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| Initial Licensure Examination Requirements | American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA. On and after January 1, 2023, all applicants seeking a license to practice dentistry in Kansas must take and successfully complete all sections of a clinical licensure exam that is patient-based or manikin-based. The sections required include the Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE), Endodontic, Periodontic, Prosthodontic, and Restorative. (Source: Kansas Dentists Licensing by Examination on web site) |
| General Licensure Requirements | <u>Kansas Statutes Annotated 65-1426. Application for license; temporary license; qualifications of applicants; approval of dental schools or colleges.</u> (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) or subsection (d), every person who desires to practice dentistry in this state shall file with the executive director of the board a written application for a license, and furnish satisfactory proof that the applicant is at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and a graduate of a dental school or college approved by the board. Such application shall be upon the form prescribed and furnished by the board and verified by the oath of the applicant and shall be accompanied by the required fee and a recent unmounted, autographed photograph of the applicant. (b) The board shall approve only those dental schools or colleges which require the study of dentistry and dental surgery and which the board determines have standards of education not less than that required for accreditation by the commission on dental accreditation of the American dental association or its equivalent. (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the board shall consider an application of: Any graduate of a dental school which has not been approved by the board if the applicant successfully completes a course of remedial or refresher instruction offered by a dental school or college where both the course and the school have been approved by the board. (d) Any graduate of an accredited dental school, dental college or dental department of a college or university, who: (1) Has a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and is otherwise qualified; (2) is not licensed to practice dentistry in Kansas; and (3) holds a license to practice in the state from which they are applying, upon application, may be issued a temporary license of not more than 14 calendar days to provide dental services under subsection (f)(4) of K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto. (e) The board is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such further rules in regard to the qualifications of applicants for licensure, not in conflict with this section, as it from time to time may deem necessary and proper. (f) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which a school shall satisfy in meeting the standards of education established under subsection (b). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the school meets the requirements of subsection (b) and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the school to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about schools. In entering such contracts the authority to approve schools shall remain solely with the board. 65-1428. Examination of applicants; examination subjects and results; licenses (a) Each applicant for licensure as a dentist shall be examined by the board or by a testing organization or an organization of one or more state boards |

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| | <p>formed for the purpose of conducting a standard clinical examination of candidates for licensure as dentists if the board has approved each such organization and determined that the examinations given meet the requirements of this act. For such testing organizations or organization of one or more state boards that certify the test results for a limited period of time, the examination must have been taken and passed no longer before the date of application than the certification period. All examinations provided for in this act shall be conducted in a fair and wholly impartial manner. The examination shall be both theoretical and clinical, and shall thoroughly test the qualifications of each applicant to practice dentistry.</p> <p>(b) The examination shall include the following subjects: Pathology, radiology, bacteriology, treatment planning, clinical dentistry, operative dentistry, prosthetics, crown and bridge technique, orthodontia, materials in dentistry, diet and nutrition, oral hygiene and prophylaxis, preventive medicine, peridontia, anaesthesia, oral surgery, oral medicine, principles of medicine and pharmacology, anatomy, physiology, histology, chemistry, embryology and such subdivisions of these general subjects as relate to the practice of dentistry and laws of this state regulating the practice of dentistry. The results of all such examinations shall be filed with the executive director of the board and kept for reference and inspection for a period of not less than two years.</p> <p>(c) Each applicant who has attained a passing grade on each examination required by the board and has met all other requirements for licensure set forth in this act shall be granted a license by the board. Every license issued under this act shall be in the form prescribed by the board. A license to practice dentistry shall not be construed as a property right, but a valuable right contingent upon the practice of the licensee in accordance with the provisions of law relating to the practice of dentistry and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.</p> <p>65-1429. Subsequent examination upon failure to pass; fee. Any applicant who fails to pass one or more sections of an examination given or approved by the board upon the first trial shall have a right to retake the examination. Any applicant who fails to pass the examination upon the first trial may be given credit for such sections of the examination as the board determines have been successfully completed by the applicant, but such credits shall be extended only to the succeeding examination. If the applicant shall fail to pass the examination on the second trial the applicant shall complete such additional or remedial instruction and training as the board shall, by rules and regulations, require prior to a third trial. After the third trial the board, within its discretion, may deny the applicant another examination.</p> <p>Kansas Administrative Regulations 71-1-9. Examination on dental law of Kansas. All candidates for a Kansas dental license as well as all candidates for a Kansas dental hygienist's license will be required to pass a satisfactory examination on the pertinent provisions of the Kansas dental law pertaining to the practice of dentistry and the practice of dental hygiene. (Authorized by K.S.A. 65-1426, 65-1427, 65-1428, 65-1455; effective Jan. 1, 1966.)</p> |
| License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements | <p>Kansas Statutes Annotated 65-1434. Licenses issued without examination; qualifications of applicants; appearance before board; "applicant" defined.</p> <p>(a) The board, without examination, may issue a license as a dentist or dental hygienist to an applicant holding a license in another state upon compliance with the requirements of professional qualification and experience set forth in subsection (b). The board shall prepare and adopt a form of application to be submitted by an applicant for a license to be issued under this section. On the receipt of any such application, the board shall conduct such review, verification</p> |

