Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA)** (Typodont manikin-based or patient examination) Scores from ADEX Dental Licensing Examinations administered in a jurisdiction other than Florida must be completed on or after October 2, 2011. Source: Florida Board of Dentistry - Dentist Licensing
General Licensure Requirements	**Florida Statutes Chapter 466: DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE, AND DENTAL LABORATORIES** **466.006 Examination of dentists.—** (1)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the costs associated with an independent state-developed practical or clinical examination to measure an applicant's ability to practice the profession of dentistry and to use the American Dental Licensing Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., in lieu of an independent state-developed practical or clinical examination. The Legislature finds that the American Dental Licensing Examination, in both its structure and function, consistently meets generally accepted testing standards and has been found, as it is currently organized and operating, to adequately and reliably measure an applicant's ability to practice the profession of dentistry. [1](b) Any person desiring to be licensed as a dentist must apply to the department. There is an application fee set by the board which may not exceed $100 and is nonrefundable. (2) The department shall license an applicant who the board certifies meets all of the following criteria: (a) Is 18 years of age or older. (b)1. Is a graduate of a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education; or 2. Is a dental student at an accredited dental school who has completed all the coursework necessary to prepare the student to perform the clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the licensure examinations. A dental school student who takes the licensure examinations during the student's final year of an approved dental school must graduate before being certified for licensure pursuant to s. 466.011. (c) Has successfully completed the examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or its successor organization. (3) If an applicant is a graduate of a dental college or school not accredited in accordance with paragraph (2)(b) or of a dental college or school not approved by the board, the applicant is not entitled to take the examinations required in this section to practice dentistry until she or he satisfies one of the following: (a) Completes a program of study, as defined by the board by rule, at an accredited American dental school and demonstrates receipt of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. from said school; or (b) Submits proof of having successfully completed at least 2 consecutive academic years at a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. This program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. For purposes of this paragraph, a supplemental general dentistry program does not include an advanced education program in a dental specialty.

The ADA attempts to keep this information current based on information from state dental boards, clinical testing agencies and state dental associations. Individuals seeking dental licensure should consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for the complete and most recent dental licensure information, application requirements, forms and fees.

	(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law in chapter 456 pertaining to the clinical dental licensure examination or national examinations, to be licensed as a dentist in this state, an applicant must successfully complete both of the following: (a) A written examination on the laws and rules of the state regulating the practice of dentistry. (b) A practical or clinical examination, which must be the American Dental Licensing Examination produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, which is administered in this state, provided that the board has attained, and continues to maintain thereafter, representation on the board of directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, the examination development committee of the American Board of Dental Examiners, and such other committees of the American Board of Dental Examiners as the board deems appropriate by rule to assure that the standards established herein are maintained organizationally. 1. As an alternative to such practical or clinical examination, an applicant may submit scores from an American Dental Licensing Examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state after October 1, 2011, and such examination results are recognized as valid for the purpose of licensure in this state. A passing score on the American Dental Licensing Examination administered out of state is the same as the passing score for the American Dental Licensing Examination administered in this state. The applicant must have completed the examination after October 1, 2011. This subparagraph may not be given retroactive application. 2. If the date of an applicant's passing American Dental Licensing Examination scores from an examination previously administered in a jurisdiction other than this state under subparagraph 1. is older than 365 days, such scores are nevertheless valid for the purpose of licensure in this state, but only if the applicant demonstrates that all of the following additional standards have been met: a. The applicant completed the American Dental Licensing Examination after October 1, 2011. This sub-subparagraph may not be given retroactive application. b. The applicant graduated from a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor entity, if any, or any other dental accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of Education. Provided, however, if the applicant did not graduate from such a dental school, the applicant may submit proof of having successfully completed a full-time supplemental general dentistry program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation of at least 2 consecutive academic years at such accredited sponsoring institution. Such program must provide didactic and clinical education at the level of a D.D.S. or D.M.D. program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, a supplemental general dentistry program does not include an advanced education program in a dental specialty. c. The applicant currently possesses a valid and active dental license in good standing, with no restriction, which has never been revoked, suspended, restricted, or otherwise disciplined, from another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. d. The applicant must disclose to the board during the application process if he or she has been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank, or the American Association of Dental Boards Clearinghouse. This sub-subparagraph does not apply if the applicant successfully appealed to have his or her name removed from the data banks of these agencies.

	e.(I)(A) The applicant submits proof of having been consecutively engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure in this state; or (B) If the applicant has been licensed in another state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for less than 5 years, the applicant submits proof of having been engaged in the full-time practice of dentistry since the date of his or her initial licensure. (II) As used in this section, "full-time practice" is defined as a minimum of 1,200 hours per year for each year in the consecutive 5-year period or, when applicable, the period since initial licensure, and must include any combination of the following: (A) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care. (B) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. (C) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. (III) The board shall develop rules to determine what type of proof of full-time practice is required and to recoup the cost to the board of verifying full-time practice under this section. Such proof must, at a minimum, be: (A) Admissible as evidence in an administrative proceeding; (B) Submitted in writing; (C) Further documented by an applicant's annual income tax return filed with the Internal Revenue Service for each year in the preceding 5-year period or, if the applicant has been practicing for less than 5 years, the period since initial licensure; and (D) Specifically found by the board to be both credible and admissible. (IV) The board may excuse applicants from the 1,200-hour requirement in the event of hardship, as defined by the board. f. The applicant submits documentation that he or she has completed, or will complete before he or she is licensed in this state, continuing education equivalent to this state's requirements for the last full reporting biennium. g. The applicant proves that he or she has never been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession in any jurisdiction. h. The applicant has successfully passed a written examination on the laws and rules of this state regulating the practice of dentistry and the computer-based diagnostic skills examination. i. The applicant submits documentation that he or she has successfully completed the applicable examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or its successor organization. (5)(a) The practical examination required under subsection (4) is the American Dental Licensing Examination developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity, if any, provided the board finds that the successor entity's clinical examination complies with the provisions of this section, and must include, at a minimum, all of the following: 1. A comprehensive diagnostic skills examination covering the full scope of dentistry and an examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning in dentistry for dental candidates. 2. Two restorations on a manikin that has typodont teeth with simulated caries as approved by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. The board by rule shall determine the class of such restorations.

