Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA** The Nebraska Board of Dentistry has determined that the following examinations will be accepted* for Dental license applications completed between November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025 (A passing score for each examination is determined by the respective testing agency) (currently these examinations can be either patient-based or manikin): • 2025-2026 Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) Dental Examination • 2025-2026 Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Dental Examination with either the CDCA Patient based Periodontal Examination or the CRDTS Patient based Periodontal Examination • 2025-2026 Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) Dental Examination • 2024-2025 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Dental Examination with CRDTS Prosthodontic Manikin or patient-based Examination or the WREB Prosthodontic Manikin or patient-based Examination or the CDCA Prosthodontic Manikin or patient-based Examination • 2025-2026 Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) Dental Examination with CRDTS Periodontal Examination • July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 American Dental Examination (ADEX) with a manikin or patient-based periodontal examination (Passing Score is 75) Please note that ADEX was accepted prior to November 2022, and if the applicant signed-up for the examination prior to November 1, 2022. Note: The Department will retain a list of acceptable licensing examinations for 5 years as an administrative reference for applicants who do not apply for licensure during the same year the examination is completed. *Acceptable examinations will be updated by November 1st of each calendar year. Prosthodontic Manikin or patient-based Examination or the WREB Prosthodontic Manikin or patient-based Examination or the CDCA Prosthodontic Manikin or patient-based Examination • 2025-2026 Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) Dental Examination with CRDTS Periodontal Examination • July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 American Dental Examination (ADEX) with a manikin or patient-based periodontal examination (Passing Score is 75) Note: The Department will retain a list of acceptable licensing examinations for 5 years as an administrative reference for applicants who do not apply for licensure during the same year the examination is completed. *Acceptable examinations will be updated by November 1st of each calendar year. Source: Nebraska Board of Dentistry - Dentist Application
General Licensure Requirements	**Nebraska Statutes 38-1117. Dentistry; license; requirements**. (1) Every applicant for a license to practice dentistry shall (a) present proof of graduation with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree or a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from an accredited school or college of dentistry, (b) pass an examination approved by the Board of Dentistry which shall consist of the Integrated National Board Dental Examination or both Part I and Part II of the National Board Dental Examination, as constructed and administered by the American Dental Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, (c) demonstrate the applicant's psychomotor skill in clinical dentistry by passing a standardized national examination approved by the board, (d) pass a jurisprudence examination approved by the board that is based on the Nebraska statutes, rules, and regulations governing the practice

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	of dentistry, and (e) demonstrate continuing clinical competency as a condition of licensure if required by the board. (2)(a) An examination approved by the board under subdivision (1)(c) of this section shall be a simulation-based or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination that demonstrates evidence of psychometric soundness and shall include (i) a simulation-based or manikin-based periodontal component, (ii) a simulationbased or manikin-based restorative component, (iii) a simulation-based or manikin-based prosthodontic component, (iv) a simulation-based or manikin-based endodontic component, and (v) a remediation policy to address candidate deficiencies. (b) The board may review examinations annually and shall review examinations at least every three years. (3) Upon completion of these requirements, the department, with the recommendation of the board, shall issue the applicant a license to practice dentistry. **172 Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 56** 03 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. To obtain a temporary license or an initial license, an individual must submit a complete application provided by the Department, provide documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the licensing requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 38-1117 or 38-1120, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-131, 172 NAC 10, and these regulations. 03.01 EXAMINATION. Applicants must meet the requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-1117 by: (A) Passage of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) licensure examination with a score of 75 or above or equivalent as approved by the Board; (B) Passage of the practical examination with the score of 75 or above on each part of the examination within the past 5 years; and (C) Passage of the jurisprudence examination with a score of 75 or above. 05 REMEDIAL COURSE. Any applicant who has failed on two occasions to pass any part of the practical examination will be required to complete a remedial course in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-1119. To receive approval of a remedial course an applicant must submit a complete application and the following: (A) Description of the subject matter of the remedial course. The subject matter for the remedial course must cover the content of the section(s) of the regional or state practical examination that the applicant failed; (B) Name, title, and qualifications (vitae or resume) of faculty member providing the remedial instruction; (C) Number of hours of didactic instruction, number of hours of clinical instruction, number of hours under direct supervision, and total number of hours in the remedial course. A remedial course must include a minimum of 15 hours of didactic and clinical instruction, of which at least 10 hours must be under the direct supervision of the faculty member providing the remedial instruction; (D) A written plan of evaluation for the course, indicating the method of evaluation; (E) A statement bearing the school seal from the institution providing the remedial course indicating that the course meets the criteria for approval; and (F) The signature of the faculty member providing course and the date signed.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**Nebraska Statutes 38-1120. Dentist; reciprocity; requirements**. Every applicant for a license to practice dentistry based on a license in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia shall meet the standards set by the board pursuant to section 38-126 and shall have been