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| | <p>or other investigation of the applicant and the professional qualifications, background, experience and practice of the applicant as the board deems necessary to assure full compliance with the requirements of this section. Any license so issued may be revoked by the board upon evidence that an applicant has obtained a license under this section through misrepresentation or omission of a material fact in the application or other information submitted to the board.</p> <p>(b) Each applicant for licensure under this section must evidence the qualifications and meet the following requirements:</p> <p>(1) Each applicant for licensure as a dentist under this section must meet the requirements set forth in K.S.A. 65-1426, and amendments thereto. Each applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist must meet any applicable requirements set forth in K.S.A. 65-1455, and amendments thereto.</p> <p>(2) Each applicant shall show evidence of having successfully completed both a national board examination or an equivalent examination accepted by the state in which the applicant has been previously licensed, and a clinical examination, administered by any state or clinical dental testing agency, of equivalent merit to the clinical examination accepted by the board at the time such applicant completed such examinations.</p> <p>(3) Each applicant for licensure as a dentist under this section shall have held a license to practice dentistry in one or more other states of the United States for the five-year period immediately preceding the date of application and shall have engaged in the active practice of dentistry for at least five years prior to the date of application. Each applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist under this section shall have held a license to practice dental hygiene in another state of the United States for the three-year period immediately preceding the date of application and shall have engaged in the active practice of dental hygiene for at least three years prior to the date of application. Successive and continuous periods of active practice in other states will comply with the active practice requirements of this paragraph (3). For the purpose of determining the period of practice, periods of military service will be considered to the extent approved by the Kansas dental board. Service as a full-time faculty member in a school of dentistry will be considered the practice of dentistry to the extent service involved full-time instruction in dentistry including clinical dentistry. Service as a faculty member in a school of dental hygiene will be considered the practice of dental hygiene to the extent such service involved instruction in dental hygiene including clinical dental hygiene. To be considered for the purposes of this statute, any such school of dentistry or dental hygiene must be approved by the Kansas dental board within the meaning of K.S.A. 65-1426 and amendments thereto.</p> <p>(4) Each such applicant shall show evidence that the applicant has fully complied with all continuing education requirements imposed by the state or states in which the applicant has been licensed and has practiced during the five years immediately preceding the date of the application. In the event the state or states in which the applicant has been licensed and practiced has no such requirement, the applicant shall provide such information concerning continuing education received by the applicant during the five-year period preceding application as may be required by the board. All applicants must have completed continuing education sufficient to comply with that continuing education required of Kansas licensees during the twenty-four-month period prior to the date of the application for licensure unless the Kansas dental board determines, for good cause shown, that the requirement will work an undue hardship upon the applicant and the requirement is not necessary for the</p> |