	3. A demonstration of periodontal skills on a manikin that has typodont teeth with simulated calculus as approved by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. 4. A demonstration of prosthetics and restorative skills in complete and partial dentures and crowns and bridges and the utilization of practical methods of evaluation, specifically including the evaluation by the candidate of completed laboratory products such as, but not limited to, crowns and inlays filled to prepared model teeth. 5. A demonstration of restorative skills on a manikin which requires the candidate to complete procedures performed in preparation for a cast restoration. 6. A demonstration of endodontic skills. 7. A diagnostic skills examination demonstrating ability to diagnose conditions within the human oral cavity and its adjacent tissues and structures from photographs, slides, radiographs, or models pursuant to rules of the board. If an applicant fails to pass the diagnostic skills examination in three attempts, the applicant is not eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board. (b) If the applicant fails to pass the clinical examination in three attempts, the applicant is not eligible for reexamination unless she or he completes additional educational requirements established by the board. (c) The board may by rule provide for additional procedures that are to be tested, provided such procedures are common to the practice of general dentistry. The board by rule shall determine the passing grade for each procedure and the acceptable variation for examiners. Such rules may not apply retroactively. **History.**—ss. 1, 3, ch. 79-330; ss. 13, 15, 25, 26, 30, 34, 62, ch. 80-406; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 8, 38, 41, ch. 82-179; s. 1, ch. 82-220; s. 1, ch. 83-172; s. 87, ch. 83-218; s. 4, ch. 85-156; ss. 5, 23, 24, ch. 86-291; s. 15, ch. 88-205; s. 10, ch. 89-66; s. 48, ch. 90-228; s. 2, ch. 90-341; ss. 13, 60, ch. 91-137; s. 7, ch. 91-156; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 251, ch. 97-103; s. 108, ch. 97-264; s. 1, ch. 2004-300; s. 3, ch. 2005-189; s. 2, ch. 2008-64; s. 9, ch. 2011-95; s. 1, ch. 2012-14; s. 23, ch. 2020-133; s. 1, ch. 2022-32; s. 1, ch. 2024-211; s. 12, ch. 2024-243. [1]**Note.**—Section 12, ch. 2024-243, amended paragraph (1)(b), effective July 1, 2025. As amended by s. 1, ch. 2024-211, and s. 12, ch. 2024-243, effective July 1, 2025, paragraph (1)(b) will read: (b)1. Any person desiring to be licensed as a dentist must apply to the department. There is an application fee set by the board which may not exceed $100 and is nonrefundable. 2. Applicants for licensure must also submit to background screening in accordance with s. 456.0135. **466.0065 Regional licensure examinations.**— (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that schools of dentistry be allowed to offer regional licensure examinations to dental students who are in the final year of a program at an approved dental school for the sole purpose of facilitating the student's licensing in other jurisdictions. This section does not allow a person to be licensed as a dentist in this state without taking the examinations as set forth in s. 466.006, nor does this section mean that regional examinations administered under this section may be substituted for complying with testing requirements under s. 466.006. (2) Each school of dentistry in this state which is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency may, upon written approval by the Board of Dentistry, offer regional licensure examinations only to dental students in the final year of a program at an approved

	dental school, if the board has approved the hosting school's written plan to comply with the following conditions: (a) A member of the regional examination body's board of directors or equivalent thereof must be a member of the American Association of Dental Examiners. (b) The student must have successfully passed parts I and II of the National Board of Dental Examiners examination within 2 years before taking the regional examination. (c) At least one of the examination monitors must be a dentist licensed in this state who has completed all necessary standardization exercises required by the regional examination body. Recruitment of examination monitors is the responsibility of the regional examination body. (d) The board chair or the chair's designee must be allowed to observe testing while it is in progress. (e) Each student, upon being deemed eligible by the dental school to apply to the regional examination body to take the regional examination, must receive written disclosure in at least 12-point boldface type that states: "This examination does not meet the licensure requirements of chapter 466, Florida Statutes, for licensure in the State of Florida. Persons wishing to practice dentistry in Florida must pass the Florida licensure examinations." (f) The student must be enrolled as a dental student in the student's final year of a program at an approved dental school that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency. (g) The student must have completed all coursework deemed necessary by the dental school to prepare the student to perform all clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the regional examination. (3) A student who takes the examination pursuant to this section, a dental school that submits a plan pursuant to this section, or a regional examination body that a dental school proposes to host under this section does not have standing to assert that a state agency has taken action for which a hearing may be sought under ss. 120.569 and 120.57. **History.**—s. 2, ch. 2004-300; s. 11, ch. 2011-95; s. 2, ch. 2022-32. **Florida Administrative Code 64B5-2.013 Dental Examination.** Each applicant applying for a Florida dental license is required to complete the examinations as provided for in Section 466.006, F.S. The Florida examinations for dentistry shall consist of a Written Examination, a Practical or Clinical Examination and a Diagnostic Skills Examination. All three examinations will be conducted in English. Applicants for examination or re-examination must have taken and successfully completed of the National Board of Dental Examiners dental examination. (1) Practical or Clinical Examination: (a) Effective October 1, 2011, the Florida Practical or Clinical Examination and the Diagnostic Skills Examination is currently the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., or its successor entity if the successor entity is determined by the Board of Dentistry to comply with the provision of Section 466.006, F.S. The ADLEX is inclusive of a comprehensive diagnostic skills examination covering the full scope of the practice of dentistry. (b) All parts of the ADEX shall be completed within eighteen (18) months from the initial start of any portion of the examination or from eighteen (18) months from July 1st of the applicant's last year of dental school. A failure to complete all parts of the examination within the time frames set forth above will require the applicant to retake the entire examination.