	actively engaged in the practice of dentistry for at least one year under a license in another state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia. Practice in an accredited school or college of dentistry for the purpose of completing a postgraduate or residency program in dentistry also serves as active practice toward meeting this requirement. 172 Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 56 03.02 EXPERIENCE. Applicants applying for an initial license or a temporary license on the basis of a credential in another jurisdiction must meet the requirements set for in 172 NAC 56-003.01 except for subsection 003.01(B). 03.03 RECIPROCITY. To obtain a license based on reciprocity, an applicant must submit a complete application provided by the Department and provide documentation demonstrating that the applicant meets the requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-129.02, 172 NAC 10, and this chapter. 03.04 RESIDENCY. All applicants receiving a license pursuant to 172 NAC 56-003.03 must submit documentation of establishing residency in Nebraska as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-129.02. Such documentation must be submitted within 90 days of establishment of residency and consist of a rental or lease agreement with the signature of the owner or landlord and the applicant, a deed or title to residential real property with the name of the applicant as an owner, or documents with the name and address of the applicant such as mortgage bills, home utility bills, medical or employee documents or similar documents that show the applicant residing in Nebraska.
Specialty Practice	172 Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 56 08. UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. Unprofessional conduct is set out in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-179 and includes the following: (A) Failure to keep written dental records and medical history records justifying the course of treatment of the consumer including, but not limited to, patient histories, examination results, test results, and X-rays, if taken; (B) Exercising influence on the consumer in such a manner as to exploit the consumer for the financial gain of the applicant, credential holder or permit holder, or of a third party, which includes, but is not limited to, the promotion or sale of services, goods, appliances, or drugs; (C) Refusing to provide professional service to a consumer because of such consumer's race, creed, color, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status; (D) Prescribing, selling, administering, or distributing any drug legally classified as a prescription drug other than for accepted dental therapeutic purposes; (E) Use of nitrous oxide or inhalants for other than dental therapeutic purposes; (F) Giving fraudulent prescriptions; (G) Maintaining fraudulent controlled substance records; (H) Failure to furnish the Board or Department, their inspectors or representatives, information legally requested by the Board or the Department; (I) Failure to submit a written report to the Board as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-1147; (J) Allowing a dental hygienist, licensed dental assistant, or a dental assistant to provide or perform services contrary to the statutes or regulations; (K) Any departure from or failure to conform to the American Dental Association's (ADA) Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct as published in November, 2018 excluding section 4.A. Patient Selection;

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	(L) Misrepresenting the material facts of an individual's credential(s) in an application submitted to a healthcare facility, insurance company, or prospective employer; (M) Prescribing drugs to an individual based solely on answers to questions provided by tele-dentistry without first establishing a proper dentist-patient relationship; (N) Disruptive behavior such as: (i) Outbursts of rage or violent behavior; (ii) Throwing of instruments, records, or objects; (iii) Striking, assaulting, or using insulting comments to a consumer, consumer's family member, dental staff, or other healthcare professionals; or (iv) Poor hygiene; (O) Refusal to cooperate or failure to furnish requested information during any investigation by the Department; (P) Failure to ensure that the location requirements in this chapter for a general anesthesia or deep sedation permit or moderate sedation permit are met when the anesthesia or sedation for dental procedures at the location is provided by the dentist or an individual other than the dentist; (Q) Failure to exercise appropriate supervision over persons who are authorized to practice only under the supervision of a dentist; or (R) Advertising as an American Dental Association Specialist without having completed a post-doctoral program in a specialty area of dentistry consisting of at least 2 full-time years and which is accredited by an accreditation agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education.
Continuing Education	172 Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 56 07. CONTINUING EDUCATION. On or before March 1 of each odd-numbered year, each dentist holding an active license must complete at least 30 hours of acceptable continuing education during the preceding 24-month period. Each licensee is responsible for maintaining certificates or records of continuing education. A dentist holding a dental locum tenens license is not required to meet continuing education requirements. Temporary dental licenses will expire 1 year from the date of issuance, or when the postgraduate or residency program ends and are not required to meet continuing education requirements. 07.01 ACCEPTABLE CONTINUING EDUCATION TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES. The following are acceptable continuing education sources and activities: (A) State and national meetings of the local, state, or American Dental Association, local, state, or National Dental Association, or educational programs sponsored by the recognized specialty groups in dentistry of the American Dental Association; (B) Attendance at district meetings and study clubs; (C) Formal education courses which relate directly to the practice of dentistry; (D) College or University-sponsored courses in continuing education in dentistry; (E) Licensee acting as table clinician or lecturer to licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists, licensed or unlicensed dental assistants or licensee attending table clinics; (F) Home study with a testing mechanism. If there is not a testing mechanism or certificate of completion, the licensee must submit an abstract or summary of the material covered to the Board of Dentistry. The abstract or