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| | <p>protection of the people of Kansas based upon the training and experience of the applicant.</p> <p>(5) The applicant shall provide such other information concerning the applicant and the dental education, qualification, experience and professional conduct of the applicant as the board in its discretion deems necessary to its determination to issue a license.</p> <p>(6) Each applicant shall provide a certificate of the executive director of the board or other agency governing licensure of dentists or dental hygienists of the state in which the applicant has been licensed and has practiced during the required period preceding the date of the application. Such certificate shall state that: (A) The applicant is licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the state; (B) the license of the applicant has never been suspended or revoked; (C) the applicant has never been the subject of any proceeding for suspension, revocation or other disciplinary action initiated by the board of licensure of any such state during the period the applicant has held a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in such state; and (D) no complaint has been filed against the applicant of such substance as, in the judgment of the board of licensure of such state, has required the initiation of proceedings against the applicant. In the event the applicant has practiced dentistry or dental hygiene in more than one other state in the United States, the applicant shall file a similar certificate with respect to such period or periods during which the applicant has practiced in each such state.</p> <p>(c) The Kansas dental board may direct an applicant to appear before the board at a date, time and place to be determined by the Kansas dental board to answer questions and provide such information concerning the qualifications, background, experience and practice of the applicant as the Kansas dental board may deem necessary.</p> <p>(d) The term "applicant" as used in this section shall apply to both applicants for licensure as a dentist and applicants for licensure as a dental hygienist unless the context otherwise indicates.</p> |
| Specialty Practice | <p>Kansas Statutes Annotated 65-1427. Specialists; standards and qualifications; certificate fee; limiting practice; misdemeanor; suspension or revocation of license.</p> <p>(a) No dentist shall announce or hold out to the public that such dentist is a specialist, or is specially qualified in any particular branch of dentistry, or as giving special attention to any branch of dentistry, or limiting such dentist's practice to any branch of dentistry, unless such dentist has complied with additional requirements established by the board, and has been issued a certificate of qualification authorizing such dentist to do so.</p> <p>(b) The board is hereby empowered to establish higher standards and additional requirements for any dentist who desires to announce or hold out to the public that such dentist is specially qualified in any particular branch of dentistry. The board is hereby empowered to give such examination as it may deem necessary to determine the qualifications of applicants and may secure such assistance as the board may deem advisable in determining the qualifications of applicants.</p> <p>(c) Upon application to the board of any licensed dentist in this state, the board may issue a certificate of qualification to such dentist authorizing the applicant to hold out, or to announce, to the public that such dentist is specially qualified in, or limits such dentist's practice to, or gives special attention to any one of the recognized branches of dentistry. The application to the board shall be upon such form and contain such information as the board may require and shall be accompanied by a certificate fee to assist in defraying the expenses in</p> |