	(c) Each part of the ADEX shall be completed with a grade of at least seventy-five (75%) percent. (d) Provided the Board of Dentistry maintains representation on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., and the Examination Development Committee of the American Board of Dental Examiners Inc., the practical or clinical examination procedures, standards, and criteria of the ADEX are approved. (e) If any portion of the clinical or practical portion of the ADEX exam was completed in a jurisdiction other than Florida, applicants must comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 466.006(4)(b)3. and 466.006(6), F.S., Rules 64B5-2.0150 and 64B5-2.0152, F.A.C. (2) Written Examination: (a) The Written Examination for dental licensure shall consist of the laws and rules of the State of Florida regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. (b) A final grade of seventy-five (75%) percent or better is required to pass the Written Examination. (3) This rule shall be reviewed, and if necessary, repealed, modified, or renewed through the rulemaking process five years from the effective date. **64B5-2.014 Licensure Requirements for Applicants from Accredited Schools or Colleges.** Any person who has graduated, or expects to graduate prior to the examination, or is in their final year of a dental or dental hygiene program and has completed all the coursework necessary to prepare the student to perform the clinical and diagnostic procedures required to pass the examinations, from a school or college accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or its successor agency, or any other dental or dental hygiene program accredited by an accrediting entity recognized by the United States Department of Education, may seek licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist in the following manner: (1) Dental Hygiene Candidates: (a) Successfully complete the practical or clinical dental hygiene examination developed by American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX), as specified in Rule 64B5-2.0135, F.A.C., through the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA); (b) Successfully complete the National Board Dental Hygiene Written Examination prior to application; (c) Submit a completed application for licensure, Dental Hygiene Licensure Application, Form DH-MQA 1210 (Revised 5/2025), incorporated herein by reference and available at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18393, or available on the Department of Health's website at http://www.floridadentistry.gov. An applicant is eligible for licensure upon receipt of a completed application, passing scores from the ADEX clinical examination, National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, and successful completion of the written examination on the laws and rules of Florida regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. Applicants must comply with all time requirements for passing the examinations as specified in Rule 64B5-2.0135, F.A.C. (2) Dental Candidates: (a) Successfully complete the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX), produced by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., as specified in Rule 64B5-2.013, F.A.C., through the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), which includes the Diagnostic Skills Examination. Candidates who have completed the ADLEX, after October 1, 2011, in another jurisdiction other than Florida and whose scores are over 365 days old are subject to additional application requirements as mandated in Section 466.006(4)(b)3., F.S. Additionally,

	all Candidates who submit ADLEX scores from another jurisdiction other than Florida are subject to post licensure requirements as mandated in Section 466.006(6), F.S. (b) Successfully complete the National Board of Dental Examiners Written Examination; (c) Submit a completed application for licensure, Dentistry Licensure Application, DH-MQA 1182 (Revised 5/2025), incorporated herein by reference and available at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18392, or available on the Department of Health's website at http://www.floridadentistry.gov. An applicant is eligible for licensure upon receipt of a completed application, passing scores from the ADEX clinical examination, Diagnostic Skills Examination, National Board Dental Examination and successful completion of the written examination on the laws and rules of Florida regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. Applicants must comply with all time requirements for passing the examinations as specified in Rule 64B5-2.013, F.A.C. (3) It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application for licensure is complete, including ensuring that all required documents are submitted timely. Rulemaking Authority 456.013, 466.004, 466.006, 466.007 FS. Law Implemented 456.013, 456.0135, 456.048, 456.0635, 466.006, 466.007, 466.028 FS. History–New 10-8-79, Amended 4-1-80, 4-20-81, 3-16-82, 5-2-84, 9-4-84, Formerly 21G-2.14, Amended 12-31-86, 10-8-87, 11-16-89, 10-18-90, Formerly 21G-2.014, 61F5-2.014, Amended 9-24-96, Formerly 59Q-2.014, Amended 8-20-97, 3-16-06, 12-26-06, 4-26-10, 3-18-12, 8-5-12, 12-11-12, 11-7-16, 10-4-18, 10-22-19, 8-31-21, 2-23-25, 9-25-25.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**Florida Administrative Code 64B5-2.0150 American Dental Licensing Exam Scores from Other Jurisdiction: Full-Time Practice Requirements** The Florida dental clinical or practical examination is currently the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. An applicant for a dental license in Florida can submit ADLEX scores from a jurisdiction other than Florida if the examination was completed after October 1, 2011. If, however, the passing scores from the ADLEX are over 365 days old, the results will not be recognized unless all criteria below are met. (1) Applicable Definitions: (a) Full-time practice – means completing one thousand two hundred (1,200) hours of practice per calendar year; when applicable, the hours shall be broken down to one hundred (100) hours per month. (b) Month – means thirty (30) days. (c) Practice – means any combination of the following: 1) Active clinical practice of dentistry providing direct patient care; 2) Full-time practice as a faculty member employed by a dental or dental hygiene school approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, or 3) Full-time practice as a student at a postgraduate dental education program approved by the board or accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. (d) Recognized or Other Jurisdiction – means a state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. (2) Mandatory Criteria: The applicant shall meet all of the following criteria. (a) Compliance with all provisions of Section 466.006(4)(b)2., F.S. The applicant should carefully review this section of the Florida Statutes. (b) Provide documentation that the applicant has been consecutively engaged in full-time practice in a recognized jurisdiction for the preceding five (5) years or since initial licensure, if less than five years, prior to the date of application for licensure to the Florida Board of Dentistry.

