Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA.** Successful completion of patient-based periodontal examination is required for all exams; minimum score of 75% in each section of the exam: **ADEX** as administered by **CDCA-WREB-CITA** **CRDTS** if taken prior to July 1, 2009 **SRTA** if taken between Jan. 1, 2013 and Aug. 9, 2015 **CDCA DSE and CRDTS** if taken on or after July 1, 2009 **CDCA DSE and SRTA** if taken prior to Jan. 1, 2013 or after Aug. 9, 2015 Source: Regional and State Clinical Exam Requirements on Massachusetts Board of Dentistry web site
General Licensure Requirements	**Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, Section 45: Registration of dentists; applications; examinations and re-examinations** Applications for registration hereunder shall be in writing upon blanks furnished by the board, which shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant, presenting proof of the requirements herein specified. Any such applicant eighteen years of age or over and of good moral character who shall furnish the board with satisfactory proof that he has received a diploma from the faculty of a dental college accredited or recognized as accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Dental and Dental Auxiliary Educational Programs of the American Dental Association as defined in section forty-six, shall, upon payment of a fee to be determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section three B of chapter seven, be entitled to be examined by the board. An applicant failing in his examination shall be entitled to two re-examinations within three years, for which he shall pay a fee determined under the aforementioned provision for each one taken. Thereafter, upon filing a new application for registration and paying a fee determined under the aforementioned provision, he shall be entitled to like re-examinations. If found competent, the applicant shall be registered by the board and shall receive a certificate of registration signed by the members of the board or a majority of them, which shall be prima facie evidence of the right of the holder to practice dentistry. In proof of this right the certificate or a duplicate shall be kept in his office in plain view of his patients, and, on application, shall be shown to any member or agent of the board. The board shall require as a condition of granting or renewing a dentist's certificate of registration, that the dentist apply to participate in the medical assistance program administered by the secretary of health and human services in accordance with chapter 118E and Title XIX of the Social Security Act and any federal demonstration or waiver relating to such medical assistance program for the limited purposes of ordering and referring services covered under such program, provided that regulations governing such limited participation are promulgated under said chapter 118E. A dentist who chooses to participate in such medical assistance program as a provider of services shall be deemed to have fulfilled this requirement. The board shall examine an applicant who is an alien only if he presents to it a certificate from the court in which he shall have filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, or from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States, showing that he has declared his intention to become such a citizen, or a copy of such declaration of intention, certified by the clerk of such court. In case the applicant is subsequently registered, unless he shall present to the board, within five years following the filing of the certificate or certified copy hereinbefore referred to, his completed naturalization papers showing that he is a citizen of the United States his

	certificate of registration shall be revoked and his registration cancelled. The foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to limited registration under section forty-five A. **Section 46: Reputable dental college; definition** A dental college shall be considered reputable which possesses the following qualifications: First, It shall be incorporated and authorized by its charter to confer degrees of doctor of dental medicine, doctor of dental surgery or doctor of dental science. Second, It shall have a competent faculty and corps of instructors. The teaching staff shall deliver a comprehensive and satisfactory course of lectures supplemented by adequate clinical and laboratory exercises in all subjects pertaining to modern dentistry. Third, It shall give a course of not less than four separate academic years to matriculants who are graduates of accredited high schools or who present proof of equivalent training, or a course of not less than three separate academic years to matriculants who present satisfactory proof of having successfully completed two years of appropriate pre-dental training in a college or university authorized to grant degrees. Each academic year shall consist of not less than thirty-two weeks. The administrative policy of the dental college shall be such as to accomplish the requirements of this section. **Section 46A: Reexamination for competency** If any applicant for registration, either by examination or under the provisions of section forty-eight, is registered and issued a certificate of registration by the board, and does not practice dentistry in the commonwealth within five years from the date of the certificate of registration, or does not maintain a current license to practice dentistry in the commonwealth for a period of five consecutive years, may be required by the board to be reexamined for competency. **Section 47: Examination** The examination may be written or oral or both, at the option of the board, and may include the principal subjects taught in reputable dental colleges. Demonstrations in operative and prosthetic dentistry, diagnosis and prognosis may be required. **234 CMR 4.00: Licensure and license renewal requirements** **§4.03: Initial Dentist Licensure by Examination** The Board may grant a license by examination to an applicant, who is of good moral character, has met all eligibility requirements and has submitted the following information to the Board: (1) An accurate, complete and signed application, as specified by the Board for that purpose; (2) Payment of a non-refundable licensing and application fee as determined by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, unless waived in accordance with M.G.L. c. 112, § 1B; (3) An original transcript with the college seal stating the degree granted and the date of issue from a CODA-accredited dental school or any successor accrediting agency approved by the Board, or a letter including the college's seal signed by the appropriate authority attesting to the applicant's degree and date of graduation; (4) A physician's statement made after an examination conducted within one year of the date of application, attesting to the health of the applicant and to any impairments that may affect the ability of the applicant to practice dentistry; (5) Documentation of a passing score on each of the following exams: (a) Parts I and II of the ADA National Board Examination;

