Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA.** Effective January 1, 2021, competency examinations shall be administered by any of the following: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), or by an individual state dental board. The tested procedures are to be patient based, manikin based, or a combination of both. (A) Applicants for licensure shall obtain a passing score of seventy-five percent (75%) or above in each of the following areas: 1. Periodontics clinical skills testing; 2. Endodontics clinical skills testing; 3. Posterior class II amalgam or posterior class II composite preparation and restoration clinical skills testing; 4. Anterior class III composite preparation and restoration clinical skills testing; 5. Anterior tooth preparation for a single unit crown; and 6. Posterior tooth preparations for use as abutments for a three unit bridge. (B) In addition to the foregoing requirements an applicant for licensure shall successfully complete written or didactic competency testing on the following: 1. Removable prosthetics; 2. Diagnosis and treatment planning; and 3. Oral surgery. (C) Competency examinations administered by one of the foregoing clinical competency testing entities or a state dental board shall provide the following elements: 1. Anonymity between candidates and examination raters; 2. Standardization and calibration of raters; and 3. A mechanism for post-exam analysis. Competency exam scores must be less than 5 years old from date of application for licensure. (Source: 20 Missouri Code of State Regulations 2110-2.010 Licensure by Examination—Dentists)
General Licensure Requirements	**Missouri Statutes, Title 22 Occupations and Profession, Chapter 332 Dentists** **§332.131. Applicant for registration as a dentist, qualifications of. —** Any person who is of good moral character and reputation, and who is a graduate of and has a degree in dentistry from an accredited dental school may apply to the board for examination and registration as a dentist in Missouri. **§332.141. Application form, contents — fee. —** Applications for dental examination and registration shall be in writing and on forms furnished to the applicant and shall contain the applicant's statements showing the applicant's education and such other pertinent information as the board may require. Each application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that its representations are true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing same, subject to the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration, and shall be accompanied by a dentist examination fee. **§332.151. Dentist applicant, examination, how conducted — failure, reexamination, additional education, when.** 1. Each applicant for dental examination and registration, after the board has determined that he is a person of good moral character and reputation, shall appear before the board at the time and place in or out of the state of Missouri specified by the board in a written notice to each applicant. The fee accompanying the application as provided in section 332.141 shall not be refunded to any applicant who fails to appear at the time and place so specified, but the board for good cause shown, as defined by rule, may permit any applicant to take the examination or examinations at a later time without paying an additional fee.

	2. The board shall determine and specify by rule whether the dental examinations shall be written or oral or clinical or all three, but in any event they shall be in such form and of such content and character as to thoroughly test the qualifications of the applicant to practice dentistry in Missouri. Completion of the national board theoretical examination with scores acceptable to the board, as promulgated by rule, * is a prerequisite to taking the dental examinations. 3. Any applicant who passes the dental examination or examinations with the average grade specified by a rule promulgated by the board shall be entitled to registration as a dentist in Missouri and shall receive a certificate of registration; but even though an applicant may have made passing grades on his examinations, he shall not be entitled to a certificate of registration as a dentist if the board finds that at any time prior to the issuance of the certificate he has cheated or attempted to cheat on his examination or examinations or any of them or has made false or misleading statements in any application filed for the examination with intent to deceive the board, or that he is not a person of good moral character. 4. The board shall determine and specify by rule the number of times an applicant may fail all or a portion of the dental examinations without completing additional education in an accredited dental school, and shall specify by rule the type and amount of additional education which shall be required of an applicant, which type and amount may vary depending upon the failed portions of the dental examinations. However, no applicant shall be refused permission to take the dental examinations twice without completing additional education, nor shall additional education be required if the applicant only fails an examination over Missouri laws. **§332.181. License to practice dentistry, application, fee, renewal, requirements** 1. No person shall engage in the practice of dentistry in Missouri without having first secured a license as provided for in this chapter. 2. Any person desiring a license to practice dentistry in Missouri shall pay the required fee and make application to the board on a form prescribed by the board pursuant to section 332.141. An application for licensure shall be active for one year after the date it is received by the board. The application becomes void if not completed within such one-year period. 3. All persons once licensed to practice dentistry in Missouri shall renew his or her license to practice dentistry in Missouri on or before the license renewal date and shall display his or her license for each current licensing period in the office in which he or she practices or offers to practice dentistry. 4. Effective with the licensing period beginning on December 1, 2002, a license shall be renewed every two years. To renew a license, each dentist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of fifty hours of continuing education during the two-year period immediately preceding the renewal period. Each dentist shall maintain documentation of completion of the required continuing education hours as provided by rule. Failure to obtain the required continuing education hours, submit satisfactory evidence, or maintain documentation is a violation of section 332.321. As provided by rule, the board may waive and/or extend the time requirements for completion of continuing education for reasons related to health, military service, foreign residency or for other good cause. All requests for waivers and/or extensions of time shall be made in writing and submitted to the board before the renewal date.