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(3) Mandatory Documentation:
Each category of full-time practice claimed must be supported by the following documentation. There must be documentation submitted from subparagraph (a) and (b), below, if applicable.
(a) Annual income tax return filed with the Internal Revenue Service as required by section 466.006(4)(b)2.e., F.S.
(b) An original and official letter from the dean of the school or program sent directly from the program or school to the Board, that supports that the applicant did engage in full-time practice as a faculty member or as a student which matches the dates month-for-month and year-for-year as listed.
(4) The board may excuse applicants from the full-time practice requirement in the event of a demonstrated hardship. A hardship is defined as an absence from the practice of dentistry due to one of the following:
(a) The birth or care of a newborn child;
(b) The care of a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition;
(c) A serious health condition which prevented the dentist from working full-time.
(5) An applicant seeking an excusal of the full-time practice requirement must submit supporting documentation to the Board, which shall include a signed letter from the treating physician which identifies the reason for the hardship and the period of time the applicant was not able to work.
(6) Mandatory Board Appearance and Delays:
(a) It is in the best interest of the applicant to carefully review all documents submitted for accuracy, authenticity, legibility, and statutory and rule compliance to avoid unnecessary delays, board appearances, or denials.
(b) The Board is authorized to require the applicant and the applicant's witness to appear before the Board to give oral testimony under oath to assess credibility or accuracy of the full-time practice requirements. Section 466.006(4)(b)3.e.(IV), F.S. In addition, the Board can require a mandatory appearance regarding any licensure application and a failure to appear at one of the next two regularly scheduled meetings shall result in a denial of licensure and will toll the time for ruling on the application. Section 456.013(3), F.S. Finally, any incomplete submission can delay the application process. Section 120.60(1), F.S.
Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.006(4)(b)3.e.(III) FS. Law Implemented 466.004, 466.006(6) FS. History–New 7-1-12, Amended 1-7-25.

64B5-2.0141 Licensure by Endorsement.
An applicant for licensure by endorsement pursuant to Section 456.0145(2), F.S., shall submit as part of his or her application DH-MQA-5101 (5/2025), "Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement" (MOBILE) which is incorporated herein by reference and which may be obtained from http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18394, the Board office, or at www.floridasdentistry.com. Applicants for licensure shall meet and comply with all requirements in Section 456.0145(2), F.S. and shall successfully complete an examination on laws and rules of the State of Florida regulating the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.
Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 456.0145(5) FS. Law Implemented 456.0135, 456.0145 FS. History-New 12-23-24, Amended 8-25-25.
Florida Statutes 456.0145 Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement (MOBILE) Act.—
(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement Act" or the "MOBILE Act."
(2) LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT.—
[1](a) An applicable board, or the department if there is no board, shall issue a license to practice in this state to an applicant who meets all of the following criteria:

	1. Submits a complete application. 2. Holds an active, unencumbered license issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States in a profession with a similar scope of practice, as determined by the board or department, as applicable. The term "scope of practice" means the full spectrum of functions, procedures, actions, and services that a health care practitioner is deemed competent and authorized to perform under a license issued in this state. 3.a. Has obtained a passing score on a national licensure examination or holds a national certification recognized by the board, or the department if there is no board, as applicable to the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure in this state; or b. Meets the requirements of paragraph (b). 4. Has actively practiced the profession for which the applicant is applying for at least 2 years during the 4-year period immediately preceding the date of submission of the application. 5. Attests that he or she is not, at the time of submission of the application, the subject of a disciplinary proceeding in a jurisdiction in which he or she holds a license or by the United States Department of Defense for reasons related to the practice of the profession for which he or she is applying. 6. Has not had disciplinary action taken against him or her in the 5 years immediately preceding the date of submission of the application. 7. Meets the financial responsibility requirements of s. 456.048 or the applicable practice act, if required for the profession for which the applicant is seeking licensure. 8. Submits a set of fingerprints for a background screening pursuant to s. 456.0135, if required for the profession for which he or she is applying. The department shall verify information submitted by the applicant under this subsection using the National Practitioner Data Bank, as applicable. (b) An applicant for a profession that does not require a national examination or national certification is eligible for licensure if an applicable board, or the department if there is no board, determines that the jurisdiction in which the applicant currently holds an active, unencumbered license meets established minimum education requirements and, if applicable, examination, work experience, and clinical supervision requirements that are substantially similar to the requirements for licensure in that profession in this state. [1](c) A person is ineligible for a license under this section if he or she: 1. Has a complaint, an allegation, or an investigation pending before a licensing entity in another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States; 2. Has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to the practice of a health care profession; 3. Has had a health care provider license revoked or suspended by another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States, or has voluntarily surrendered any such license in lieu of having disciplinary action taken against the license; or 4. Has been reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, unless the applicant has successfully appealed to have his or her name removed from the data bank. If the reported adverse action was a result of conduct that would not constitute a violation of any law or rule in this state, the board, or the department if there is no board, may: a. Approve the application; b. Approve the application with restrictions on the scope of practice of the licensee;

	c. Approve the application with placement of the licensee on probation for a period of time and subject to such conditions as the board, or the department if there is no board, may specify, including, but not limited to, requiring the applicant to submit to treatment, attend continuing education courses, or submit to reexamination; or d. Deny the application. (d) The board, or the department if there is no board, may revoke a license upon finding that the licensee provided false or misleading material information or intentionally omitted material information in an application for licensure. (e) The board, or the department if there is no board, shall issue a license to a qualified applicant within 7 days after receipt of all documentation required for an application. (3) STATE EXAMINATION.—The board, or the department if there is no board, may require an applicant to successfully complete a jurisprudential examination specific to state laws and rules that regulate the applicable profession, if this chapter or the applicable practice act requires such examination. (4) ANNUAL REPORT.—By December 31 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides all of the following information for the previous fiscal year, distinguished by profession: (a) The number of applications for licensure received under this section. (b) The number of licenses issued under this section. (c) The number of applications submitted under this section which were denied and the reason for such denials. (d) The number of complaints, investigations, or other disciplinary actions taken against health care practitioners who are licensed under this section. (5) RULES.—Each applicable board, or the department if there is no board, shall adopt rules to implement this section within 6 months after this section's effective date, including rules relating to legislative intent under s. 456.025(1) and the requirements of s. 456.025(3). **History.**—s. 3, ch. 2024-274; s. 49, ch. 2025-6; s. 6, ch. 2025-114. [1]**Note.**—Section 17, ch. 2025-114, provides that "[e]xcept as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, or, if this act fails to become a law until after June 1, 2025, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to June 1, 2025, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025."
Specialty Practice	**Florida Statutes Chapter 466: DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE, AND DENTAL LABORATORIES** **Florida Statutes 466.0282 Specialties** (1) A dentist licensed under this chapter may not hold himself or herself out as a specialist, or advertise membership in or specialty recognition by an accrediting organization, unless the dentist: (a) Has completed a specialty education program approved by the American Dental Association and the Commission on Dental Accreditation and: 1. Is eligible for examination by a national specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association; or 2. Is a diplomate of a national specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association; or (b) Has continuously held himself or herself out as a specialist since December 31, 1964, in a specialty recognized by the American Dental Association. (2) A dentist licensed under this chapter may not represent to the public without appropriate disclosure that his or her practice is limited to a specific area of dentistry other than a specialty area of dentistry authorized under subsection (1), unless the dentist has attained membership in or has otherwise been credentialed