	(b) The CDCA or other state or regional examination approved by the Board; and (c) Massachusetts Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination or a Board-approved successor examination. (6) Documentation of current BLS certification or CPR/AED certification, except an applicant applying for an individual anesthesia permit shall provide documentation that complies with 234 CMR 6.00: Administration of Anesthesia and Sedation; (7) A passport-size color photograph; (8) A statement disclosing any and all disciplinary, civil, or criminal action taken or filed against the applicant any time after reaching the age of majority and prior to the date of application, with supporting documentation as the Board may require; (9) Proof satisfactory to the Board of good moral character; (10) An attestation, signed under pains and penalties of perjury, that the applicant has complied with all state tax laws pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62C, § 49A and child support laws pursuant to M.G.L. c. 119A, § 16(a); and (11) Proof satisfactory to the Board of completion of training required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94C, § 18(e) as a condition precedent for obtaining licensure.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, Section 48: Reciprocity certificate for dentist lawfully in practice for at least five years in another state; fee** The board may, without examination upon payment of a fee determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section three B of chapter seven, register, and issue a certificate to, a dentist who has been lawfully in practice for at least five years in another state, if he presents to the board a certificate of registration, and duration of practice, from the board of dental examiners or other like board of said state; provided, that such other state shall require a degree of competency equal to that required of applicants in this commonwealth. Subject hereto, the board may waive written examination with respect to a dentist who has received a certificate of qualification from the National Board of Dental Examiners. **234 CMR 4.00: Licensure and license renewal requirements** **§4.04: Initial Dentist Licensure by Credentials** The Board may grant a license by credentials, without further professional examination, to a dentist currently licensed in another jurisdiction, provided the applicant is of good moral character, has met all eligibility requirements and has submitted the following information to the Board: (1) An accurate, complete and signed application on forms specified by the Board for that purpose; (2) Payment of a non-refundable licensing and application fee as determined by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, unless waived in accordance with M.G.L. c. 112, § 1B; (3) An original transcript with the college seal stating the degree granted and the date of issue from a CODA-accredited dental school or any successor accrediting agency approved by the Board, or a letter including the college's seal signed by the appropriate authority attesting to the applicant's degree and date of graduation; (4) A physician's statement made after an examination conducted within one year of the date of application, attesting to the health of the applicant and to any impairments that may affect the ability of the applicant to practice dentistry; (5) Proof satisfactory to the Board of a minimum of five years of practice in dentistry or dental education immediately preceding the application for licensure by credentials. An applicant may include private practice; the practice of

	dentistry in the armed forces; federal, state, and municipal programs; and intern and residency programs as part of this five year dental practice requirement; (6) Proof satisfactory to the Board that the applicant is currently licensed and in good standing in another jurisdiction based on passing a Board-approved examination; (7) Documentation of a passing score on each of the following exams: (a) Parts I and II of the ADA National Board Examination; (b) The CDCA or other state or regional examination approved by the Board; and (c) Massachusetts Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination or a Board-approved successor examination. (8) Certified letters of standing from all jurisdictions in which the applicant has been issued a license to practice dentistry attesting to the standing of the applicant's license, including report of any past or pending disciplinary action, or any pending complaints against the applicant; (9) Letters of endorsement from two licensed dentists who are in good standing and familiar with the applicant and his or her practice of dentistry which attest to the applicant's professional competency and good moral character; (10) Original report from the NPDB Self-query; (11) Documentation of current BLS certification or CPR/AED certification, except an applicant applying for an individual anesthesia permit shall provide documentation that complies with 234 CMR 6.00: Administration of Anesthesia and Sedation; (12) A statement disclosing any and all disciplinary action, civil or criminal action, or restriction of privileges taken or filed against the applicant at any time after reaching the age of majority and prior to the date of application, with supporting documentation as the Board may require; (13) A passport-size color photograph; (14) Proof satisfactory to the Board of good moral character; (15) An attestation, signed under pains and penalties of perjury, that the applicant has complied with all state tax laws pursuant to M.G.L. c. 62C, § 49A and child support laws pursuant to M.G.L. c. 119A, § 16(a); and (16) Proof satisfactory to the Board of completion of training required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94C, § 18(e) as a condition precedent for obtaining licensure.
