

<b>Initial Licensure Examination Requirements</b>	<p><b>American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA.</b></p> <p>The Board requires candidates to take and pass all sections of the examination, including: Diagnostic Skills Examination; Prosthodontic; Endodontic, Restorative (live patient cases or the Board approved the CompeDont™ Tooth as an alternative to the live patient cases for the Restorative section, effective 4/17/2020) and Periodontal (live patient cases or the Board approved the manikin-based examination as an alternative to the live patient cases for the Periodontal Assessment section, effective 6/12/2020).</p> <p>Source: <a href="#">Maine Board of Dental Practice, Examination Chart for Dentist Licensure</a></p>
<b>General Licensure Requirements</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Maine Revised Statutes Title 32, Chapter 143, Dental Professions</a></b></p> <p><b>§18341. Application; fees; general qualifications</b></p> <p><b>1. Application.</b> An applicant seeking an initial or a renewed license must submit an application with the fee established by rule adopted by the director and any other materials required by the board. [PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. P, §25 (AMD).]</p> <p><b>2. Age.</b> An applicant must be 18 years of age or older. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]</p> <p><b>3. Time limit.</b> An applicant has 90 days after being notified of the materials needed to complete the application to submit those materials to the board. Failure to complete the application within that 90-day period may result in a denial of the application. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]</p> <p><b>4. Basic life support.</b> An applicant seeking an initial or a renewed license must include evidence of basic life support certification. [PL 2023, c. 354, §2 (NEW).]</p> <p><b>§18342. Dentist</b></p> <p><b>1. Dentist license.</b> Except as provided in section 18347, an applicant for licensure as a dentist must comply with the provisions of section 18341 and must provide:</p> <p>A. Verification of either a doctoral degree in dentistry from a dental program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization or the educational equivalent of a doctoral degree in dentistry, as determined by the board; and [PL 2021, c. 163, §1 (AMD).]</p> <p>B. Verification of passing all examinations required by the board. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).] [PL 2021, c. 163, §1 (AMD).]</p> <p><b><a href="#">Maine Board of Dental Practice Regulations 02-313</a></b></p> <p><b>Chapter 6: Qualifications for Dentist Licensure</b></p> <p>I. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS; APPLICATION; FEES</p> <p>A. An applicant seeking licensure to practice under this chapter must submit an application with the appropriate fee, and any other materials required by the Board.</p> <p>B. An applicant has 90 days after being notified of any additional materials needed to complete the application to submit those materials to the Board. Failure to complete the application within that 90-day period may result in a denial of the application.</p> <p>C. Verification of passing the jurisprudence examination administered by the Board with a grade of 90 percent. Applicants who do not pass the jurisprudence examination in three attempts may be preliminarily denied licensure.</p> <p>D. Verification of current certification in BLS. For purposes of meeting the BLS certification requirements under this chapter, online trainings are not</p>