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	5. Any licensed dentist who fails to renew his or her license on or before the renewal date may apply to the board for renewal of his or her license within four years subsequent to the date of the license expiration. To renew an expired license, the person shall submit an application for renewal, pay the renewal fee and renewal penalty fee as set by rule, and submit satisfactory evidence of completion of at least fifty hours of continuing education for each renewal period that his or her license was expired as provided by rule. The required hours must be obtained within four years prior to renewal. The license of any dentist who fails to renew within four years of the time his or her license has expired shall be void. The dentist may apply for a new license; provided that, unless application is made under section 332.321, the dentist shall pay the same fees and be examined in the same manner as an original applicant for licensure as a dentist. **20 Missouri Code of State Regulations 2110-2.010 Licensure by Examination—Dentists** PURPOSE: This rule outlines the procedure for obtaining a dental license by examination. (1) To qualify for licensure as set out in sections 332.131 and 332.151, RSMo, each applicant shall— (A) Be a graduate of and hold a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree or a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree from an accredited dental school as defined in section 332.011, RSMo, and meet the other requirements of sections 332.131 and 332.151, RSMo; and (B) Have passed the National Board Examination in accordance with the criteria established by the sponsoring body; and (C) Have passed a state or regional entrylevel competency examination (hereinafter referred to as a competency examination) within the previous five (5) years, subject to sections (3) and (5) below of this rule; and (D) Have passed a written examination given by the board on the Missouri dental laws and rules (hereinafter referred to as the jurisprudence examination) with a grade of at least eighty percent (80%). In order to sit for the jurisprudence examination, the applicant must— 1. Have passed the National Board Examination, prepare to take a competency examination, and submit an application form for licensure to the board thirty (30) days prior to the jurisprudence examination; or 2. Have passed a competency examination within the previous five (5) years and have passed the National Board Examination, and submit an application form for licensure to the board. Applicants will be scheduled to take the jurisprudence examination at the board office, at the office of one (1) of the members of the board, or at such times deemed necessary by the board; and (E) Hold current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BLS) or an equivalent certification approved by the Missouri Dental Board. Board-approved courses shall meet the American Heart Association guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) and provide written and manikin testing on the course material by an instructor who is physically present with the students. Online-only courses will not be accepted to satisfy the BLS requirement. (2) To apply for a certificate of registration and a license to practice, each applicant shall submit the following: (A) A completed application form provided by the board; and (B) A nonrefundable application/examination fee payable to the Missouri Dental Board; and (C) A two-inch by three-inch (2" × 3") photograph or passport photograph taken no more than six (6) months prior to the application date; and (D) An official copy of his/her educational transcript from an accredited dental school as defined in 332.011, RSMo. Transcripts

	must be sent directly to the board from the accredited dental school; and (E) A copy of his/her current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BLS) or an equivalent certification approved by the Missouri Dental Board; and (F) Certification of passage of the National Board Examination sent directly to the board from the sponsoring body; and (G) A copy of his/her competency examination scores sent directly to the board from the testing agent(s); and (H) A form provided by the board verifying licensure in other state(s), if applicable. Verification forms must be sent directly to the board from the licensure board(s) from which the applicant currently holds or has ever held a dental license; and (I) Each application form and documentation must be completed within one (1) year from the date of submission to the board, including the taking and passing of the jurisprudence examination. If not completed within one (1) year, an application becomes invalid and a new application process must begin. (3) Should an applicant fail a clinical competency examination twice, the board may require the applicant to complete remedial instruction in the deficient area(s) from an accredited dental school before further reexamination. If the applicant fails a third examination, the board may deny the application pursuant to section 332.321.2(5), RSMo. Before entering a program of remedial instruction, the applicant shall— (A) Have a statement sent to the board from the program director of the accredited dental school outlining the remedial instruction to be completed by the applicant and confirming the applicant's acceptance into the