Specialty Practice	**234 CMR 5.00 Requirements for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting** 5.03: Dental Specialties (1) A dentist may hold him/herself out as an ADA specialist in a particular area of practice only if he/she: (a) Has completed a specialty education program approved by the American Dental Association (ADA) and the Commission on Dental Accreditation or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada; and (b) Is eligible for examination by a national specialty board recognized by the ADA; or (c) Is a diplomate of a national specialty board recognized by the ADA. (2) A dentist is prohibited from holding him/herself out in directories, listings or other written or electronic publications as a practitioner in any specialty recognized by the ADA unless his or her practice is limited only to the specialty area(s) that is being advertised, listed, or otherwise noted or published. **Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, Section 52A: Illegal Advertising** Section 52A. No registered dentist, person practicing dentistry, or dental hygienist shall include, or permit, or cause to be included, in any newspaper, radio, or television advertisement, or in any display sign, personal solicitation or other manner of advertising, any written or spoken words or statements of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public, or claiming professional

	superiority or the performance of professional services in a superior manner, or the performance of painless operations of a dental or oral surgical nature, or shall advertise with signs or printed advertisements, or by means of show cases, containing the representation of a tooth, teeth, dental restoration of any kind or of whatsoever design or description or any portion of the human head or neck or photograph of any person, or shall make or set forth any promises, guarantees, representations, or statements that satisfaction or a cure will result from the performance of professional services; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to prevent the publication of truthful advertisements concerning the availability and price of routine dental services by persons subject to this section. No such registered dentist, person practicing dentistry, or dental hygienist shall include, or permit, or cause to be included, in any newspaper, radio or television advertisement or in any display sign, personal solicitation or other manner of advertising, any written or spoken words or statements of a character that: (1) contains a statement of opinion as to the quality of dental services; (2) refers to benefits or other attributes of dental procedures or products that involve significant risks but that do not include realistic assessments of the safety and efficacy of such procedures or products; (3) contains statistical data, representations, or other information that is not susceptible to reasonable verification by the public; (4) refers to a fee or fees for dental services and fail to disclose that additional fees may be involved in individual cases, if the possibility of incurring such additional fees may be reasonably foreseen; (5) offers a discount for dental services without disclosing the total fee from which the discount will apply; (6) fails to make a disclosure of the source and authorship of any message published under a dentist's byline; or **(7) contain a statement concerning the availability of specialty services to make the public believe that specialty care is rendered in a dental office by a qualified specialist when such is not the case.** Nothing in the provisions of this section shall be construed to apply to or prohibit, restrict or limit the operations of the business of a dental laboratory. The board may, by regulation, in a manner consistent with the foregoing, further regulate advertising by persons subject to this section. If a registered dentist contracts with a referral service and a fee is required for the registered dentist to be part of the referral service network, the referral service shall disclose the existence of the fee arrangement in any newspaper, radio or television advertisement, or in any display sign, personal solicitation or other manner of advertising. The disclosure shall plainly state the existence of the fee arrangement between the referral service and the dentists belonging to the referral service network and shall further state that only dentists who pay a fee are participants in such service. Section 52B. The clerk of a court in which a registered dentist or dental hygienist is convicted under the preceding section shall forthwith certify such conviction to the board, and the board may, after a hearing, revoke or suspend the registration of the convicted registrant. The board may also revoke or suspend the registration of a dentist or dental hygienist for conviction in any court of the commonwealth of a crime involving moral turpitude. Section 52C. No person engaged in the business of supplying, constructing, reproducing, relining, repairing, adding or directing the application of any substance of a permanent nature to dentures, bridges, appliances or other structures to be worn as substitutes for natural teeth shall advertise his services, technique or materials to the general public by means of advertisements in public newspapers, magazines or by radio or television display advertisements excepting, advertisements in professional or trade papers, trade journals, trade

	directories, trade periodicals, trade magazines, and in the public telephone directories; nor shall any person so engaged in any way directly solicit the patronage of the general public for any dental services, dental materials or dental appliances.
