Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA)** Effective 2013, ADEX will consist of four required sections and one optional section. The four required sections consist of the following: 1) Computer-based Diagnostic Skills Examination ("DSE"), 2) Manikin-based Endodontic Clinical Examination, 3) Manikin-based Fixed Prosthodontic Clinical Examination; and 4) Restorative Clinical Examination. The optional section consists of the Periodontal Clinical Examination. Hawaii requires passage of 5 all sections. On October 2, 2020, the Board of Dentistry voted to accept the ADEX CompeDont manikin-based examination and the manikin-based periodontal clinical examination, as referenced in Hawaii Revised Statutes section 448-9.4 American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX). Dentist licensure applicants must still pass all sections of the ADEX exam in their entirety. The ADEX full manikin based dental licensure exam taken on or after June 5, 2020 is acceptable for a dentist license. (Source: Hawaii Application Forms - Dentist License)
General Licensure Requirements	**Hawaii Revised Statutes §448-9 Application for licensure.** Any person of eighteen years or more shall be eligible for licensure upon submission of: (1) An application to the executive officer of the board not later than forty-five days prior to the date of the scheduled examination; (2) Application and examination fees; and (3) Documentation and credentials that shall include but are not limited to the following: (A) A diploma or certificate of graduation from a dental college accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, recognized and approved by the board; and (B) A certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the board of having passed parts I and II of the National Board Dental Examination. **HRS §448-9.4 American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination**; regional examinations. An applicant shall take and pass the ADEX examination, and neither the state examination nor any regional examination shall be accepted. **Hawaii Administrative Rules §16-79-9 Who may apply for a dental or dental hygiene license.** (a) A person applying for licensure to practice dentistry shall comply with the following requirements: (1) Be eighteen years of age or more; (2) Pass the National Board Dental Examination; (3) Pass the ADEX dental examination; (4) Be a United States citizen, United States national, permanent resident of the United States, or alien authorized to work in the United States; and (5) Be a graduate from a dental school accredited by CODA. (b) A person applying for licensure to practice dental hygiene shall comply with the following requirements: (1) Be eighteen years of age or more; (2) Pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination; (3) Pass a regional dental hygiene examination until a national clinical dental hygiene examination becomes available, pursuant to section 447-1(b) and (c), HRS; (4) Be a United States citizen, United States national, permanent resident of the United States, or alien authorized to work in the United States; (5) Be a graduate from a dental hygiene school accredited by CODA;

	and (6) Be certified in the administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and intra-oral block anesthesia from an accredited dental hygiene school or certification program approved by the board. **HAR §16-79-10 Application forms**. All applications shall be made on the forms as prescribed by the board. No application shall be deemed complete which does not set forth all the information relative to the applicant required by said forms and this chapter. The applicant is solely responsible for submitting a completed application. **HAR §16-79-114 Postgraduate studies after three failures.** Any applicant who has three failures on the ADEX dental examination shall successfully complete a postgraduate course of one full semester or trimester in operative and prosthetic dentistry at an accredited dental college before the applicant shall be eligible to take the ADEX dental examination again. The course completion shall be evidenced by a certificate filed with the board.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**Hawaii Administrative Rules §16-79-11 Documentation and credentials required for dental applicants.** (a) All dental licensure applicants shall arrange to have sent directly to the board: (1) An official verification of having successfully passed the National Board Dental Examination; (2) An official verification of having successfully passed the ADEX dental examination; and (3) A certified copy of a dental degree, a certificate of graduation or an official transcript from a dental school accredited by CODA. (b) Applicants licensed as a dentist in another state shall also submit an official verification of licensure and licensure status from the board of dental examiners of that state and submit a self-query report from the NPDB. (c) The board may require additional background checks of dental applicants from an independent background check service as approved by the board, provided that the applicant shall pay the cost of the background check.
Continuing Education	**Hawaii Administrative Rules §16-79-140 Purpose.** The rules in this part are intended to effectuate the provisions of section 448-8.5, HRS, relating to the CE program requirements. **HAR §16-79-141 Continuing education categories.** (a) All eligible CE categories shall be relevant to the care and treatment of patients and shall consist of the following required categories: (1) Clinical courses: (A) Shall be directly related to the provision of oral health care and treatment of patients; (B) Shall be comprised of more than one half of the required CE hours per biennium for each dentist; and (C) Shall be comprised of more than one half of the required CE hours per biennium for each dental hygienist; (2) BLS courses: (A) Shall be completed, continuously current, and include a hands-on component; (B) Shall be sponsored by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or from a sponsoring organization approved pursuant to section 16-79-143; (C) Shall be a Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers course;