	<p>accepted, unless the licensee can verify hands-on participation with the instructor as a component of the training.</p> <p>II. <b>SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR DENTIST LICENSURE</b></p> <p>A. Verification of a doctoral degree in dentistry, such as a D.M.D. or D.D.S., from a dental school whose program is accredited by CODA or the educational equivalent of a doctoral degree in dentistry as determined by the Board;</p> <p>B. Verification of passing all parts of the National Dental Board Examination or the successor to that examination; and</p> <p>C. Verification of passing all sections of a regional or state dental board examination approved by the Board.</p>
<b>License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Maine Revised Statutes Title 32, Chapter 143, Dental Professions</a></b></p> <p><b>§18347. Endorsement; applicants authorized to practice in another jurisdiction</b></p> <p>§18347. Endorsement; applicants authorized to practice in another jurisdiction</p> <p>The board is authorized, at its discretion, to waive the examination requirements and issue a license or grant an authority to an applicant who is licensed under the laws of another state, a United States territory, a foreign nation or a foreign administrative division that issues licenses in the dental professions who furnishes proof, satisfactory to the board, that the requirements for licensure under this chapter have been met. Applicants must comply with the provisions set forth in section 18341. [PL 2021, c. 163, §9 (AMD).]</p> <p>1. Applicants licensed in another jurisdiction. An applicant for licensure or seeking authority under this chapter who is licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction is governed by this subsection.</p> <p>A. An applicant who is licensed in good standing at the time of application to the board under the laws of another state, a United States territory, a foreign nation or a foreign administrative division that issues licenses in the dental professions may qualify for licensure by submitting evidence to the board that the applicant has held a substantially equivalent, valid license for at least 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the application to the board at the level of licensure applied for in this State. [PL 2021, c. 163, §9 (AMD).]</p> <p>B. An applicant who does not meet the requirements of paragraph A but is licensed in good standing at the time of application to the board under the laws of another state, a United States territory, a foreign nation or a foreign administrative division that issues licenses in the dental professions may qualify for licensure by submitting evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant's qualifications for licensure are substantially similar to the requirements in this chapter for the relevant license. [PL 2021, c. 163, §9 (AMD).]</p> <p>[PL 2021, c. 163, §9 (AMD).]</p> <p><b><a href="#">Maine Board of Dental Practice Regulations 02-313</a></b></p> <p><b>Chapter 11: Qualifications for Licensure by Endorsement</b></p> <p><b>I. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS; REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>A. An applicant seeking licensure by endorsement, or an applicant seeking to renew, renew late, or reinstate a license or an authority must submit an application with the appropriate fee, and any other materials required by the Board.</p> <p>B. An applicant has 90 days after being notified of any materials needed to complete the application to submit those materials to the Board. Failure to complete the application within that 90-day period may result in a denial of the application.</p> <p>II. <b>SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT; APPLICANTS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION</b></p>

	<p>The Board is authorized, at its discretion, to waive the examination requirements, consider an educational equivalency in meeting the educational requirements, and issue a license or grant an authority to an applicant who is licensed under the laws of another jurisdiction who furnishes proof, satisfactory to the Board, that the other requirements for licensure have been met.</p> <p>A. Substantially Equivalent License. The Board will review materials submitted by the applicant as outlined below to determine if the applicant has actively practiced with a substantially equivalent license at the level of licensure applied for under the laws and rules of the Board. An applicant seeking licensure by endorsement pursuant to this provision must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Verification of all licenses in good standing under which the applicant actively practiced during the 3 consecutive years immediately preceding application to the Board;</li><li>(2) Documentation of the laws and rules of all jurisdictions in which the applicant actively practiced during the 3 consecutive years immediately preceding application to the Board;</li><li>(3) A summary in the nature of a resume or curriculum vitae describing the applicant's practice during the 3 consecutive years immediately preceding application for licensure to the Board. The summary must contain references with sufficient contact information to enable verification by email address, mail, and telephone; and</li><li>(4) Verification of current certification in BLS. For purposes of meeting the BLS requirement, online trainings are not accepted unless the applicant can verify hands-on participation with the instructor as a component of the training.</li></ul> <p>B. Substantially Similar Qualifications. The Board will review materials submitted by the applicant as outlined below to determine if the applicant's qualifications are substantially similar to the requirements for initial licensure for the level of licensure applied for under the laws and rules of the Board. An applicant seeking licensure by endorsement pursuant to this provision must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Verification of all licenses in good standing under which the applicant is actively licensed;</li><li>(2) All application materials for qualifications required for initial licensure as a dentist, dental hygienist, dental hygienist authorities pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §18345(2), a denturist, a dental radiographer, or an expanded function dental assistant, as applicable; and</li><li>(3) Verification of current certification in BLS. For purposes of meeting the BLS requirement, online trainings are not accepted unless the applicant can verify hands-on participation with the instructor as a component of the training.</li></ul>
<b>Continuing Education</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Maine Revised Statutes Title 32, Chapter 143, Dental Professions</a></b></p> <p><b>§18349. License renewal; reinstatement</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Renewal. Licenses under this chapter expire at such times as the commissioner may designate. In the absence of any reason or condition that might warrant the refusal of granting a license, the board shall issue a renewal license to each applicant who meets the requirements of sections 18341 and 18350. [PL 2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]</li><li>2. Late renewals. Licenses may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of expiration if the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1 and pays a late fee established by rule adopted by the director.</li></ol> <p>[PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. P, §27 (AMD).]</p>

3. **Reinstatement.** A person who submits an application for reinstatement more than 90 days after the license expiration date is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if that renewal application is received, together with the penalty fee established by rule adopted by the director, within 2 years from the date of the license expiration. [PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. P, §28 (AMD).]

