Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA.** Provide evidence of successful completion of a Board approved clinical examination taken within five (5) years of application given by a regional testing service. Required components shall include a periodontal component, posterior composite or amalgam restoration, a class three restorative procedure, and an endodontic component, and after April 1, 2021, a fixed prosthetic component. The Board accepts all regional clinical exams however the Canadian OSCE exam is not accepted in lieu of the clinical board requirement. (Source: North Dakota Initial Application - Dentists - License by Examination)
General Licensure Requirements	**North Dakota Century Code 43-28-10.1. Requirements for licensure.** The board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who has met all of the following requirements: 1. The applicant has a doctorate of dental surgery or doctorate of dental medicine degree from an accredited dental school. 2. The applicant has passed the examination administered by the joint commission on national dental examinations or the national dental examining board of Canada. 3. The applicant has passed a clinical competency examination administered by a regional dental testing service approved by the board by rule. 4. The applicant has passed, within one year of making application, a written examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in this state. 5. Grounds for denial of the application under section 43-28-18 do not exist. 6. The applicant has met any requirement for licensure established by the board by rule. **North Dakota Administrative Code 20-02-01-03.1. Additional requirements for licensure by examination.** The board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who has met the requirements of North Dakota Century Code section 43-28-10.1 and all the following requirements: 1. The applicant has passed the examination administered by the joint commission on national dental examinations or the national dental examining board of Canada within five years of application. 2. The applicant has passed, within five years of application, a clinical competency examination approved by the board. Required components shall include a periodontal component, posterior composite or amalgam restoration, a class three restorative procedure, and an endodontic component, and after April 1, 2021, a fixed prosthetic component. 3. The applicant has successfully completed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course within two years of application. 4. The applicant has the physical health and visual acuity to enable the applicant to meet the minimum standards of professional competence. **20-02-01-03.3. Additional requirements for applications.** Applications must be completed within six months of filing. The board may require an interview with the applicant. In addition to the application requirements of North Dakota Century Code sections 43-28-11, 43-28-15, and 43-28-17, the board may require an application to include: 1. Proof of identity, including any name change. 2. An official transcript sent by an accredited dental school directly to the board.

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	3. Evidence demonstrating the applicant passed the examination administered by the joint commission on national dental examinations within five years of application. 4. Evidence demonstrating the applicant passed a clinical competency examination, approved by the board, within five years of application. 5. Anything necessary for a criminal history record check pursuant to North Dakota Century Code section 43-28-11.2. 6. A certification, from the licensing board of every jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed, that the applicant is licensed in good standing. 7. Certification that the applicant has completed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course within two years of application. 8. Verification of physical health and visual acuity. 9. For applications for licensure by credential review, the law and rules stating the requirements for licensure, when the applicant was licensed, of the jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed. 10. For applications for licensure by credential review and reinstatement from inactive status, proof of completion of thirty-two hours of continuing education in accordance with section 20-02-01-06 within two years of application. 11. Any information required by the application forms prescribed by the board **20-02-01-03.4. Clinical competency examination retakes.** If an applicant taking the clinical competency examination in the integrated format is unsuccessful after having exhausted all allowable retake opportunities for the failed parts, one failure is recorded. The applicant then shall retake all five parts of the examination in the traditional format. If the applicant is unsuccessful in one or more parts, a second failure is recorded. If the failed parts are retaken and failed again, a third failure shall be recorded. A dental applicant may take a clinical examination three times before remedial training is required. After failing the examination for a third time, and prior to the fourth attempt of the examination, an applicant shall: 1. Submit to the board a detailed plan for remedial training by an accredited dental school or a dental testing agency. The proposed remedial training must be approved by the board. 2. Submit to the board proof of passing the remedial training within twenty-four months of its approval by the board. The board may grant or deny a fourth attempt of the clinical examination. A fourth attempt must occur within twelve months of the date of the board's decision. If an applicant fails any part of the examination after remedial training, additional retakes must be approved by the board.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	North Dakota Century Code 43-28-15. Licensure by credential review. The board may issue a license and certificate of registration to practice dentistry in this state to an applicant who meets all of the following requirements: 1. The applicant, for at least five years immediately preceding application, has been licensed in good standing and has been actively practicing dentistry in another jurisdiction where the requirements are at least substantially equivalent to those of this state. 2. Grounds for denial of the application under section 43-28-18 do not exist. 3. The applicant pays to the board the fee determined by the board by rule. 4. The applicant delivers to the board a certificate from the examining or licensing board of every jurisdiction in which the individual is practicing or is licensed to practice, certifying that the individual is a licensed and registered dentist in good standing in that jurisdiction.