Continuing Education	**Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, Section 51A: Continuing Education** The board shall adopt rules and regulations for a system of continuing education, compliance with which shall be a requirement and condition precedent to the renewal of licenses issued by the board. **234 CMR 4.00: Licensure and license renewal requirements** **§4.14: License Renewal, Reactivation and Reinstatement** (1) A licensed dentist shall renew a dental license biennially no later than March 31st of even-numbered years. A licensed dentist shall include with a renewal application, an attestation, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, the applicant participates in, or had applied to participate in, MassHealth as either a provider of services or as a non-billing provider for the purpose of ordering and referring services covered by MassHealth, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 112, § 45. (2) A licensed dental hygienist shall renew a dental hygiene license biennially no later than March 31st of odd-numbered years. (3) A licensed dental assistant shall renew a dental assistant license biennially no later than st October 31 of odd-numbered years. The first renewal date for individuals licensed as a dental assistant shall be October 31, 2015. (4) Continuing Education Required for Renewal, Reactivation or Reinstatement. A licensee shall not renew, or petition for reinstatement or reactivation of a license unless and until all continuing education required for renewal, reactivation or reinstatement set forth in 234 CMR 8.00: Continuing Education is completed. (5) Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 1B(c), the license of a dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant who is engaged in active service in the armed forces remains valid until 90 days following the release from active duty. The continuing education requirement in 234 CMR 4.14(4) shall not apply to any biennial cycle in which the licensee was in active duty service within 90 days immediately preceding the applicable renewal deadline. (6) A licensee shall not practice dentistry, dental hygiene or dental assisting with an expired, suspended, surrendered or revoked license. A licensee who engages in such unlicensed practice may be subject to a civil administrative penalty pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65(b) and may be subject to Board discipline. (7) Renewal on or Prior to License Expiration Date. A licensee shall renew a license by filing a properly completed license renewal application and providing all related information to the Board, on forms and in accordance with instructions specified by the Board, and paying the license renewal fee(s) established by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. (8) Renewal after License Expiration Date Within Two Renewal Cycles. (a) An individual whose license is expired for less than two renewal cycles may apply for renewal of a license only by: 1. Filing an accurate, complete and signed license renewal application and providing all related information as required by the Board on forms and in accordance with instructions specified by the Board; 2. Paying license renewal fee for each intervening renewal cycle and paying the late renewal fee established by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance;

	3. Submitting to the Board required documentation to prove completion of continuing education credits required for each renewal cycle pursuant to 234 CMR 8.00: Continuing Education; and 4. Submitting to the Board a satisfactory written explanation of the reasons for the licensee's failure to renew the license in a timely manner. (b) The Board may require the licensee to submit additional information or documentation before approving or denying the licensee's renewal application. The Board may require a licensee to provide such additional information either in person or in writing. Failure to respond to or cooperate with such requests shall constitute grounds to deny the application. (9) Renewal of Expired License Greater than Two Renewal Cycles. (a) A licensee whose license is expired for longer than two renewal cycles, may apply for renewal of a license by: 1. Filing an accurate, complete and signed license renewal application and providing all related information as required by the Board on forms and