program; and (B) Receive board approval of the remedial instruction; and (C) Upon completion, have a written statement submitted to the board from the program director verifying the applicant's successful completion of the remedial instruction. (4) In order to receive a certificate of registration and license to practice, each applicant shall— (A) Meet all licensure requirements as specified in sections (1), (2), and (3); and (B) Submit the initial licensure fee as specified in 20 CSR 2110-2.170. (5) Effective January 1, 2021, competency examinations shall be administered by any of the following: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), or by an individual state dental board. The tested procedures are to be patient based, manikin based, or a combination of both. (A) Applicants for licensure shall obtain a passing score of seventy-five percent (75%) or above in each of the following areas: 1. Periodontics clinical skills testing; 2. Endodontics clinical skills testing; 3. Posterior class II amalgam or posterior class II composite preparation and restoration clinical skills testing; 4. Anterior class III composite preparation and restoration clinical skills testing; 5. Anterior tooth preparation for a single unit crown; and 6. Posterior tooth preparations for use as abutments for a three unit bridge. (B) In addition to the foregoing requirements an applicant for licensure shall successfully complete written or didactic competency testing from any of the following: the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), or from an individual state dental board on the following: 1. Removable prosthetics; 2. Diagnosis and treatment planning; and 3. Oral surgery. (C) Competency examinations administered by one of the foregoing clinical competency testing entities or a state dental board shall provide the

	following elements: 1. Anonymity between candidates and examination raters; 2. Standardization and calibration of raters; and 3. A mechanism for post-exam analysis.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**Missouri Statutes, Title 22 Occupations and Profession, Chapter 332 Dentists** **§332.211. Registration and licensing without examination, requirements, fee. —** The board shall grant without examination a certificate of registration and a license to a dentist who has been licensed in another state for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding his applying, if the board is satisfied by proof adduced by the applicant that his qualifications are at least equivalent to the requirements for initial registration as a dentist in Missouri under the provisions of this chapter, that he is at least twenty-one years of age and is of good moral character and reputation; provided that the board may by rule require an applicant under this section to take any examination over Missouri laws given to dentists initially seeking licensure under section 332.151 and to take a practical examination if his licensure in any state was ever denied, revoked or suspended for incompetency or inability to practice in a safe manner, or if he has failed any practical examination given as a prerequisite to licensure as a dentist in any state. Any such dentist applying to be so registered and licensed shall accompany his application with a fee not greater than the dental examination and license fees and if registered and licensed shall renew his license as provided in section 332.181.
Specialty Practice	**Missouri Statutes, Title 22 Occupations and Profession, Chapter 332 Dentists** **§332.171. Specialist license, fee, issued when evaluation, committee established, compensation** — 1. The board shall upon application issue a specialist's license to any currently licensed dentist in Missouri who has been certified in any specialty by an examining board recognized by the American Dental Association. Any such application shall be accompanied by the required fee. 2. Any currently licensed dentist in Missouri who has completed a dental specialty program accredited by the Council on Dental Accreditation but is not eligible for specialty licensure under subsection 1 of this section may apply to the board for specialty licensure in one of the specialty areas recognized by the American Dental Association. Each such application shall be accompanied by the required fee. The board shall establish by rule the minimum requirements for specialty licensure under this subsection. The board shall issue a specialty license to an applicant under this subsection if the applicant meets the requirements of this subsection. 3. The board shall grant a license in one of the specialty areas recognized by the American Dental Association to a dentist who has been certified or licensed and is practicing in another state, province, or territory if the applicant meets the following requirements and the application is accompanied by the required fee: (1) The applicant currently holds a Missouri license to practice dentistry or obtains such license under sections 332.131 and 332.181, or under section 332.211; (2) The applicant meets the educational requirements for specialty licensure required of original applicants for specialty licensure in the state of Missouri as required in subsections 1 and 2 of this section; (3) The applicant meets such other minimum requirements for specialty licensure under this subsection as may be required by the board.