connection with the issuance of such certificates of qualification fixed by the board pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1447.

(d) Any dentist holding a certificate of qualification under this section of the act may announce the limitation of such dentist's practice by using such terms and in such manner as the board may approve, together with the name of such branch of dentistry for which such dentist is authorized to hold out to the public that such dentist has special qualifications. Any dentist who shall hold out, or announce in any manner, by the use of any terms signifying or indicating to the public that such dentist's practice is limited, or is specially qualified in any particular branch of dentistry, or that such dentist gives special attention to any particular branch of dentistry, or shall use equivalent words or phrases to announce the same, without having obtained a certificate of qualification therefor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and the license of such dentist to practice dentistry shall be subject to suspension or revocation. Any announcement in the manner indicated in this section shall be *prima facie* evidence that such dentist is practicing in one branch of dentistry.

Kansas Administrative Regulations, Chapter 71 Article 2 Specialists

71-2-2. Branches of dentistry. The recognized branches of dentistry for which application may be made for a specialist's certificate shall be the following: dental public health, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics. These branches of dentistry shall be defined as follows:

(a) "Dental anesthesiology" means that branch of dentistry dealing with the advanced use of anesthesia, sedation, and pain management to facilitate dental procedures and surgery.

(b) "Dental public health" means that branch of dentistry relating to the science and art of preventing and controlling dental diseases and promoting dental health through organized community efforts. Dental public health is the form of dental practice that serves the community rather than the individual patients. This branch of dentistry is concerned with the dental health education of the public, with applied dental research, and with the administration of group dental care programs as well as the prevention and control of dental diseases on a community basis.

(c) "Endodontics" means that branch of dentistry concerning the morphology, physiology, and pathology of the human dental pulp and periradicular tissues. The study and practice encompass the basic and clinical sciences, including the biology of the normal pulp; the etiology, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases and injuries of the pulp; and associated periradicular conditions.

(d) "Oral and maxillofacial pathology" means that branch of dentistry concerning the nature, identification, and management of diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. This branch is a science that investigates the causes, processes, and effects of these diseases. The practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology includes the research and diagnosis of diseases using clinical, radiographic, microscopic, biochemical, and other examinations.

(e) "Oral and maxillofacial radiology" means that branch of dentistry concerning the production and interpretation of images and data produced by all forms of radiant energy that are used for the diagnosis and management of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral and maxillofacial region.

(f) "Oral and maxillofacial surgery" means that branch of dentistry concerning the diagnosis and the surgical and adjunctive treatment of disease, injuries, and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region.

(g) "Orthodontics," which shall include "dentofacial orthopedics," means that branch of dentistry concerning the diagnosis, prevention, interception, and correction of malocclusion, as well as neuromuscular and skeletal abnormalities of the developing or mature orofacial structures.

(h) "Pediatric dentistry" means the branch of dentistry that is the age-defined specialty providing both primary and comprehensive prevention and therapeutic oral health care for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs.

(i) "Periodontics" means that branch of dentistry concerning the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth or their substitutes and the maintenance of the health, function, and esthetics of these structures and tissues.

(j) "Prosthodontics" means that branch of dentistry concerning the diagnosis, treatment planning, rehabilitation, and maintenance of the oral function, comfort, appearance, and health of patients with clinical conditions associated with missing or deficient teeth or oral and maxillofacial tissues, or both, using biocompatible substitutes. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406; implementing K.S.A. 65-1427; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended, E-77-9, March 19, 1976; amended Feb. 15, 1977; amended May 1, 1980; amended March 27, 1989; amended April 1, 2005; amended Dec. 30, 2005; amended Dec. 20, 2019.)

71-2-5. Qualifications and requirements of an applicant for certification as a specialist. (a) Each applicant shall be licensed to practice dentistry in the state of Kansas.

(b) Each applicant shall have successfully completed a graduate program in the specialty for which certification is sought in a dental school, college, or other dental specialty training program that is approved by the board and that the board determines has standards of education not less than those required for accreditation by the commission on dental accreditation of the American dental association, or its equivalent, applicable for the year in which the training was completed.

(c) Any applicant who meets either of the following requirements may request a waiver of the board's requirement to pass a Kansas specialty examination:

(1) Holds a Kansas license to practice dentistry, holds a specialist certificate that is in the specialty for which certification is sought and that has been granted by a duly authorized licensing agency of another state, and has actively practiced in that specialty for the five-year period immediately before submitting an application for certification as a specialist in Kansas; or

(2) is a diplomat of the American board of the specialty for which certification is sought.

(d) To be eligible to take a specialty examination, each applicant shall file with the board an application, upon a form provided by the board, along with payment of the nonrefundable specialty certificate examination fee. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406; implementing K.S.A. 65-1427; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended May 1, 1979; amended May 1, 1980; amended May 1, 1981; amended March 27, 1989; amended June 4, 2004.)

