Requirements for Renewal of Permits with Pediatric Endorsements. (a) As a condition of renewal, each licensee who holds a general anesthesia permit with a pediatric endorsement shall provide documentation to the Board showing completion of at least twenty (20) cases of general anesthesia or deep sedation to pediatric patients as provided in Section 1043.8.1, subsections (c)-(d). (b) As a condition of renewal, each dentist licensee who holds a moderate sedation permit with a pediatric endorsement shall confirm to the Board in writing the following as part of the permit renewal requirements in Section 1043.8 ("application"): (1) Whether the licensee completed at least twenty (20) cases of moderate sedation for children under thirteen (13) years of age in the 24-month time period immediately preceding application for their current permit renewal either independently and/or under the direct supervision of another permit holder; (2) Whether the licensee completed at least twenty (20) cases of moderate sedation for children under seven years of age in the 24-month time period immediately preceding application for their current permit renewal either independently and/or under the direct supervision of another permit holder, and; (3) If applicable, if the licensee lacks sufficient cases, whether the licensee is administering moderate sedation to patients under seven years of age only under the direct supervision of a permit holder who meets the qualifications of Section 1647.3 of the Code. **§ 1017.2. Inactive Licenses.** (a) A licensee who desires an inactive license shall submit a completed Application to Inactivate/Activate License, LIC-6 (New 12/09) that is incorporated herein by reference. (b) In order to restore an inactive license to active status, the licensee shall submit a completed Application to Inactivate/Activate License, LIC-6 (New 12/09) that is incorporated herein by reference, accompanied by evidence that the licensee has completed the required number of hours of approved continuing education in compliance with this article within the last two years preceding such application. In addition, the licensee shall submit a full set of fingerprints as required by Section 1008. (c) The holder of an inactive license shall continue to pay to the board the required biennial renewal fee. (d) The board shall inform an applicant who wishes to activate/inactivate his/her license in writing within 30 days whether the application is complete and accepted for filing or is deficient and what specific information is required. The board shall decide within 30 days after the filing of a completed application whether the applicant meets the requirements.

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