	by an accrediting organization which is recognized by the board as a bona fide organization for such an area of dental practice. In order to be recognized by the board as a bona fide accrediting organization for a specific area of dental practice other than a specialty area of dentistry authorized under subsection (1), the organization must condition membership or credentialing of its members upon all of the following: (a) Successful completion of a formal, full-time advanced education program that is affiliated with or sponsored by a university-based dental school and is: 1. Beyond the dental degree; 2. At the graduate or postgraduate level; and 3. Of at least 12 months in duration. (b) Prior didactic training and clinical experience in the specific area of dentistry which is greater than that of other dentists. (c) Successful completion of oral and written examinations based on psychometric principles. (3) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (1) and (2), a dentist who lacks membership in or certification, diplomate status, or other similar credentials from an accrediting organization approved as bona fide by either the American Dental Association or the board may announce a practice emphasis in any other area of dental practice if the dentist incorporates in capital letters or some other manner clearly distinguishable from the rest of the announcement, solicitation, or advertisement the following statement: " (NAME OF ANNOUNCED AREA OF DENTAL PRACTICE) IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS A SPECIALTY AREA BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION OR THE FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY." If such an area of dental practice is officially recognized by an organization which the dentist desires to acknowledge or otherwise reference in the dentist's announcement, solicitation, or advertisement, the same announcement, solicitation, or advertisement shall also state prominently: " (NAME OF REFERENCED ORGANIZATION) IS NOT RECOGNIZED AS A BONA FIDE SPECIALTY ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION OR THE FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY." (4) The purpose of this section is to prevent a dentist from advertising without appropriate disclosure membership in an organization which may be perceived by the public as recognizing or accrediting specialization or other unique competencies in an area of dentistry that is not recognized or accredited by the American Dental Association or the board in accordance with this section. The purpose of this section is also to prohibit a dentist from advertising a specialty or other area of dental practice without appropriate disclosure unless the special competencies held by the dentist satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) or subsection (2). The Legislature finds that dental consumers can reasonably rely on these requirements as satisfactory evidence of a dentist's attainment of meaningful competencies in the specialty or other bona fide area of dental practice advertised. The Legislature also finds that this process for the recognition of dental specialties and other bona fide areas of dental practice is the least restrictive means available to ensure that consumers are not misled about a dentist's unique credentials.
Continuing Education	**Florida Statutes Chapter 466: DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE, AND DENTAL LABORATORIES** **466.013 Renewal of license.—** (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of the renewal application and the fee set by the board not to exceed $300. (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses.

	History.—ss. 1, 3, ch. 79-330; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 23, 24, ch. 86-291; s. 36, ch. 89-162; s. 60, ch. 91-137; s. 7, ch. 91-156; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 180, ch. 94-119. **466.0135 Continuing education; dentists.—** (1) In addition to the other requirements for renewal set out in this chapter, each licensed dentist shall be required to complete biennially not less than 30 hours of continuing professional education in dental subjects, with a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education on the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances. Programs of continuing education shall be programs of learning that contribute directly to the dental education of the dentist and may include, but shall not be limited to, attendance at lectures, study clubs, college postgraduate courses, or scientific sessions of conventions; and research, graduate study, teaching, or service as a clinician. Programs of continuing education shall be acceptable when adhering to the following general guidelines: (a) The aim of continuing education for dentists is to improve all phases of dental health care delivery to the public. (b) Continuing education courses shall address one or more of the following areas of professional development, including, but not limited to: 1. Basic medical and scientific subjects, including, but not limited to, biology, physiology, pathology, biochemistry, and pharmacology; 2. Clinical and technological subjects, including, but not limited to, clinical techniques and procedures, materials, and equipment; and 3. Subjects pertinent to oral health and safety. (c) The board may also authorize up to 3 hours of credit biennially for a practice management course that includes instruction on principles of ethical practice management, substance abuse, effective communication with patients, time management, or burnout prevention. (d) Continuing education credits shall be earned at the rate of one-half credit hour per 25-30 contact minutes of instruction and one credit hour per 50-60 contact minutes of instruction. (2) Programs meeting the general requirements of subsection (1) may be developed and offered to dentists by any of the following agencies or organizations: (a) The American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, and state, district, or local dental associations and societies affiliated with the American Dental Association or the National Dental Association. (b) National, state, district, or local dental specialty organizations affiliated with the American Dental Association. (c) Dental colleges or schools accredited as provided in this chapter. (d) Other organizations, schools, or agencies approved by the board. (3) A dentist shall complete the required continuing education as provided in this section and shall retain in her or his records any receipts, vouchers, or certificates necessary to document completion of such continuing education. (4) Compliance with the continuing education requirements of this section shall be mandatory for the issuance of a renewal certificate by the department; however, the board shall have the authority to excuse licensees, as a group or as individuals, from said requirements, or any part thereof, in the event of an unusual circumstance, emergency, or special hardship. **History.**—ss. 3, 5, ch. 85-156; ss. 7, 23, 24, ch. 86-291; s. 60, ch. 91-137; s. 7, ch. 91-156; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 253, ch. 97-103; s. 5, ch. 2005-189; s. 26, ch. 2016-230; s. 1, ch. 2019-111; s. 3, ch. 2024-211. **Florida Administrative Code 64B5-12.013 Continuing Education Requirements; Specific Continuing Education Course Requirements; and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification.** (1) Minimum Continuing Education Hours: During each licensure biennium