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	5. The applicant passes a written examination on the laws and rules governing the practice of dentistry in this state administered by the board at a meeting. 6. The applicant meets any requirement for licensure established by the board by rule. **North Dakota Administrative Code 20-02-01-03.2. Additional requirements for licensure by credential review.** The board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who has met the requirements of North Dakota Century Code section 43-28-15 and all the following requirements: 1. The applicant has successfully completed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course within two years of application. 2. The applicant has the physical health and visual acuity to enable the applicant to meet the minimum standards of professional competence. 3. The applicant has completed thirty-two hours of continuing education in accordance with section 20-02-01-06 within two years of application.
Advertising	**North Dakota Administrative Code 20-02-01-01. Advertising.** 1. Advertising by dentists is permitted to disseminate information for the purpose of providing the public a sufficient basis upon which to make an informed selection of dentists. In the interest of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare, advertising which is false, deceptive, or misleading is prohibited. 2. All advertising must contain the legal name of the dentist, or a reasonable variation thereof. In the case of a partnership or corporation, the name used in the advertisement may be the true name of the partnership or corporation. The advertisement must also contain the location, or locations, of the dentist, partnership, or corporation. It is false or misleading for a dentist to hold themselves out to the public as a specialist, or any variation of that term, in a practice area unless the dentist meets the criteria of subsection 3. 3. A dentist engaged in general practice who wishes to announce the services available in the dentist's practice is permitted to announce the availability of those services as long as the dentist avoids using language that expresses or implies that the dentist is a specialist. If a dentist, other than a specialist, wishes to advertise a limitation of practice, such advertisement must state that the limited practice is being conducted by a general dentist. A dentist who is a specialist may announce the dentist's bona fide specialty provided that the dentist has successfully completed a qualifying postdoctoral educational program accredited by an agency recognized by the United States department of education, of full-time study two or more years in length, resulting in a master of science degree or certificate from an accredited program or be a diplomate of a nationally recognized certifying board approved by this board. 1 Such a dentist may announce that the dentist's practice is limited to the special area of dental practice in which the dentist has or wishes to announce. In determining whether an organization is a qualifying specialty board or organization, the board shall consider the following standards: a. Whether the organization requires completion of an educational program with didactic, clinical, and experiential requirements appropriate for the specialty or subspecialty field of dentistry in which the dentist seeks certification, and the collective didactic, clinical, and experiential requirements are similar in scope and complexity to a qualifying postdoctoral educational program. Programs that require solely experiential training, continuing education classes, on-the-job training, or payment to the specialty board shall not constitute a qualifying specialty board or organization; b. Whether the organization requires all dentists seeking certification to pass a