**§18350. Continuing education**

As a condition of renewal of a license to practice, an applicant must have a current basic life support certification and complete continuing education during the licensing cycle prior to application for renewal. The board may prescribe by rule the content and types of continuing education activities that meet the requirements of this section. [PL 2023, c. 354, §4 (AMD).]

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**Chapter 11: Requirements for Renewal**

**III. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE**

**A. Renewal Requirements – Prior to the Date of Expiration**

(1) An applicant must apply for renewal on or before the date of expiration; and

(2) An applicant must complete the continuing education requirements pursuant to Chapter 13 as a condition to renew.

**B. Late Renewal – Within 90 Days after Expiration**

(1) An applicant who applies for renewal after expiration of the license, but within 90 days of expiration, must pay the required fees. The licensee will remain subject to disciplinary action for all other violations; and

(2) An applicant must complete the continuing education requirements pursuant to Chapter 13 as a condition to renew. Continuing education hours earned after the date of license expiration will not be applied to the late renewal application.

**C. Reinstatement Requirements – Between 91 Days and Two Years of Expiration**

(1) An applicant who applies for reinstatement after expiration of the license, but between 91 days and two years of expiration must pay the required fees and meet all qualifications for initial licensure. The Board may, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive the examination requirements. An applicant whose license has been expired more than two years must submit an application for initial licensure, pay the required fee and meet all of the qualifications as outlined in Board statute and rule.

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**Chapter 13: Continuing Education**

**I. Generally.** As used in this chapter “directly related to dental practice” means that the continuing education must relate to professional competency and aspects of the profession for which the individual is licensed.

**A. Dentists, Faculty Dentists, and Limited Dentists: Forty (40) Credit Hours Required for License Renewal**

(1) No license will be renewed unless the licensee has completed 40 credit hours of continuing education directly related to dental practice during the preceding biennial license term as set forth in this subsection and has a current BLS certification. The biennial license term begins January 1 of even numbered years and ends December 31st of odd numbered years.