	renewal period (biennium), dentists shall complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education and dental hygienists shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education. (2) Prevention of Medical Errors and CPR Certification: During each biennium or for reactivation of a license the dentist and dental hygienist shall complete the following specific continuing education, training and certification: (a) A board-approved two (2) hour continuing education course on the prevention of medical errors. To be approved by the board, the course shall include a study of root cause analysis, error reduction and prevention, and patient safety. This course shall count towards the requirement of subsection (1). In addition, a two (2) hour prevention of medical errors course approved by the Board of Medicine pursuant to paragraph 64B8-13.005(1)(c), F.A.C., (effective 3-2-22), which is hereby incorporated by reference and available at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15454, shall also fulfill the requirements of subsection 64B5-12.013(2), F.A.C. (b) Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the basic support level, including one-rescuer and two-rescuer CPR for adults, children, and infants; the relief of foreign body airway obstruction for adults, children, and infants; the use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED); and the use of ambu-bags. The CPR training shall result in the certification or recertification by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or an entity with equivalent requirements. CPR training and certification shall be taken in-person or through a blended learning course. A blended learning course includes online CPR training and hands-on skill competency completed in person for certification. Online training without hands-on training completed in person for certification shall not be accepted by the board. CPR training and certification shall not court towards the requirement of subsection (1). (3) Domestic Violence Continuing Education: As a part of every third biennial licensure renewal or for reactivation of a license, the dentist and dental hygienist shall complete a board-approved two (2) hour continuing education course on domestic violence as defined in Section 741.28, F.S., which course shall cover the substantive areas set forth in Section 456.031, F.S. To be approved by the board, the course must be approved by any state or federal agency or professional association or be offered through a board-approved continuing education provider. This course shall court towards the requirement of subsection (1). (4) HIV/AIDS Continuing Education: No later than upon the first licensee renewal or for reactivation of a license, a dentist and dental hygienist shall complete a board approved two (2) hour continuing education course on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). To be approved by the board, the course shall consist of instruction on HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases pertinent to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene that shall include instruction on, but need not be limited to, viral counts, hepatitis, sterilization and infection control requirements, identification of oral lesions associated with infectious disease, how the presence of infectious disease directly affects treatment decisions of dentists, and the subject areas set forth in Section 456.033, F.S. (a) Any course completed outside of Florida, which otherwise complies with this subsection (4), besides the Florida law and subject areas set for in Section 456.033(1), F.S. shall be approved by the board if the licensee submits to the board a statement that he or she has reviewed and studied the Florida law set forth in Section 456.033(1), F.S. (b) Home study courses are permitted for the purposes of meeting the HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases pertinent to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, provided the home study courses comply with the entirety of this subsection of the rule.

The ADA attempts to keep this information current based on information from state dental boards, clinical testing agencies and state dental associations. Individuals seeking dental licensure should consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for the complete and most recent dental licensure information, application requirements, forms and fees.

	(c) The HIV/AIDS course shall count towards the requirement of subsection (1). (5) Prescribing of Controlled Substances: As part of every biennial licensure renewal or for reactivation of a dental license, all licensed dentists shall complete a board-approved, two-hour continuing education course on the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances. (a) The Board hereby deems the courses previously approved pursuant to Section 456.0301, F.S., as approved to meet the requirement of this subsection. (b) This course shall count towards the requirement of subsection (1). (c) In addition, a two (2) hour prescribing of controlled substances course approved by the Board of Medicine pursuant to Rule 64B8-13.008, F.A.C., (effective 11-30-20), which is hereby incorporated by reference and available at http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-15455, shall also fulfill the requirements of subsection 64B5-12.013(5), F.A.C. (6) Award of Continuing Education Credit: Continuing education credit shall be awarded only for educational experiences that are specifically appropriate for, and contain useful information directly pertinent to, dentistry or dental hygiene and only if received through the following methods: (a) By taking courses offered by a board -approved continuing education provider. (b) By taking courses offered by: 1. The American or National Dental Associations and their constituent and component and affiliate dental associations and societies, including affiliated specialty organizations or a provider organization recognized by either the American or National Dental Associations; 2. The American or National Dental Hygiene Associations and their constituent and component associations and societies; 3. The Academy of General Dentistry and its constituent and component organizations or a provider approved by the Academy of General Dentistry's National Sponsor Approval Program; 4. A dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation; 5. A hospital, college, university, or community college, accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the United States Department of Education; 6. The American Red Cross, American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society; and, 7. An educational program or course associated with a medical school which is accredited by the American Medical Association's Liaison Committee for Medical Education. 8. The American Academy of Dental Hygiene. (c) By participating in board-approved individual study pursuant to Rule 64B5-12.018, F.A.C. (d) By participating in examination standardization exercises for the examinations that are required for dental or dental hygiene in Florida. Dentists and dental hygienists may receive a maximum of six (6) continuing education credits per biennium for participating in the dental hygiene exercise; dentists may receive a maximum of eight (8) continuing education credits for the dental clinical exercise; and dentists may receive a maximum of eleven (11) continuing education credits per biennium for participating in both exercises. (e) By participating in programs approved by the board pursuant to Rule 64B5-12.0185, F.A.C., that provide substantial pro bono dental and dental hygiene services to the indigent, to dentally underserved populations or to persons who reside in areas of critical need within Florida. Dentists and dental hygienists may obtain a maximum of six (6) hours per biennium of required continuing education credit for participating