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	4. The board may establish a committee for each American Dental Association-recognized specialty applied for consisting of at least two dentists appointed by the board who hold valid Missouri specialty licenses in the recognized specialty and who are current diplomats of an American specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association. Each committee shall assist the board in evaluating an applicant for specialty licensure in the recognized specialty for which that committee was established and assume such other duties as established by rule of the board. 5. Each member of a specialty committee appointed by the board as provided in this section shall receive as compensation an amount set by the board, not to exceed fifty dollars for each day spent in the performance of his or her duties on the committee and each member shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties. 6. All specialty licenses shall be subject to discipline for cause as set forth in section 332.321, and each specialty license holder shall renew his or her specialty license or licenses as provided for in section 332.181 and shall pay the renewal fee provided therefor. 7. The board shall issue to each applicant who has been recommended as qualified by the specialty committee, as provided in subsection 4 of this section, a license to practice dentistry in the specialty for which he or she has been so recommended. **20 Missouri Code of State Regulations 2110-2.090 Certification of Dental Specialists** PURPOSE: This rule identifies specialties recognized by the Missouri Dental Board and the requirements and procedures applicants must fulfill prior to being certified as a dental specialist. (1) In order to qualify for certification as a specialist in endodontics, oral pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, public health, or any other area of specialty recognized by the American Dental Association, the applicant shall submit to the board the appropriate application fee, submit a completed application form as defined in section (2) of this rule, and fulfill the following requirements: (A) Is a currently licensed dentist in Missouri; and (B) Is a current diplomate of an American specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association; or (C) Is a graduate of an accredited specialty training program accredited by the Council on Dental Accreditation. (2) To apply for a specialty certificate, each applicant shall submit the following: (A) A completed application form provided by the board; (B) A nonrefundable application fee as specified in 20 CSR 2110-2.170 payable to the Missouri Dental Board; (C) A two-inch by three-inch (2" × 3") photograph or passport photograph taken no more than six (6) months prior to the application date; (D) An official copy of his/her educational transcript from the accredited specialty training program. Transcripts must be sent directly to the board from the accredited specialty training program, if applicable; (E) Written verification of diplomate status sent directly from his/her American specialty board, if applicable; and (F) Each application must be completed within one (1) year from the date of submission to the board. If not completed, the application becomes invalid and a new application process must begin. ractice and who is a full- or part-time faculty member in a dental or dental hygiene, or both, school or program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. (G) Resident or Fellow—One who obtains a license to practice

	during the time block and who participated in a post-graduate program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. (H) Diplomate status—One who holds a license to practice and during the time block has obtained diplomate status in an ADA recognized specialty. (I) Retired licensee—One who neither engages in the active practice of dentistry or dental hygiene nor holds him/herself out as actively practicing as provided in sections 332.071 and 332.091, RSMo. (2) In order to renew a license, each dentist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of fifty (50) hours of continuing education during the two (2)-year period immediately preceding the renewal period, and each dental hygienist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the two (2)-year period immediately preceding the renewal period. Any hours acquired beyond the required number may be carried forward into the next time block not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours for dentists and fifteen (15) hours for dental hygienists. Of the fifty (50) hours required for dentists, not less than forty (40) must be hours directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. Of the thirty (30) hours required for dental hygienists, not less than twenty-five (25) must be hours directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. One (1) hour of continuing education shall be granted for every fifty to sixty (50–60) minutes of contact (either academic or clinical) instruction. (A) For the licensure renewal form due November 30, 2004, and each subsequent renewal period after that, the licensee shall report the number of hours obtained for the two (2)-year period just completed and shall attest to those hours by signing the form. Each licensee shall retain records documenting his/her completion of the required hours of continuing education for a minimum of six (6) years after the reporting period in which the continuing education was completed. The records