in accordance with instructions specified by the Board; 2. Paying license renewal fee(s) for each intervening renewal cycle and paying the late renewal fee as established by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance; 3. Submitting to the Board certificates for continuing education credits required for each renewal cycle, pursuant to 234 CMR 8.00: Continuing Education; and 4. Submitting to the Board a satisfactory written explanation of the reasons for the licensee's failure to renew the license in a timely manner. (b) The Board may require the licensee to submit additional information or documentation before approving or denying the licensee's renewal application. Failure to respond to or cooperate with such requests shall constitute grounds to deny the application. (c) The Board may, in its discretion, require a licensee to be re-examined for competency when a dentist has not practiced dentistry in the Commonwealth within five years from the date of initial licensure, or if a dentist does not maintain a current license for a period of five consecutive years. (d) A licensee shall fulfill such other conditions as the Board may require. (10) The Board may, in its discretion, decline to renew, reactivate or reinstate an expired license and may refer cases of unlicensed practice of dentistry, dental hygiene or dental assisting to appropriate law enforcement authorities for prosecution. **234 CMR 8: Continuing Education** 8.01: Purpose 8.02: General Requirements 8.03: Required Continuing Education 8.04: Criteria for Acceptance: Responsibilities of Licensees and Sponsors of Continuing Education Programs 8.05: Categories of Continuing Education Programs and CEUs Allowed in Each Category 8.06: Certification of Compliance with CEU Requirements 8.07: Waiver of CEU Requirements **§8.01: Purpose** 234 CMR 8.00 describes the continuing education requirements for license renewal. Each dentist, dental hygienist and dental assistant shall complete continuing education as a condition precedent to license renewal. **§8.02: General Requirements**

	(1) A dentist licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 45 must complete a minimum of 40 CEUs during the 24 months immediately preceding March 31st in even numbered years. (2) A limited license dental intern or limited license faculty licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 45A must complete a minimum of 20 CEUs during the 12 months immediately preceding the renewal of a limited license. For each category in 234 CMR 8.05 where a maximum number of CEUs is allowed for a dentist per cycle, the maximum for a limited license dental intern or limited license faculty is ½ the maximum number of CEUs allowed for a dentist. (3) A dental hygienist licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 51 must complete a minimum of 20 CEUs during the 24 months immediately preceding March 31st in odd numbered years. (4) A dental assistant licensed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 51½, must complete a minimum of 12 CEUs during the 24 months immediately preceding October 31st in odd numbered years. (5) A dental student licensed as a dental hygienist pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 51 is exempt from CEU requirements while he or she is enrolled in a CODA-accredited dental school. (6) New Graduates. A new graduate of a CODA-accredited dental school, dental hygiene program, or Board-approved dental assisting program is exempt from the CEU requirements forthe licensing period in which the licensee graduates. (7) No licensee shall be eligible to renew a license without first completing the requisite number of CEUs. (8) A licensee renewing a license shall submit to the Board a statement, signed under pains and penalties of perjury, that the applicant has completed the requisite number of CEUs. (9) CEUs may not be carried over from one renewal cycle to the next. (10) CEUs required by a consent agreement or final decision and order shall not be used to satisfy the CEU requirement for license renewal. (11) A licensee seeking reinstatement of an expired, suspended or revoked license shall, upon the Board's request, submit documentation of completion of CEUs equal to the number of renewal cycles in which the license has been expired, suspended or revoked. (MA REG. # 1363, Dated 4-20-18) **§8.03: Required Continuing Education** (1) A