	in such programs. Continuing education credit shall be calculated at a ratio of 1 continuing education credit for each 1 hour of patient services provided to approved programs. (f) By participating as an expert witness in the review of disciplinary cases, a licensee may receive a maximum of eleven (11) hours of continuing education credit for completing five disciplinary cases in each biennium. By participating as an expert witness in the review of disciplinary cases, a licensee may receive a maximum of four (4) hours of continuing education credit for completing two disciplinary cases in each biennium. (g) By teaching a course at a dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, its successor agency or other nationally recognized accrediting agency, an adjunct, part-time faculty member may receive three (3) continuing education hours per semester/quarter by providing to the board office documentation from the teaching institution which shall include the number of the semesters/quarters the licensee taught the course. (h) Up to four (4) hours of credit per renewal cycle may be earned by attending a meeting of the Board of Dentistry wherein disciplinary cases are considered. The licensee must check in with staff prior to the beginning of the disciplinary proceedings. After the conclusion of the meeting, board staff will issue a certificate of attendance to the licensee. Credit hours shall be awarded on an hour for hour basis up to a maximum of four (4) hours. Credit hours may not be earned when the licensee attends a disciplinary case session as a party to a disciplinary action. (i) By participating as an anesthesia inspection consultant, a licensee may receive two hours of continuing education credit each biennium. (7) This rule shall be reviewed, and if necessary, repealed, modified, or renewed through the rulemaking process five years from the effective date. *Rulemaking Authority 456.013(9), 456.0301, 456.031, 466.004(4), 466.0135, 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 456.013(9), 456.0301, 456.031, 456.033, 466.0135, 466.014, 466.017(3), (4) FS. History–New 4-2-86, Amended 12-31-86, 4-26-87, 7-20-87, 9-16-87, 11-18-89, 7-9-90, Formerly 21G-12.013, Amended 5-19-94, 7-18-94, Formerly 61F5-12.013, Amended 11-15-95, 4-8-96, Formerly 59Q-12.013, Amended 2-17-98, 2-15-99, 3-11-99, 11-9-00, 5-20-01, 8-25-03, 5-31-04, 7-13-05, 2-14-06, 12-25-06, 10-10-10, 4-19-18, 8-6-18, 12-11-19, 11-16-21, 6-2-22, 7-10-23.* **64B5-12.0135 Licensees Excused from Continuing Educational Requirements.** (1) Licensees shall not be required to complete continuing education requirements during the biennium in which they receive initial licensure. (2) Dentists shall not be required to complete continuing education requirements during any biennium in which they are: (a) Enrolled full-time in a post-graduate specialty training or residency program at a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, or (b) Serving as full-time faculty members at a dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission of Dental Accreditation. (3) Dental hygienists shall not be required to complete continuing education requirements during any biennium in which they are: (a) Enrolled full-time in an academic program directly related to dentistry or dental hygiene, or (b) Serving as full-time faculty members at a dental, dental hygiene school or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. (4) No provision of this section shall relieve a licensee from the obligation to

obtain training required by Sections 456.013(7), 456.031, 456.033, 456.0301, F.S., as a condition of licensure renewal.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.0135, 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 456.013(7), 456.0301, 456.031, 456.033, 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History–New 1-18-89, Formerly 21G-12.0135, 61F5-12.0135, 59Q-12.0135, Amended 5-17-06, 8-6-18.

64B5-12.014 Committee on Continuing Professional Education.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History–New 4-2-86, Amended 6-30-86, 1-18-89, Formerly 21G-12.014, 61F5-12.014, 59Q-12.014, Repealed 10-29-15.

64B5-12.016 Subject Area Requirements.

(1) Regardless of the manner by which a licensee obtains continuing education, no credit will be awarded unless the subject matter falls within the following subject matter categories:

(a) Basic medical and scientific subjects, including but not limited to – biology, microbiology, anatomy, dental anatomy, microscopic anatomy, pathology, physiology, chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, neurology, pharmacology, anesthesia, analgesia, diet and nutrition as it relates to the conditions of the human oral cavity.

(b) Clinical and technical subjects, including but not limited to – techniques in general dentistry or recognized specialties, dental materials and equipment, diagnosis and treatment planning, asepsis and sterilization techniques and radiology.

(c) Patient health and safety subjects including but not limited to – public health problems, communicable diseases, emergency care, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, advanced life support, anesthesia, patient stress management and risk management.

(d) Subjects dealing with licensees' legal responsibilities, including but not limited to the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene.

(e) Formal group discussions concerning case presentations sponsored by approved providers.

(2) Except as expressly allowed below in this section, no continuing education credit shall be given for courses which do not directly relate to providing dental care. The following types of courses do not relate directly to providing dental care – organization or design of a dental office, practice development or management, marketing of dental services, investments or financial management and personnel management.

(3) No continuing education credit shall be given for identical courses taken during the same biennium.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, a dentist and a dental hygienist may earn up to three hours of continuing education renewal credit per biennium, by completing an approved course in dentistry practice management, that meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (c), of subsection 466.0135(1), F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.0135, 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 456.031, 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History–New 4-2-86, Amended 1-18-89, 7-9-90, 2-1-93, Formerly 21G-12.016, 61F5-12.016, Amended 9-27-95, Formerly 59Q-12.016, Amended 10-29-00, 5-20-01, 5-31-04, 7-6-06, 12-25-06, 12-15-14.

64B5-12.017 Application for Provider Status.

(1) Entities or individuals who wish to become approved providers of continuing education shall register with and apply through CE Broker at https://cebroker.com/providers using the form as referenced in subsection 64B-5.003(1), F.A.C., and submit the following information, documentation and fee:

(a) The fee set forth in subsection 64B5-15.022(1), F.A.C.;

(b) The name of the contact person who will fulfill the reporting and documentation requirements for approved providers and who will assure the