	written or oral examination, or both, that tests the applicant's knowledge and skill in the specialty or subspecialty area of dentistry and includes a psychometric evaluation for validation; c. Whether the organization has written rules on maintenance of certification and requires periodic recertification; d. Whether the organization has written bylaws and a code of ethics to guide the practice of its members; e. Whether the organization has staff to respond to consumer and regulatory inquiries; and f. Whether the organization is recognized by another entity whose primary purpose is to evaluate and assess dental specialty boards and organizations. 4. A dentist who advertises on radio or television must retain a recorded copy of such advertising for a period of one year following the termination of the use of such advertising, and is responsible to make recorded copies of such advertising available to the North Dakota state board of dental examiners within thirty days following a request from the board for such copies. 5. No dentist may advertise the dentist, the dentist's staff, the dentist's services, or the dentist's method or methods of delivery of dental services to be superior to those of any other licensed dentist, unless such claim or claims can be substantiated by the advertiser, upon whom rests the burden of proof. 6. This section may not be construed to prohibit a dentist who does not qualify to hold themself out to the public as a specialist under subsection 3 from restricting the dental practice to one or more specific areas of dentistry or from advertising the availability of dental services, provided that such advertisements do not include the term "specialist", or any variation of that term, and must state that the services advertised are to be provided by a general dentist. No advertising by a dentist may contain representations or other information contrary to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code section 43-28-18 or North Dakota Administrative Code title 20.
Continuing Education	**North Dakota Century Code 43-28-16.2. License renewals.** 1. Licenses expire on December thirty-first of every odd-numbered year. 2. Licenses may be renewed by December thirty-first of the odd-numbered year by submitting a renewal application, a renewal fee established by the board by rule, and proof of completion of the continuing education requirements established by the board by rule, provided the dentist's license is not revoked or grounds for denial under section 43-28-18 do not exist. 3. If the renewal application, renewal fee, and proof of completion of continuing education are not received by December thirty-first of the odd-numbered year, the license expires and the dentist may not practice dentistry. 4. Within sixty days after December thirty-first of the odd-numbered year, an expired license may be renewed by submitting the renewal application, renewal fee, proof of completion of continuing education, and a late fee established by the board by rule. 5. If the renewal application, renewal fee, proof of completion of continuing education, and late fee are not received within sixty days after December thirty-first of the odd-numbered year, the license may not be renewed, and the dentist must apply for and meet the requirements for licensure to be granted a license. 6. The board may extend the renewal deadlines for a dentist providing proof of medical or other hardship rendering the dentist unable to meet the deadline.

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	North Dakota Administrative Code 20-02-01-06. Continuing dental education for dentists. Each dentist shall maintain documentation of attendance or participation in continuing clinical dental education in accordance with the following conditions: 1. Continuing education activities include publications, seminars, symposiums, lectures, college courses, and online education. 2. The continuing dental education hours accumulate on the basis of one hour of credit for each hour spent in education. Subject matter directly related to clinical dentistry will be accepted by the board without limit. 3. The minimum number of hours required within a two-year cycle for dentists is thirty-two (32). Of these hours, a dentist may earn no more than sixteen (16) hours from self-study. Self-study is an educational process designed to permit a participant to learn a given subject without involvement of a proctor or without the opportunity to interact in real-time with the proctor. A qualified professional may act as a proctor who oversees a clinical continuing education course which may be used for classroom style continuing education credits. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation courses must provide hands-on training. All other continuing education requirements may be satisfied from online education that allows for real-time interaction between attendees and the proctor. The continuing education must include: a. At least two (2) hours of ethics or jurisprudence. Passing the laws and rules examination is the equivalent of two (2) hours of ethics or jurisprudence. b. At least two hours of infection control. c. A cardiopulmonary resuscitation course. d. For sedation and anesthesia permitholders: (1) At least six hours related to sedation or anesthesia; and (2) At least two hours related to anesthesia emergencies that are based on actual adverse anesthesia events or actual closed insurance claims. Content offered by insurance providers or licensees of the board may be approved by the board. e. No more than two hours related to practice management or administrative aspects of dentistry. 4. Mere registration at a dental convention without specific attendance at continuing education presentations is not creditable toward the continuing dental education requirement. Certificates awarded for continuing education must indicate the name of the continuing education provider, date, and number of hours of continuing education. Certificates obtained from webinar courses must indicate the course was a webinar. For continuing education courses utilizing a proctor, the certificate of attendance must be signed by the proctor. 5. All dentists must hold a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate. General anesthesia, deep sedation, and moderate sedation providers shall maintain current advanced cardiac life support or pediatric advanced life support certification as determined by the age of the patients treated. A dentist who utilizes minimal sedation shall maintain basic life support certification. 6. Effective January 1, 2028, all dentists who administer general anesthesia, deep sedation, and moderate sedation shall successfully complete an approved anesthesia simulation training course and complete anesthesia simulation training successfully every five years thereafter. Proof of completion of this requirement must be submitted to the anesthesia inspector as required in subsection 5 of section 20-02-01-05.

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	7. The board may audit the continuing education credits of a dentist. Each licensee shall maintain certificates or records of continuing education activities from the previous renewal cycle. Upon receiving notice of an audit from the board, a licensee shall provide satisfactory documentation of attendance at, or participation in the continuing education activities. Failure to comply with the audit is grounds for nonrenewal of or disciplinary action against the license. 8. A dentist who maintains a license on inactive status is not subject to continuing education requirements.

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