shall document the licensee's attendance at the continuing education course including, but not limited to, retaining the titles of the courses taken, dates, locations, receipts, course sponsors, agendas, and number of hours earned. The board may conduct an audit of licensees to verify compliance with the continuing education requirement. Licensees shall assist the board in its audit by providing timely and complete responses to the board's inquiries. (B) The continuing dental education hours obtained shall be from a board-approved sponsor. Any entity not listed under subsection (1)(C) may become a board-approved sponsor for a specified program(s) by obtaining approval through a sponsor recognized by this rule. Programs which applied for approval and were not granted approval by a board-approved sponsor may appear in person before the board with a request for approval at a regularly scheduled meeting. The board shall review the request and issue a decision in writing within a reasonable time frame. (C) A credential dental licensee will only be required to obtain twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education in order to renew if the individual became licensed during the second year of the time block. A credential hygiene licensee will only be required to obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education in order to renew if the individual became licensed during the second year of the time block. (D) Individuals who obtain a license by competency examination shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement for the remainder of the time block in which s/he became licensed. (E) Licensees who are engaged as full-time instructors will receive ten (10) continuing education hours per year. Licensees who are engaged as part-time instructors will receive five (5) continuing education

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	hours per year. (F) Licensees who give presentations through a board-approved sponsor relating to dentistry will receive two (2) continuing education hours for each hour of the original presentation and an hour-for-hour credit for subsequent presentation of the same material up to sixteen (16) hours per year. (G) Residents or fellows are exempt from the continuing education requirement through the end of the time block containing the date of graduation. (H) A dental licensee who has obtained diplomate status through the ADA-recognized specialty board certification during the reporting period shall be deemed to have obtained fifty (50) hours of continuing education. The licensee shall provide the board with documentation evidencing the specialty board certification upon request. (I) Licensees who attend the open session of the Missouri Dental Board's quarterly meetings or an open meeting of the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists will receive two (2) hours of continuing education credit per meeting. To qualify, licensees must sign in at the beginning of the open meeting and sign out at the end of the open meeting. These continuing education credits do not qualify as directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. (3) The board, solely in its discretion, may grant a waiver or an extension to a licensee who cannot complete the required hours of continuing education because of personal illness, military service, foreign residency, or other circumstances beyond the licensee's control. The licensee may apply for a waiver or an extension of time to complete the continuing education requirements by making a written application at least forty-five (45) days before the end of the renewal period. Any licensee seeking a waiver or extension shall provide full and complete written documentation explaining specifically and in detail the nature of the circumstances, why the circumstances were unforeseeable and beyond the licensee's control, the period during which the circumstances were in existence, the number of continuing education hours earned in the reporting period, and the licensee's plan for completing the balance of the requirements if an extension is granted. The board, in its discretion, shall establish the length of extension granted, not to exceed the next renewal period. (4) Licensees whose license has expired shall comply with the continuing education requirements as established in 20 CSR 21102.071(8). (5) Violation of any provision of this rule shall be deemed by the board to constitute misconduct, fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty, unethical conduct, or unprofessional, or any combination of these, in the performance of the functions, duties, or both, of a dentist or a dental hygienist, depending on the licensee's conduct. In addition, a licensee who fails to complete and report in a timely fashion the required hours of continuing education and engages in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene without the express written consent of the board shall be deemed to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of dentistry or dental hygiene. (6) Continuing education required by the board as part of discipline imposed on a licensee shall not count toward compliance with the continuing education requirement of this rule.
Continuing Education	**Missouri Statutes, Title 22 Occupations and Profession, Chapter 332 Dentists** **§332.181. License to practice dentistry, application, fee, renewal, requirements. —** 1. No person shall engage in the practice of dentistry in Missouri without having first secured a license as provided for in this chapter.