	provider's compliance with Rule 64B5-12.0175, F.A.C.; and, (c) The qualifications of all instructors, which may be evidenced by a curriculum vitae or professional licensure in the subject area taught. Because domestic violence courses must contain information specifically appropriate for, directly pertinent to, and useful in, dentistry, all domestic violence instructors shall identify dental injuries indicative of domestic violence, mandatory reporting and patient records confidentiality for dentists under Florida and federal law, and incidence statistics in the dental profession. (2) Provider approval may be granted for a period not to exceed the time from the date of approval to the end of the next successive licensure biennium after approval was obtained. Application for renewal of provider status shall be made at least 90 days prior to the end of the biennium in which approval expires and must be accompanied by the biennial renewal fee set forth in subsection 64B5-15.022(2), F.A.C. Renewal applications shall contain all information required for initial provider approval as well as course outlines and information evidencing compliance with Rule 64B5-12.0175, F.A.C., for each course offered during the provider status. (3) Study clubs which are composed of at least five licensees, are formed for the purpose of scientific study and which have adopted written by-laws may apply to become approved continuing education providers. *Rulemaking Authority 456.027, 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 456.027, 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History–New 4-2-86, Amended 10-26-87, 1-18-89, 7-9-90, 5-2-91, Formerly 21G-12.017, 61F5-12.017, 59Q-12.017, Amended 8-19-97, 10-29-00, 5-20-01, 8-6-19.* **64B5-12.0175 Standards for Approved Providers.** Approved continuing professional education providers and providers authorized pursuant to paragraph 64B5-12.013(2)(b), F.A.C., shall comply with the following requirements: (1) All courses shall reflect appropriate didactic and clinical training for the subject matter and shall be designed to meet specifically stated educational objectives. (2) Instructors shall be adequately qualified by training, experience or licensure to teach specified courses. Because domestic violence courses must contain information specifically appropriate for, directly pertinent to, and useful in, dentistry, all domestic violence instructors shall be familiar with dental injuries indicative of domestic violence, reporting obligations under Florida and federal law, and incidence statistics in the dental profession. Instructors who have had a professional license revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, in Florida or in another jurisdiction, shall be disqualified when the nature and number of disciplinary actions indicate a conscious disregard for the laws, rules and ethics of the profession. (3) Any clinical dental hygiene course in which patients are treated during instruction must be supervised by a licensed dentist. (4) Facilities and equipment for each course in which patients are treated during instruction shall be adequate for the subject matter and method of instruction. (5) Course length shall be sufficient to provide meaningful education in the subject matter presented. One half hour or one hour of continuing education credit shall be awarded for each 25 or 50 minutes of actual classroom or clinical instruction, respectively. No continuing education credit shall be awarded for participation of less than 25 minutes. (6) Providers shall provide written or electronic certification to each participant who completes a continuing education course or portion of that course which consists of at least 25 minutes of instruction. Certification shall include the participant's name and license number, the provider's name and number, the course title, instructor, location, date offered and hours of continuing education credit awarded and validation through the signature of the provider, official representative or instructor.

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(7) Providers' courses shall be subject to Board review. Failure to maintain the standards set forth in this rule shall subject the provider to the suspension or rescission of the providership.

(8) The provider number shall not be used on any advertisement or certification for a course that does not meet the requirements of Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C.

(9) A licensee who has been approved as a provider may not give more than 12 hours of continuing education credit in subjects other than cardiopulmonary resuscitation to office staff, employees, or fellow employees during a biennium.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History–New 1-18-89, Amended 7-9-90, Formerly 21G-12.0175, 61F5-12.0175, 59Q-12.0175, Amended 10-3-99, 10-29-00, 3-7-02, 6-2-22.

64B5-12.018 Individual Study.

(1) Licensees may receive continuing education credit for individual study by submitting an application for approval on a form provided by the Board which is accompanied by documentation of compliance with the requirements of this rule.

(2) Credit for individual study shall only be awarded in the following manner, for the following educational experiences:

(a) The initial presentation of material falling within the subject areas set forth in Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C., which is part of a professional conference or meeting or which is offered at a formal course given in conjunction with a professional conference or meeting. Two hours of continuing education credit shall be awarded for each 50 minute segment of a presentation. The licensee must submit documentation which includes: the name of the professional conference or meeting and its sponsoring organization; the date, location and subject of the presentation; and written confirmation of this information by the sponsoring organization.

(b) Publication of an article or book devoted to a subject area set forth in Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C., in journals or other media which select materials through an editorial review process. Continuing education credits in an amount determined by the Board may be awarded for a published article or for a published book upon the licensee's documentation of the following: the title, authors, subject and length of the article or book; the publisher's name and date published; and if the licensee co-authored an article or book, documentation of the licensee's actual contribution to the finished product.

(c) Presentation of a lecture devoted to a subject area set forth in Rule 64B5-12.016, F.A.C., when given as part of a course at a dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting school accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation, its successor agency or other nationally recognized accrediting agency, or as part of a formal course or program approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 64B5-16.002, F.A.C. Two hours of continuing education credit shall be awarded for each 50 minutes of actual lecture time upon the licensee's documentation of the following: name of the institution, course and program; subject, length and date of the lecture; and written confirmation of this information from the sponsoring institution or program. Licensees may obtain a maximum of 15 hours per biennium.

Rulemaking Authority 466.004(4), 466.014 FS. Law Implemented 466.0135, 466.014 FS. History–New 4-2-86, Amended 9-7-87, 3-28-88, 1-18-89, Formerly 21G-12.018, 61F5-12.018, 59Q-12.018, Amended 7-13-05.

64B5-12.0185 Standards for Board Approval of Pro Bono Programs.

(1) To receive Board approval, programs seeking to provide continuing education credit for the provision of pro bono dental services must meet the following guidelines:

(a) Programs must be organized as or as part of a not-for-profit entity that provides substantial pro bono dental services to the indigent or dentally underserved populations or persons who reside in areas of critical need within Florida.

(b) The program must require the dentist and dental hygienist volunteers to

	provide beneficial dental services to indigent patients, without compensation. (c) Any volunteer dental hygienist must be under the appropriate supervision of a Florida licensed dentist as set forth in Chapter 64B5-16, F.A.C., unless volunteering in a health access setting as defined in Section 466.003(14), F.S., and following all requirements set forth in Sections 466.024 (2) through (5), F.S. (d) The program must require the volunteer dentist or dental hygienist to register with the program director or designee before commencing to provide dental or dental hygiene services. Such registration shall occur on each day that the volunteer participates in the pro bono activities. (e) The program must retain documentation of the number of hours of volunteer professional service contributed by each volunteer involved in the program's pro bono activities. This documentation shall contain the name and license number of each participant; the dates and times of all pro bono activity; the location of the related patient records; and in the case of dental hygienist volunteers not providing services in health access settings, the name and license number of the supervising Florida licensed dentist. Such records must be maintained for a minimum of 4 years following the biennium in which the pro bono services are provided. (2) Programs that request board approval shall apply to the Board office through CE Broker and shall submit all documentation that shall prove compliance with this rule. *Rulemaking Authority 456.013(9) FS. Law Implemented 456.013(9) FS. History–New 2-15-99, Amended 5-12-16, 12-11-19, 5-10-21.*

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