71-2-7. Additional requirements and qualifications for specialist. Unless a waiver is granted pursuant to K.A.R. 71-2-5, in addition to any other requirements of either the dental act or these regulations, each applicant for a specialist certificate shall meet the following requirements:

(a) Submit with the application a transcript of all graduate-level dental education completed and a letter of reference from a practicing dentist who has personal knowledge of the applicant's experience and qualifications in the specialty for which a specialist certificate is sought; and

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| | <p>(b) pass a board-approved specialist examination for the specialty sought. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406; implementing K.S.A. 65-1427; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended May 1, 1979; amended May 1, 1980; amended May 1, 1981; amended March 27, 1989; amended June 4, 2004.)</p> <p>71-2-11. Revocation of specialist certificate. Any dental specialist certificate may be revoked or suspended for any of the grounds upon which the board may discipline a dental licensee. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-1427; effective Jan. 1, 1966; amended March 27, 1989; amended Sept. 17, 2004.)</p> <p>Kansas Statutes Annotated 65-1437. Advertising; prohibitions; rules and regulations; "licensee" defined. (a) A person licensed to practice dentistry by the Kansas dental board shall not on such licensee's own behalf, a licensee's partner, associate or any other licensee affiliated with the licensee or the licensee's practice, use or participate in the use of any form of advertising which:</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(1) Contains false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive statements or claims;</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(2) represents that the licensee is specially qualified in or limits the practice of the licensee to a branch of dentistry which is a specialty recognized by the Kansas dental board unless the licensee holds a special certificate of qualification within such specialty authorized under K.S.A. 65-1427 and amendments thereto; or</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(3) contains statements regarding the professional superiority or the performance of professional services in a superior manner by the licensee or group of licensees, unless each statement can be factually substantiated.</p> <p>(b) The board may adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this section and may provide as part of such rules and regulations guidelines and examples of conduct allowed and prohibited under this section.</p> <p>(c) The term "licensee" as used in this section means a person licensed to practice dentistry in this state by the Kansas dental board.</p> |
| Continuing Education Click here for online renewal web site for dentists | <p>Kansas Statutes Annotated 65-1431. Renewal of license; application; continuing education; biennial license renewal fee; cancellation; penalty fee; waiver for retired or disabled persons; examination for persons returning to active practice after retirement or disability. (a) Each license to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist issued by the board, shall expire on December 1 of the year specified by the board for the expiration of the license and shall be renewed on a biennial basis. Each application for renewal shall be made on a form prescribed and furnished by the board. Every licensed dentist or dental hygienist shall pay to the board a renewal fee fixed by the board as provided in K.S.A. 65-1447, and amendments thereto.</p> <p>(b) To provide for a staggered system of biennial renewal of licenses, the board may renew licenses for less than two years.</p> <p>(c) On or before December 1 of the year in which the licensee's license expires, the licensee shall transmit to the board a renewal application, upon a form prescribed by the board, which shall include such licensee's signature, post office address, the number of the license of such licensee, whether such licensee has been engaged during the preceding licensure period in active and continuous practice whether within or without this state, and such other information as may be required by the board, together with the biennial licensure fee for a dental hygienist which is fixed by the board pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1447 and amendments thereto.</p> <p>(d)(1) The board shall require every licensee to submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by the board. The board by duly adopted rules and regulations shall establish the requirements for such program of continuing education as soon as possible after the effective date of this act.</p> |

(2) A dentist who is a charitable healthcare provider in Kansas who has signed an agreement to provide gratuitous services pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6102 and 75-6120, and amendments thereto, may fulfill one hour of continuing education credit by the performance of two hours of gratuitous services to medically indigent persons up to a maximum of six continuing education credits per licensure period.

(e) Upon fixing the biennial license renewal fee, the board shall immediately notify all licensees of the amount of the fee for the ensuing licensure period. Upon receipt of such fee and upon receipt of evidence that the licensee has satisfactorily completed a program of continuing education required by the board, the licensee shall be issued a renewal license authorizing the licensee to continue to practice in this state for a period of no more than two years.

(f)(1) Any license granted under authority of this act shall automatically be canceled if the holder thereof fails to apply for and obtain renewal prior to March 1 of the year following the December in which a renewal application is due.