licensee shall complete continuing education as a condition precedent to the biennial renewal of a license in the following areas: (a) CDC Guidelines/Infection Control; and (b) Continuous certification in CPR/AED, or BLS, or, if the licensee has an anesthesia permit issued pursuant to 234 CMR 6.00: Administration of Anesthesia and Sedation, then the licensee must maintain continuous certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support commensurate with the level of anesthesia permit obtained.. (2) A dentist who holds a Massachusetts Controlled Substance Registration, a DEA Registration or who otherwise prescribes within the meaning of M.G.L. c. 94C, shall complete training required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 94C, § 18(e) as a condition precedent to renewing a license. **§8.04: Criteria for Acceptance**: Responsibilities of Licensees and Sponsors of Continuing Education Programs (1) To be accepted for credit, continuing education activities shall have significant intellectual or practical content related to the practice of dentistry or dental auxiliary functions, or with the professional responsibilities or ethical obligations of the profession. Non-clinical subjects necessary to provide dental or dental auxiliary services and supportive of clinical services (e.g. patient and

	practice management, legal and ethical responsibilities, third party billing, stress management) may be credited in the Board's discretion. Courses not acceptable include, but are not limited to, personal financial planning or retirement planning. (2) Standards. To qualify under 234 CMR 8.00 a continuing education program shall require attendance or participation, be at least one class hour (50 minutes) in length, be conducted by an instructor qualified by education or experience and retain a written course description. (3) Certificate of Attendance and Course Description. The licensee may only receive continuing education credit for those courses in which the sponsor or its agent (e.g. a nationally recognized professional registry) certifies and maintains attendance records for at least five years. (a) Certification of attendance must include: 1. The name and address of the sponsor; 2. The name, address and license number of the licensee; 3. A brief statement of the subject matter; 4. Number of lecture and clinical or laboratory participation contact hours; 5. Whether the course fulfills CEU requirements for dentists, dental hygienists or dental assistants; 6. The date and location of the program; and 7. Verification by the sponsor that licensee completed the program. (b) The sponsor, or its agent, shall keep the following records for a period of five years. All records shall be furnished to the Board upon request: 1. Course description; 2. Faculty; 3. Date of the course; 4. Location of the course; 5. Number of contact hours; and 6. Roster of attendees. **§8.05: Categories of Continuing Education Programs and CEUs Allowed in Each Category** (1) Educational and Scientific Courses, Examinations, and Specialty Boards. A licensee may obtain CEUs in these categories: (a) Educational and scientific courses sponsored or approved by any of the following: 1. Accredited educational or service institutions; 2. Professional associations and societies; 3. Accredited postdoctoral programs; 4. Local, state and federal governmental health agencies and health institutions; and 5. Accredited community and teaching hospitals. (b) Completion of Part II of the National Board Examination for dentists or the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination for dental hygienists. (c) Completion of the CDCA Diagnosis, Oral Medicine, Radiology and Comprehensive Treatment Planning examination for dentists or the CDCA Dental Hygiene Comprehensive examination for dental hygienists, or other Board approved clinical competency examination. (d) Completion of continuing education requirements for maintaining certification of ADA-recognized board specialties. (2) Self-instruction. A dentist may earn a maximum of 20 CEUs, a dental hygienist may earn a maximum of ten CEUs and a dental assistant may earn a maximum of six CEUs per renewal cycle by completing an individual study course (home study, on-line, correspondence, audio or video). All such courses must include a test, which the licensee shall pass to obtain credit.