	summary must be written by only the licensee and will be reviewed. Interactive webinars which include the ability of the participant to interact with the presenter are not considered home study; (G) Direct clinical observation; (H) Initial cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification or cardiopulmonary resuscitation recertification; (I) Faculty overseeing dental clinic education of students; (J) Dental public health continuing education; (K) Ethics and professionalism continuing education; (L) Well-being or substance abuse continuing education; (M) Infection control continuing education; (N) Practice management continuing education; (O) Administration and management of anesthesia or sedation for the dental office continuing education; (P) Prescribing opiates and the prescription drug monitoring program continuing education; or (Q) Participating in a volunteer activity such as Mission of Mercy or equivalent. 07.02 CONTINUING EDUCATION CRITERIA. To be considered acceptable for continuing education, the activity must meet the following criteria: (A) Be at least 50 minutes in duration; (B) Objectives must relate to the practice of dentistry; (C) Presenters must be qualified by education, experience, or training; (D) Must be open to all licensed dentists who meet the pre-requisites for the activity; and (E) The provider must have a process for verifying attendance and issue a certificate of attendance for each participant. Each certificate must include the following: (i) Program name; (ii) Name of the participant and the participant's license number; (iii) Provider's name; (iv) Dates the activity began and ended; and (v) Number of hours attended by the licensee. 07.03 CRITERIA FOR A HOME STUDY PROGRAM. To be considered acceptable for continuing education, a home study program must meet the following criteria: (A) Objectives must relate to the practice of dentistry; (B) Must have a post-test or other method of assessment which verifies that the licensee completed the program; and (C) The authors(s) or developer(s) of the program must meet the following qualifications: (i) Experience in the content and subject matter of the program; (ii) Expertise in teaching and instructional methods suitable to the subject presented; and (iii) Suitable academic qualifications, certification credentials, or experience for or in the subject of the program. 07.04 CREDIT HOUR CALCULATIONS. Credits earned in excess of thirty hours in a 24-month renewal period do not carry over into the following period. A dentist may receive credit for acceptable continuing education activities, subject to the credit number limitations and requirements set out below: (A) A maximum of 10 hours each in a renewal period may be obtained through home study or for initial cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification;

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	(B) A maximum of 2 hours each in a renewal period may be obtained as a table clinician or lecturer or for direct clinical observation; (C) A maximum of 4 hours each in a renewal period may be obtained for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) re-certification or practice management continuing education; (D) A maximum of 5 hours in a renewal period may be obtained for faculty overseeing dental clinic education of students; (E) A minimum of 2 hours in a renewal period must be obtained in infection control continuing education; (F) If the licensee prescribes controlled substances, continuing education that meets the requirements set in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-145; 3 credit hours in opioids with 0.5 (half) an hour in in “prescription drug monitoring program”; (G) A minimum of 6 hours in a renewal period must be obtained in general anesthesia or sedation administration and management for the dental office continuing education for licensees holding any level of sedation permit; (H) A minimum of 8 hours in an American Heart Association Certified “hands on” course in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) must be obtained for moderate and general sedation permits; (I) A licensee who is a presenter of a continuing education program may receive a maximum of 2 hours for the creation of a presentation, and a maximum of 2 hours for the initial presentation of the program during a renewal period. Credit will not be given to the licensee for subsequent presentations of the same program; or (J) A maximum of 5 hours in a renewal period for participating in a volunteer activity such as Mission of Mercy or equivalent..

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