(2) Any licensee whose license is required to be renewed for the next biennial period may obtain renewal, prior to February 1, by submitting to the board the required renewal application, payment of the biennial renewal fee and proof that such licensee has satisfactorily completed a program of continuing education required by the board. Any licensee whose license is required to be renewed for the next biennial period may obtain renewal, between February 1 and March 1, by submitting to the board the required renewal application, payment of the biennial renewal fee, payment of a penalty fee of not to exceed \$500 as fixed by rules and regulations by the board and proof that such licensee has satisfactorily completed a program of continuing education required by the board. The penalty fee in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until rules and regulations establishing a penalty fee under this section become effective.

(g) Upon failure of any licensee to pay the applicable renewal fee or to present proof of satisfactory completion of the required program of continuing education by February 1 of the year following the December in which a renewal application is due, the board shall notify such licensee, in writing, by mailing notice to such licensee's last registered address. Failure to mail or receive such notice shall not affect the cancellation of the license of such licensee.

(h) The board may waive the payment of biennial fees and the continuing education requirements for the renewal of licenses without the payment of any fee for a person who has held a Kansas license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene if such licensee has retired from such practice or has become temporarily or permanently disabled and such licensee files with the board a certificate stating either of the following:

(1) A retiring licensee shall certify to the board that the licensee is not engaged, except as provided in K.S.A. 65-1466 and amendments thereto, in the provision of any dental service, the performance of any dental operation or procedure or the delivery of any dental hygiene service as defined by the statutes of the state of Kansas; or

(2) a disabled licensee shall certify to the board that such licensee is no longer engaged in the provision of dental services, the performance of any dental operation or the provision of any dental hygiene services as defined by the statutes of the state of Kansas by reason of any physical disability, whether permanent or temporary, and shall describe the nature of such disability.

(i) The waiver of fees under subsection (h) shall continue so long as the retirement or physical disability exists. Except as provided in K.S.A. 65-1466 and amendments thereto, in the event the licensee returns to the practice for

which such person is licensed, the requirement for payment of fees and continuing education requirements shall be reimposed commencing with and continuing after the date the licensee returns to such active practice. Except as provided in K.S.A. 65-1466 and amendments thereto, the performance of any dental service, including consulting service, or the performance of any dental hygiene service, including consulting service, shall be deemed the resumption of such service, requiring payment of license fees.

(j) The Kansas dental board may adopt such rules and regulations requiring the examination and providing means for examination of those persons returning to active practice after a period of retirement or disability as the board shall deem necessary and appropriate for the protection of the people of the state of Kansas except that for an applicant to practice dental hygiene who is returning to active practice after a period of retirement or disability, the board shall authorize as an alternative to the requirement for an examination that the applicant successfully complete a refresher course as defined by the board in an approved dental hygiene school.

Kansas Administrative Regulations Agency 71, Article 4 Continuing Education

71-4-1. Continuing education credit hours and basic cardiac life support certificate required for renewal of license of dentist and dental hygienist.

(a) Each licensee shall submit to the board, with the license renewal application, a current "basic cardiac life support for the health care provider" certificate from the American heart association or a current certificate deemed equivalent by the board from a provider approved by the board. The continuing education hours for either certificate may be applied to the education requirement specified in subsection (b). Any dentist licensee who holds a specialist certificate may consider these continuing education hours as pertaining to that licensee's specialty hour requirement.

(b) Each dentist licensee shall submit to the board, with the license renewal application, evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 60 hours of continuing education courses that qualify for credit. At least two of these hours shall be in ethics. Each dentist licensee who holds a specialist certificate shall provide evidence satisfactory to the board that at least 40 of the required 60 hours of continuing education are in courses in the specialty for which the licensee holds a specialist certificate. Each required course hour shall be completed in the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the license. The term "courses" as used in this article shall include courses, institutes, seminars, programs, and meetings.

(c) Each dental hygienist licensee shall submit, with the license renewal application, evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 30 hours of continuing dental education courses that qualify for credit. At least one of these hours shall be in ethics. Each course shall have been completed in the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the dental hygienist license.