	2. Any person desiring a license to practice dentistry in Missouri shall pay the required fee and make application to the board on a form prescribed by the board pursuant to section 332.141. An application for licensure shall be active for one year after the date it is received by the board. The application becomes void if not completed within such one-year period. 3. All persons once licensed to practice dentistry in Missouri shall renew his or her license to practice dentistry in Missouri on or before the license renewal date and shall display his or her license for each current licensing period in the office in which he or she practices or offers to practice dentistry. 4. Effective with the licensing period beginning on December 1, 2002, a license shall be renewed every two years. To renew a license, each dentist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of fifty hours of continuing education during the two-year period immediately preceding the renewal period. Each dentist shall maintain documentation of completion of the required continuing education hours as provided by rule. Failure to obtain the required continuing education hours, submit satisfactory evidence, or maintain documentation is a violation of section 332.321. As provided by rule, the board may waive and/or extend the time requirements for completion of continuing education for reasons related to health, military service, foreign residency or for other good cause. All requests for waivers and/or extensions of time shall be made in writing and submitted to the board before the renewal date. 5. Any licensed dentist who fails to renew his or her license on or before the renewal date may apply to the board for renewal of his or her license within four years subsequent to the date of the license expiration. To renew an expired license, the person shall submit an application for renewal, pay the renewal fee and renewal penalty fee as set by rule, and submit satisfactory evidence of completion of at least fifty hours of continuing education for each renewal period that his or her license was expired as provided by rule. The required hours must be obtained within four years prior to renewal. The license of any dentist who fails to renew within four years of the time his or her license has expired shall be void. The dentist may apply for a new license; provided that, unless application is made under section 332.321, the dentist shall pay the same fees and be examined in the same manner as an original applicant for licensure as a dentist. **20 Missouri Code of State Regulations 20 CSR 2110-2.240 Continuing Dental Education** PURPOSE:: This rule details the board's minimum requirements for continuing dental education for dentists and dental hygienists. (1) Definitions. (A) Continuing dental education—Instruction for dentists and dental hygienists directly relating to the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene as defined in sections 332.071 and 332.091, RSMo. (B) Time block—A two (2)-year period with starting dates of December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2004; December 1, 2004, through November 30, 2006; and repeating in this sequence from that date. (C) Board-approved sponsors are— 1. American Dental Association (ADA) and its constituent and component societies; 2. Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) and its state and local affiliates; 3. ADA recognized dental specialty organizations and their state and local affiliates; 4. National Dental Association and its state and local affiliates; 5. American Dental Hygienists' Association and its constituents and component societies; 6. National Dental Hygienists' Association and its state and local affiliates; 7. American Medical Association and American Osteopathic Association and their respective state

	and local societies; 8. American Nurses Association and its state and local affiliates; 9. ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation approved dental, dental hygiene, and dental assisting schools; 10. ADA continuing education recognition program; 11. AGD national sponsor approved program; 12. Federal and state government agencies, including any of the branches of the military; 13. Hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; 14. Missouri Public Health Association; 15. American Red Cross; 16. American Heart Association; 17. Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS); 18. Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB); 19. American Dental Assistants Association and its constituents and component societies; and 20. Any other sponsor approved by the board pursuant to subsection (2)(B). (D) Original licensee—One who obtains licensure by examination in accordance with sections 332.181 and 332.251, RSMo. (E) Credential licensee—One who obtains licensure without examination in accordance with sections 332.211 and 332.281, RSMo respectively. (F) Instructor—One who holds a license to practice and who is a full- or part-time faculty member in a dental or dental hygiene, or both, school or program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. (G) Resident or Fellow—One who obtains a license to practice during the time block and who participated in a post-graduate program accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. (H) Diplomate status—One who holds a license to practice and during the time block has obtained diplomate status in an ADA recognized specialty. (I) Retired licensee—One who neither engages in the active practice of dentistry or dental hygiene nor holds him/herself out as actively practicing as provided in sections 332.071 and 332.091, RSMo. (2) In order to renew a license, each dentist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of fifty (50) hours of continuing education during the two (2)-year period immediately preceding the renewal period, and each dental hygienist shall submit satisfactory evidence of completion of thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the two (2)-year period immediately preceding the renewal period. Any hours