(2) Required Areas of Study

	<p>a. As a condition of prescribing opioid medication, at least 3 of the 40 credit hours of continuing education must be earned on the prescription of opioid medication.</p> <p>b. As a condition of holding a sedation permit issued by the Board, at least 6 of the 40 credit hours of continuing education must be earned in sedation and/or anesthesia, physical diagnosis, complications, and techniques.</p> <p>II. Eligible Continuing Education Activities</p> <p>Continuing education credit hours that directly relate to dental practice may be earned only by participation in the following activities:</p> <p>A. There is no credit hour limit on any of the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Presentations, lectures, seminars, and workshops.</li><li>(2) Study clubs pre-approved pursuant to Section VI.</li><li>(3) Post-graduate academic courses related to dental practice or medical degree programs offered by a regionally accredited program recognized by the United States Department of Education.</li><li>(4) Academic courses related to the administration of local anesthesia, nitrous oxide analgesia, and expanded function dental assisting.</li><li>(5) Completion of a dental residency program.</li><li>(6) Distance learning activities such as online courses or webinars with verification and passage of an exit examination.</li></ul> <p>B. No more than ten (10) credit hours can be claimed in any one activity or any combination of activities listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Teaching, guest lecturer, guest clinical supervisor. A licensee may only once claim continuing education credit for preparation and presentation of a course, workshop or seminar on a distinct subject matter. A licensee may only once claim continuing education credit for preparation and presentation as either a guest lecturer or a guest clinical supervisor at a dental practice educational institution or program approved by the Board.</li><li>(2) Grand rounds. A licensee may claim continuing education credit for a formal meeting in hospital settings in which discussion of a clinical case of one or more patients occur.</li><li>(3) Writing. A licensee may claim continuing education credit for writing articles and books for publication, as well as for reviewing and editing articles and books.</li><li>(4) Pre-recorded audio/video; independent study. A licensee may claim continuing education credit only once for a particular audiotape/disk, videotape/disk or course of independent study.</li><li>(5) Distance learning without exit examination. A licensee may claim continuing education credit for distance learning activities such as online courses and webinars in which an exit examination was not taken.</li><li>(6) Student table clinic. A licensee may claim continuing education credit for attending a student table clinic, which is a structured presentation sponsored by an educational institution that uses oral communication and visual media to inform, clarify, and/or review material on a specific topic.</li><li>(7) Reading activity. A licensee may claim continuing education credit for reading an article, a professional journal, a written publication, or a professional publication with verification and passage of an exit examination.</li><li>(8) In service training sessions. A licensee may claim continuing education credit for attending in-service training sessions such as employer sponsored continuing education activities.</li></ul> <p>C. BLS certification; ACLS certification; PALS certification</p> <p>No more than 3 credit hours of BLS certification training completed during a license term will count towards meeting the requirements of this</p>
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	<p>chapter. Online BLS trainings are not accepted unless the licensee can verify hands-on participation with the instructor as a component of the training.</p> <p>No more than 6 credit hours of ACLS or PALS certification training completed during a license term will count towards meeting the requirements of this chapter. Online ACLS or PALS trainings are not accepted, unless the licensee can verify hands-on participation with the instructor as a component of the training.</p> <p><b>III. Ineligible Continuing Education Activities</b></p> <p>The following activities are ineligible for continuing education credit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Continuing education pursuant to a Board order or consent agreement.</li><li>B. General attendance at a conference.</li><li>C. Business meetings of a professional association.</li><li>D. The study of yoga, energy healing; exploration of personal growth; or any activity of any nature whatsoever that does not directly relate to dental practice.</li><li>E. Reading of an article, a professional journal, an online or written publication, or a professional publication without an examination.</li><li>F. Clinical examinations taken to obtain a license.</li></ul> <p>Hands-on continuing education activities may be eligible for continuing education credit but are not eligible for double-credit.</p> <p><b>IV. Continuing Education Providers; Documentation</b></p> <p>A. Providers. Eligible continuing education activities may be offered by providers of continuing education such as departments of regionally-accredited institutions; national, state or local professional organizations or associations; public or private human services organizations; or private consultants or individuals.</p> <p>Such organizations include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Any accredited college or university.</li><li>(2) Any program accredited by CODA.</li><li>(3) The American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, or their component and constituent societies, associations, and local society.</li><li>(4) The American Dental Hygienists Association, the National Dental Hygienists Association, or their component or constituent societies, associations, and local society.</li><li>(5) The International Federation of Denturists (IFD) or its component societies.</li><li>(6) The Maine Licensed Denturist Association.</li><li>(7) The academies and specialty organizations recognized by the Board.</li><li>(8) The Veterans Administration or the armed forces.</li><li>(9) Providers who are accredited, approved, or recognized by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The American Academy of Dental Hygiene;</li><li>b. The American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program ("ADA CERP");</li><li>c. The Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education ("PACE");</li><li>d. Accrediting agencies recognized by the American Medical Association's Council on Medical Education; or</li><li>e. The Accreditation Council for Medical Education.</li></ul></li><li>B. Documentation. All documentation must be maintained for the time periods set forth in Section V(A). All continuing education activities completed by a licensee, including teaching, writing, independent study, and other distance learning activities, must be documented by a certificate issued by a provider of continuing education, an official academic transcript, or other reliable written</li></ul>