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	(D) A dentist administering general anesthesia or moderate sedation shall be required to complete the Advanced Cardiac Life Support course or if treating pediatric patients, the Pediatric Advanced Life Support course; provided that both courses shall be completed if the dentist is treating pediatric patients and minors thirteen years or older; (E) Shall be limited to a maximum of four CE hours per biennium; and (F) All BLS courses shall not be credited toward fulfilling the clinical course requirements of subsection (a)(1)(B) or (C); (3) Ethics courses: (A) Ethics course of at least two hours per biennium for dental hygienists; and (B) Ethics course of at least six hours per year for dentists; (b) Other eligible categories include: (1) Non-clinical courses which are related to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene including, but not limited to, patient management, practice management, ethics and the law; (2) Volunteer hours: (A) Participation in the promotion of oral health; (B) Participation in the licensure examination calibration; and (C) Shall be limited to a maximum of four CE hours per biennium; (3) Didactic, clinical or non-clinical oral health instructor's hours shall be limited to a maximum of two CE hours per biennium; and (4) Attendance hours: (A) During any convention of the ADA and its recognized component organizations or the ADHA and its recognized component organizations; and (B) Shall be limited to a maximum of two CE hours per biennium. (c) Courses in estate planning, membership, marketing, business, personal financial planning, and investments shall not be eligible CE categories. (d) Licensees may satisfy the CE program requirements in the required categories listed in subsection (a)(1) or in the other eligible categories listed in subsection (b) through computer, correspondence courses, or courses presented via other media, such as audio and video tape recording; provided that those courses do not comprise more than eight CE hours. **HAR §16-79-142 Approved sponsoring organizations**. Licensees shall comply with the CE program requirements by completing the requisite number of hours from courses offered by the following sponsoring organizations approved by the board, provided the courses meet the eligibility requirements of section 16-79-141: (1) Academy of General Dentistry approved CE providers; (2) Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education certified CE providers; (3) ADA and its recognized specialty organizations; (4) ADA Continuing Education Recognition Program approved CE providers; (5) ADHA; (6) American Academy of Dental Hygiene; (7) American Council on Pharmaceutical Education; (8) American Heart Association; (9) American Medical Association; (10) American Red Cross; (11) CODA accredited programs; (12) Dental assistant programs as approved by the board; (13) Hawaii Department of Health; (14) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations accredited hospitals;

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	(15) Regional and state testing agencies as it relates to the courses and calibration sessions; (16) State dental associations and their component dental societies; and (17) State dental hygienists' associations and their components. **HAR §16-79-143 Requirements for approval by the board.** (a) Sponsoring organizations who are not listed in section 16-79-142, shall be required to apply to the board on a form prescribed by the board prior to the course event. The sponsoring organization shall comply with all requirements, policies, and standards set forth by the board. (b) Courses shall comply with the provisions in section 16-79-141. Sponsoring organizations shall submit the following: (1) A detailed outline which provides course content, total hours of the course, and clearly breaks down the amount of time spent on each portion of the course and the direct relation to patient care; and (2) A curriculum vitae of each instructor of the course. (c) A certificate of attendance shall be issued to each attendee and include the following: (1) Name of sponsoring organization; (2) Course or program title and date; (3) Course or program approval number; (4) Number of CE hours; and (5) Name of attendee **HAR §16-79-144 Biennial renewal**. At the time of the biennial renewal, not later than December 31 of each odd-numbered year, each licensee shall have completed the CE program requirements for the two calendar years preceding the renewal date as follows: (1) Licensed dentist: (A) Dentists initially licensed in the first year of the biennium shall have completed sixteen CE hours; (B) Dentists initially licensed in the second year of the biennium shall not be required to complete any CE hours; and (C) All other dentists shall have completed thirty-two CE hours. (D) In addition to subsections (A), (B), or (C) above, after January 1, 2016, each licensee who is a dentist shall complete at least three hours of ethics training per year. Except as provided in section 16-79-147, the failure of a licensee to present evidence of compliance with the CE program requirements shall constitute a forfeiture of license, which may be restored pursuant to section 16-79-3.1. **HAR §16-79-145 Record keeping**. (a) Licensees shall maintain original documentation showing evidence of attendance for four years after completion of any CE course. (b) Evidence of attendance from the sponsoring organization approved by the board may include the following: (1) The certificate of attendance; (2) The name of the licensee; (3) The name of the eligible course or program; (4) The name of the sponsoring organization; (5) The date and place where the course or program was held; and (6) The number of the eligible credit hours. **HAR §16-79-146 Certification of compliance and audit.** (a) At the time of renewal, each licensee shall certify on the renewal application that the licensee has satisfied all of the CE requirements.

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	(b) The board may audit and shall require any licensee to submit copies of the original documents or evidence of attendance to be attached to the summary form provided by the board. The board may require additional evidence demonstrating the licensee's compliance with the CE requirements. **HAR §16-79-147 Waiver or modification of requirements.** (a) Any licensee seeking renewal of license without full compliance of the CE requirements shall submit: (1) A written request for waiver or modification of the CE requirements, with an explanation why the waiver or modification is being sought; and (2) Other supporting documents. (b) The board may grant a waiver or modification of the CE requirements based on: (1) Full time service in the armed forces of the United States; (2) An incapacitating illness documented by a licensed physician; (3) Being disabled and unable to practice dentistry or dental hygiene documented by a licensed physician; (4) Being retired from practice and not performing any dental or dental hygiene services; or (5) Undue hardship or any other extenuating circumstances. **HAR §16-79-148 Penalty for false certification**. A false certification to the board by a licensee shall be deemed a violation of this chapter and chapters 447 and 448, HRS, as applicable, and subject the licensee to disciplinary proceedings."

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