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	(3) Teaching and Research. (a) Continuing Education Instructor. A dentist may earn a maximum of 20 CEUs, a dental hygienist may earn a maximum of ten CEUs and a dental assistant may earn a maximum of six CEUs per renewal cycle as an instructor of continuing education courses that satisfy criteria in 234 CMR 8.04. Two CEUs may be earned for every hour taught and only for the first presentation of the program. The Board will not accept CEUs for repeat presentations. (b) Academic Participation. A dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant who conducts research or who is an appointed member of the faculty at a CODA-accredited dental school, dental hygiene program or dental assisting program may receive three CEUs for the following: 1. Faculty Appointments. A dentist may receive a maximum of ten CEUs, a dental hygienist may receive a maximum of five CEUs and a dental assistant may receive a maximum of three CEUs per renewal cycle through a faculty appointment for teaching at a CODA-accredited dental school, a dental hygiene program or dental assisting program. 2. Research Appointments. A dentist may receive a maximum of ten CEUs, a dental hygienist may receive a maximum of five CEUs and a dental assistant may receive a maximum of three CEUs through a research appointment at a CODA-accredited dental school, dental hygiene program or dental assistant program or other research institution. Documentation of the research conducted by the licensee shall be provided, upon request, to the Board and may include: a. Results of research conducted; b. Publications authored by the licensee and published in a professional scientific journal; c. Presentation of research studies at professional conferences; or d. A written statement by the licensee's supervisor of the research, estimated number of hours and a description of the licensee's role in research. (4) Papers, Publications and Scientific Presentations. A dentist may receive a maximum of 20 CEUs, a dental hygienist may receive a maximum of ten CEUs and a dental assistant may receive a maximum of six CEUs per renewal cycle in the following categories: (a) A maximum of ten CEUs for a dentist, five CEUs for a dental hygienist and three CEUs for a dental assistant will be given for each original scientific paper authored by the licensee and published in a scientific professional journal. (b) For each original presentation of a paper, essay or formal lecture to a recognized group of fellow professionals, the presenter shall receive two hours of CEUs for every hour of presentation. (5) Table Clinics and Scientific Exhibits. A maximum of eight CEUs may be obtained in this category. The original presentation of a table clinic or scientific exhibit at a professional meeting will provide a maximum of two hours of CEUs per clinic or exhibit. (6) General Attendance at Conferences. A dentist may receive a maximum of five CEUs, a dental hygienist may receive a maximum of four CEUs and a dental assistant may receive a maximum of three CEUs per renewal cycle for general attendance at a multi-day professional conference. (7) Pro Bono Service. A dentist may earn a maximum of five CEUs, a dental hygienist may earn a maximum of three CEUs and a dental assistant may earn a maximum of two CEUs per renewal cycle for pro bono services provided in public health settings as defined in 234 CMR 2.00: Purpose And Definitions. (a) A CEU may be earned for each hour of service, and may include, but not be limited to, direct patient care and oral health education programs.

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	(b) A licensee seeking to earn CEU credit for pro bono service must submit, upon request of the Board, documentation from the dental facility director or person responsible for the program or institution attesting to the licensee's participation, including the date(s), location(s), and number of hours of service. (8) Non-clinical Practice-related Courses. A dentist may earn a maximum of five CEUs and a dental hygienist or dental assistant may earn a maximum of two CEUs per renewal cycle for non-clinical practice-related courses. **§8.06: Certification of Compliance with CEU Requirements** (1) Each licensee shall maintain documentation of CEUs for four years or two renewal cycles following renewal of the license, which shall be furnished to the Board upon request. Such documentation must comply with the requirements of 234 CMR 8.00. (2) The Board may conduct random CEU audits and initiate disciplinary proceedings after written notice to the licensee for non-compliance with CEU requirements. **§8.07: Waiver of CEU Requirements** (1) The Board may upon written request and a demonstration of good cause waive the CEU requirements. Good cause may include, but may not be limited to: (a) Full-time service in the armed forces of the United States or the U.S. Public Health Service; (b) Service in the armed forces of the United States during a substantial part of such period; (c) An incapacitating illness documented by a licensed physician; (d) Undue hardship (e.g., prolonged hospitalization, physical and/or psychological); (e) Disability and inability to practice dentistry or dental hygiene on a temporary basis; (f) Matriculation in a program of advanced or specialty study in dentistry, dental hygiene or dental assisting. (2) The Board may request the licensee to appear before the Board to determine whether good cause exists to waive or otherwise modify the CEU requirements.