(d) An extension of time to complete a continuing education requirement may be granted by the board if it finds that good cause has been shown. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-1431 and K.S.A. 74-1406; implementing K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 65-1431; effective May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1986; amended March 27, 1989; amended Dec. 27, 1996; amended Feb. 20, 2004; amended Jan. 6, 2012; amended May 30, 2014.)

71-4-2. Approved continuing dental education. The following general standards shall be used by the board in determining which courses will qualify for continuing dental education credits required as a condition for the annual renewal of dental and dental hygienist licenses:

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| | <p>(a) Eligibility. Only those courses which increase the dentist's or dental hygienist's clinical and theoretical dental knowledge or ability to provide care and treatment to patients shall qualify for credit in computing the required hours of continuing dental education. Any person or organization may apply in writing to the board for approval of any courses.</p> <p>(b) Courses. Subject to the eligibility standards set forth in paragraph (a) above, all courses, both within and without the state of Kansas, offered by any of the following organizations shall be approved for credit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) any college or university;(2) the American dental association, the national dental association, or their component and constituent societies and associations;(3) the American dental hygienists association and national dental hygienists association or their component and constituent societies and associations;(4) the academies and specialty organizations recognized by the dental board;(5) local dental society and dental hygiene society meetings;(6) dental or dental hygiene study club meetings; and(7) programs that are sponsored by the veterans administration or the armed forces and given at a United States government facility. One hour of credit shall be given for each hour in actual attendance at such courses. <p>(c) Advanced study. A waiver of continuing dental education requirements shall be granted if a licensee is engaged as a full-time student in graduate study, internships or a residency program in dentistry, any of the specialties of dentistry recognized by the board, or dental hygiene.</p> <p>(d) New graduates. A waiver of the continuing dental education requirements shall be granted for the first year after a licensee graduates and becomes licensed.</p> <p>(e) Lecturing, presenting papers, or clinics, teaching. Any licensee may receive a maximum of 10 hours of credit annually for any combination of lecturing, presenting papers or clinics or teaching subjects related to dentistry and dental hygiene. Credit for teaching courses involving repeated presentation of similar subject matters shall be limited to the time spent in one presentation.</p> <p>(f) Commercially sponsored courses. Continuing dental education courses sponsored by any person, corporation, association or other entity on a profit-making basis shall be approved by the board for continuing dental education credit subject to the eligibility standards set forth in paragraph (a) above.</p> <p>(g) Credit for programs of home study shall be allowed for eligible courses based upon the hours of continuing dental education credit established by the sponsor or producers of the course, subject to prior review and determination of the allowable hours of credit by the board.</p> <p>(h) Credit may be granted, upon the application of any licensee, for authorship of published dental articles or books or for teaching any approved dental education course. The hours of credit to be allowed shall be determined by the board. The maximum number of hours allowed shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) 10 hours for any single article;(2) 20 hours for any book; and(3) five hours for teaching a course. <p>(i) Disabled or retired dentists.</p> <p>(1) The dental education requirements shall be waived for licensees who are disabled or retired, as those terms are defined by statute. In order to return to active practice, after a period of disability or retirement, each licensee shall</p> |
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| | complete continuing dental education credit hours according to the following schedule: | |
| (A) Licensed dentists: | | |
| (i) | five or more years disability or retirement | 100 hours |
| (ii) | four years disability or retirement | 80 hours |
| (iii) | three years disability or retirement | 70 hours |
| (iv) | two years disability or retirement | 60 hours |
| (v) | one year disability or retirement | 30 hours |
| (2) | Upon application of a licensee, all or any portion of the continuing dental education hours required of a licensee returning to practice may be waived if the licensee passes an examination determined by the board. Such an examination may be required in addition to completion of the continuing dental education hours required above. The examination may be written, oral or clinical, or all of these, at the board's determination. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406 and K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 65-1431; implementing K.S.A. 1984 Supp. 65-1431; effective May 1, 1978; amended May 1, 1986.) | |