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	<p>proof of successful completion that is acceptable to the Board. The documentation must include the date, location, and duration of the activity; the name of the presenter; the name of the course or program; an agenda showing the content of the program; and the number of credit hours claimed. Continuing education printouts or logs maintained by a third party and provided to the Board by the licensee are not acceptable unless the printout or log contains all of the following information:</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(1) The date, location, and duration of the activity.</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(2) A certificate of completion documenting the name of the course or program, and the number of credit hours earned.</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(3) The name of the continuing education presenter and/or organization providing the activity.</p> <p>If the third party does not have a certificate of completion to document the activity, then it is the licensee's responsibility to maintain documentation to substantiate the activity in accordance with this chapter.</p> <p><b>V. Audit</b></p> <p><b>A. Certification of continuing education for renewal</b></p> <p>At the time of application for renewal, each licensee must certify, on a form provided by the Board, compliance with the continuing education credit hours required during the preceding license term or during the continuing education period established in statute or by Board rule. No additional information or continuing education documentation is required to be submitted at the time of renewal. However, the licensee must retain documentation of all continuing education credit hours earned during the most recent license renewal term for two years' post-renewal.</p> <p><b>B. Verification of compliance by audit</b></p> <p>Applicants for license renewal will be selected on a random basis for audit of continuing education compliance. In addition, an individual licensee may be selected for an audit as part of an investigation or if there is reasonable cause to believe the licensee has provided a false certification concerning the completion of continuing education requirements.</p> <p>Licensees selected for audit will be notified to submit documentation of the continuing education activities that were certified by the licensee at the time of renewal. Continuing education credit hours that cannot be documented in accordance with the documentation requirements of Section IV(B) or that do not satisfy the criteria for continuing education contained in statute or Board rule will be disallowed.</p> <p><b>VI. Pre-approval of Continuing Education Activities</b></p> <p>The Board may pre-approve courses, seminars, and workshops, to ensure the activity is directly related to dental practice only at the request of a provider of the continuing education. A seminar, workshop, or institute for which pre-approval has been sought but denied is not eligible for continuing education credit.</p> <p><b>VII. The Audit Findings</b></p> <p>If data submitted to the Board pursuant to an audit does not fulfill the requirements of this chapter, then the licensee shall be notified of the Board's failed audit finding. A failed audit constitutes unprofessional conduct and the Board may, without hearing, enter into a consent agreement with a licensee who has not met the continuing education requirements of this chapter.</p> <p><b>VIII. Waivers, Extensions, First Renewal, Inactive Status</b></p> <p><b>A. Waiver/extension.</b> Upon receipt of a written request prior to license expiration, the Board may, in its discretion, grant an extension of time or other waiver to an individual licensed or certified by the Board who, because of</p>
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	<p>prolonged illness or other extenuating circumstances, e.g., military deployment, has been unable to meet the educational requirements under this chapter.</p> <p>B. First renewal; general requirements. Licensees who renew for the first time must complete one half of the required continuing education credit hours as outlined in this chapter and have a current BLS certification.</p> <p>C. First renewal for dentists. Dentists who are renewing for the first time must complete one half of the required continuing education credit hours as outlined in this chapter and must have a current BLS certification. The content of the credit hours must include completion of 3 credit hours in opioid medication prescribing as a condition to prescribe opioid medication, and completion of 6 credit hours of sedation and/or anesthesia training as a condition to administer sedation under Chapter 14 of the Board's rules.</p> <p>D. Active to Inactive License Status. To place an active license on inactive status, the licensee must submit a written request to the Board attesting that services will not be rendered during the remainder of the license term. Licensees with an inactive status are required to renew their licenses but are not required to complete continuing education credit hours under this chapter.</p> <p>E. Inactive to Active License Status. To place an inactive license on active status, the licensee must submit a written request to the Board, documented evidence of completing continuing education credit hours as outlined below, and a current BLS certification card. For purposes of this section, the Board may require dentists to comply with the opioid prescription and the sedation techniques training required under this chapter.</p> <p>(1) Licensees who hold an inactive license status for a period less than five years must complete one-half of the continuing education credit hours required for the license they hold under this chapter and present a current BLS certification, to return the license to active status.</p> <p>(2) Licensees who hold an inactive license status for a period exceeding five years must complete all of the continuing education credit hours required for the license they hold under this chapter and present a current BLS certification, to return the license to active status.</p> <p>IX. Transition Language</p> <p>Individuals who are licensed on the effective date of this revised Chapter 13 may use credits earned pursuant to the former Chapter 13 to satisfy continuing education requirements for their first license renewal due on or after this revision's effective date. Continuing education requirements of this newly-effective Chapter 13 shall apply to subsequent renewals by those individuals and to individuals initially licensed after this revision's effective date. However, this does not exempt dentists from completing the 3 hours of opioid training as a condition to prescribe opioids, or completing 6 hours of sedation training as a condition to renew a sedation permit. Expanded function dental assistants who transition to a two-year license term on or after the effective date of this chapter are required to complete 20 credit hours of continuing education directly related to dental practice during the preceding two-year license term as set forth in this subsection and has a current BLS certification. The license term begins the day the license is issued and ends on December 31st of even numbered years.</p>
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