Advertising	**Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, Section 52A: Illegal Advertising** No registered dentist, person practicing dentistry, or dental hygienist shall include, or permit, or cause to be included, in any newspaper, radio, or television advertisement, or in any display sign, personal solicitation or other manner of advertising, any written or spoken words or statements of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public, or claiming professional superiority or the performance of professional services in a superior manner, or the performance of painless operations of a dental or oral surgical nature, or shall advertise with signs or printed advertisements, or by means of show cases, containing the representation of a tooth, teeth, dental restoration of any kind or of whatsoever design or description or any portion of the human head or neck or photograph of any person, or shall make or set forth any promises, guarantees, representations, or statements that satisfaction or a cure will result from the performance of professional services; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to prevent the publication of truthful advertisements concerning the availability and price of routine dental services by persons subject to this section. No such registered dentist, person practicing dentistry, or dental hygienist shall include, or permit, or cause to be included, in any newspaper, radio or television advertisement or in any display sign, personal solicitation or other manner of advertising, any written or spoken words or statements of a character that: (1) contains a statement of opinion as to the quality of dental

	services; (2) refers to benefits or other attributes of dental procedures or products that involve significant risks but that do not include realistic assessments of the safety and efficacy of such procedures or products; (3) contains statistical data, representations, or other information that is not susceptible to reasonable verification by the public; (4) refers to a fee or fees for dental services and fail to disclose that additional fees may be involved in individual cases, if the possibility of incurring such additional fees may be reasonably foreseen; (5) offers a discount for dental services without disclosing the total fee from which the discount will apply; (6) fails to make a disclosure of the source and authorship of any message published under a dentist's byline; or (7) contain a statement concerning the availability of specialty services to make the public believe that specialty care is rendered in a dental office by a qualified specialist when such is not the case. Nothing in the provisions of this section shall be construed to apply to or prohibit, restrict or limit the operations of the business of a dental laboratory. The board may, by regulation, in a manner consistent with the foregoing, further regulate advertising by persons subject to this section. If a registered dentist contracts with a referral service and a fee is required for the registered dentist to be part of the referral service network, the referral service shall disclose the existence of the fee arrangement in any newspaper, radio or television advertisement, or in any display sign, personal solicitation or other manner of advertising. The disclosure shall plainly state the existence of the fee arrangement between the referral service and the dentists belonging to the referral service network and shall further state that only dentists who pay a fee are participants in such service. **Section 52B: Conviction for illegal advertising; revocation or suspension of registration of dentist or dental hygienist** The clerk of a court in which a registered dentist or dental hygienist is convicted under the preceding section shall forthwith certify such conviction to the board, and the board may, after a hearing, revoke or suspend the registration of the convicted registrant. The board may also revoke or suspend the registration of a dentist or dental hygienist for conviction in any court of the commonwealth of a crime involving moral turpitude. **Section 52C: Illegal advertisement by persons engaged in dental business relating to dentures and bridges** No person engaged in the business of supplying, constructing, reproducing, relining, repairing, adding or directing the application of any substance of a permanent nature to dentures, bridges, appliances or other structures to be worn as substitutes for natural teeth shall advertise his services, technique or materials to the general public by means of advertisements in public newspapers, magazines or by radio or television display advertisements excepting, advertisements in professional or trade papers, trade journals, trade directories, trade periodicals, trade magazines, and in the public telephone directories; nor shall any person so engaged in any way directly solicit the patronage of the general public for any dental services, dental materials or dental appliances. **234 CMR 5.00 Requirements for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting** **§5.18: Advertising** (1) Illegal Advertising Practices. A dentist may advertise truthful and accurate information pertaining to dental services. Unfair, misleading, deceptive and fraudulent advertising is prohibited. (2) Advertising Dental Services and Dental Fees.

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	(a) A dental service is one that a dentist and/or dental auxiliary performs for a specific fee. (b) Dental services advertised as free or no charge must describe the specific services offered and the comparative monetary value. (c) The period of time during which the advertised fees will be in effect must be included in the advertisement. Advertised fees for all dental services must be in effect for a reasonable period of time from the initial date of the advertisement. (3) Content of Advertisements. (a) Any advertisement for dental services, regardless of medium, must include the following: 1. The name of at least one owner of the practice who is currently licensed to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth; and 2. If the dental practice is organized as a professional corporation pursuant to M.G.L. c. 156A, the name of at least one of the owners who is licensed to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth. (b) The information disclosed by the advertising dentist in a publication or a broadcast shall comply with M.G.L. c. 112, § 52A, and other provisions of 234 CMR 2.00: Purpose ,Authority, Definitions.

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