acquired beyond the required number may be carried forward into the next time block not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours for dentists and fifteen (15) hours for dental hygienists. Of the fifty (50) hours required for dentists, not less than forty (40) must be hours directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. Of the thirty (30) hours required for dental hygienists, not less than twenty-five (25) must be hours directly related to the updating and maintaining of knowledge and skills in the treatment, health, and safety of the individual dental patient. One (1) hour of continuing education shall be granted for every fifty to sixty (50–60) minutes of contact (either academic or clinical) instruction. (A) For the licensure renewal form due November 30, 2004, and each subsequent renewal period after that, the licensee shall report the number of hours obtained for the two (2)-year period just completed and shall attest to those hours by signing the form. Each licensee shall retain records documenting his/her completion of the required hours of continuing education for a minimum of six (6) years after the reporting period in which the continuing education was completed. The records shall document the licensee's attendance at the continuing education course including, but not limited to, retaining the titles of the courses taken, dates, locations, receipts, course sponsors, agendas, and number of hours earned. The board may conduct an audit of licensees to verify compliance with the

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	continuing education requirement. Licensees shall assist the board in its audit by providing timely and complete responses to the board's inquiries. (B) The continuing dental education hours obtained shall be from a board-approved sponsor. Any entity not listed under subsection (1)(C) may become a board-approved sponsor for a specified program(s) by obtaining approval through a sponsor recognized by this rule. Programs which applied for approval and were not granted approval by a board-approved sponsor may appear in person before the board with a request for approval at a regularly scheduled meeting. The board shall review the request and issue a decision in writing within a reasonable time frame. (C) A credential dental licensee will only be required to obtain twenty-five (25) hours of continuing education in order to renew if the individual became licensed during the second year of the time block. A credential hygiene licensee will only be required to obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education in order to renew if the individual became licensed during the second year of the time block. (D) Individuals who obtain a license by competency examination shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement for the remainder of the time block in which s/he became licensed. (E) Licensees who are engaged as full-time instructors will receive ten (10) continuing education hours per year. Licensees who are engaged as part-time instructors will receive five (5) continuing education hours per year. (F) Licensees who give presentations through a board-approved sponsor relating to dentistry will receive two (2) continuing education hours for each hour of the original presentation and an hour-for-hour credit for subsequent presentation of the same material up to sixteen (16) hours per year. (G) Residents or fellows are exempt from the continuing education requirement through the end of the time block containing the date of graduation. (H) A dental licensee who has obtained diplomate status through the ADA-recognized specialty board certification during the reporting period shall be deemed to have obtained fifty (50) hours of continuing education. The licensee shall provide the board with documentation evidencing the specialty board certification upon request. (3) The board, solely in its discretion, may grant a waiver or an extension to a licensee who cannot complete the required hours of continuing education because of personal illness, military service, foreign residency, or other circumstances beyond the licensee's control. The licensee may apply for a waiver or an extension of time to complete the continuing education requirements by making a written application at least forty-five (45) days before the end of the renewal period. Any licensee seeking a waiver or extension shall provide full and complete written documentation explaining specifically and in detail the nature of the circumstances, why the circumstances were unforeseeable and beyond the licensee's control, the period during which the circumstances were in existence, the number of continuing education hours earned in the reporting period, and the licensee's plan for completing the balance of the requirements if an extension is granted. The board, in its discretion, shall establish the length of extension granted, not to exceed the next renewal period. (4) Licensees whose license has expired shall comply with the continuing education requirements as established in 20 CSR 21102.071(8). (5) Violation of any provision of this rule shall be deemed by the board to constitute misconduct, fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty, unethical conduct, or unprofessional, or any combination of these, in the performance of the functions, duties, or both, of a dentist or a dental hygienist, depending on the licensee's conduct. In addition, a licensee who fails to complete and report

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	in a timely fashion the required hours of continuing education and engages in the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene without the express written consent of the board shall be deemed to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of dentistry or dental hygiene. (6) Continuing education required by the board as part of discipline imposed on a licensee shall not count toward compliance with the continuing education requirement of this rule.

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