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| **Initial Licensure Examination Requirements** | **American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA**<br>The following exam components are required for a Dentist:<br>• Prosthodontics<br>• Periodontics<br>• Endodontics<br>• Anterior Class III and Posterior Class II restorative<br>• Diagnosis and Treatment Planning Section<br>Exam must be completed within 5 years of application for licensure.<br>Source: Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry - Dentist Application by Exam |
| **General Licensure Requirements** | **59 Oklahoma Statutes § 328.21 (OSCN 2024), Registration and Display of Licenses and Certificates**<br>A. No person shall practice dentistry or dental hygiene without first applying for and obtaining a license from the Board of Dentistry.<br>B. Application shall be made to the Board in writing and shall be accompanied by the fee established by the rules of the Board, together with satisfactory proof that the applicant:<br>1. Is of good moral character;<br>2. Is twenty-one (21) years of age, or over, at the time of making application to practice dentistry or eighteen (18) years of age, or over, if the applicant is to practice dental hygiene;<br>3. Has passed a written theoretical examination and a clinical examination approved by the Board; and<br>4. Has passed a written jurisprudence examination over the rules and laws affecting dentistry in this state.<br>C. An application from a candidate who desires to secure a license from the Board to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state shall be accompanied by satisfactory proof that the applicant:<br>1. Is a graduate of an accredited dental college, if the applicant is to practice dentistry;<br>2. Is a graduate of an accredited dental hygiene program, if the applicant is to practice dental hygiene; and<br>3. Has passed all portions of the National Board Dental Examination or the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.<br>D. Pursuant to Section 328.15 of this title, the Board may affiliate as a member state, and accept regional exams from the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) or the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) if the following requirements are included:<br>1. For dental licensing the following components:<br>a. a fixed prosthetic component of the preparation of an anterior all porcelain crown and the preparation of a three-unit posterior bridge,<br>b. a periodontal component on a live patient or manikin,<br>c. an endodontic component,<br>d. an anterior class III and posterior class II restorative component on a live patient or manikin,<br>e. a diagnosis and treatment planning section as approved by the Board, as specified in Section 328.15 of this title, and<br>f. the Board may determine equivalencies based on components of other exams for the purpose of credentialing; or<br>2. For dental hygienists licensing the following components:<br>a. clinical patient treatments with an evaluation of specific clinical skills, and<br>b. evaluation of the candidate's compliance with professional standards during the treatment as approved by the Board in Section 328.15 of this title and shall include: |

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| | (1) extra/intra oral assessment,<br>(2) periodontal probing, and<br>(3) scaling/subgingival calculus removal and supragingival deposit removal.<br>E. When the applicant and the accompanying proof are found satisfactory, the Board shall notify the applicant to appear for the jurisprudence examination at the time and place to be fixed by the Board. A dental student or a dental hygiene student in the student's last semester of a dental or dental hygiene program, having met all other requirements, may make application and take the jurisprudence examination with a letter from the dean of the dental school or director of the hygiene program stating that the applicant is a candidate for graduation within the next six (6) months.<br>F. The Board shall require every applicant for a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene to submit, for the files of the Board, a copy of a dental degree or dental hygiene degree, an official transcript, a recent photograph duly identified and attested, and any other information as required by the Board.<br>G. Any applicant who fails to pass the jurisprudence examination may apply for a second examination, in which case the applicant shall pay a reexamination fee as established by the statutes or rules of the State Dental Act.<br>H. A dentist or dental hygienist currently licensed in another state having met the qualifications in paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsections B and C of this section may apply for a license by credentials upon meeting the following:<br>1. A dentist holding a general dentist license in good standing and having practiced for at least five hundred (500) hours within the previous five (5) years immediately prior to application and having passed a regional examination substantially equivalent to the requirements for this state may apply for licensure by credentials;<br>2. A dental hygienist holding a dental hygiene license in good standing and having practiced for at least four hundred twenty (420) hours within the previous five (5) years immediately prior to application and having passed a regional examination substantially equivalent to the requirements for this state may apply for licensure by credentials. Applicants for credentialing must include:<br>a. a letter of good standing from all states in which the applicant has ever been licensed, and<br>b. any other requirements as set forth by the rules;<br>3. An applicant applying for a dental or dental hygiene license by credentials shall only be required to pass the jurisprudence portion of the examination requirements as set forth in paragraph 4 of subsection B of this section; or<br>4. A dental hygienist applying for credentialing for advanced procedures by providing proof of passage of the advanced procedure in a CDCA, WREB or CRDTS exam.<br>I. There shall be two types of advanced procedure available for dental hygienists upon completion of a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved program or course that has been approved by the Board:<br>1. Administration of nitrous oxide; and<br>2. Administration of local anesthesia.<br>J. All licensees and permit holders shall display the current permit or license in a visible place within the dental office or treatment facility.<br>K. The Board shall have the authority to temporarily change requirements of an examination due to availability or changes in the examination format, not to exceed one (1) year.<br>L. During a year in which governmental officials have declared a health pandemic, a state or federal disaster, or other natural or man-made disaster, the Board shall have the authority through a resolution to change or make allowances in requirements of all candidates for licensure and issue temporary licenses for |

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| | extended periods of time or as needed until the event passes. The resolution shall have a beginning and an end date and shall automatically expire no less than thirty (30) days after the end of the disaster is declared by governmental officials.<br>M. Every licensee or permit holder shall have an official address and email address listed with the Board. Every licensee or permit holder shall update the address within thirty (30) calendar days of moving. Official notification of any action of the Board adverse to a licensee or permit holder including but not limited to notification of license or permit cancellation due to nonrenewal, notice of a formal complaint, or a decision of the hearing panel or board, shall be served to the licensee or permit holder by registered mail at the official address, in person, to the licensee's or permit holder's attorney, by agreement of the individual, by a process server, or by an Investigator of the Board pursuant to Section 2004 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes.<br>**Oklahoma Rules & Regulations 195:10-1-2. Eligibility to take examination and application procedure**<br>All persons desiring to practice dentistry in the State of Oklahoma shall be required to pass satisfactorily an examination before receiving a license. An applicant, to be acceptable for examination for a license to practice dentistry in Oklahoma, must fulfill the following requirements:<br>(1) Make application to the Board in writing. Forms are available upon request, from the Office of the Board.<br>(2) Be twenty-one years of age or over.<br>(3) Return the completed application, at least thirty (30) days prior to the announced dates for the examination. The application must be accompanied by a certified check or United States Postal Money Order to pay the examination fee as required by the Board, but not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars ($200).<br>(4) No application will be accepted less than thirty (30) days prior to the announced dates for the examination.<br>(5) After the application has been processed and the applicant has been notified to appear before the Board for examination, and should the applicant fail to appear for the examination, his or her file and fee will be considered forfeited. Should the applicant file for a subsequent examination, such applicant will be considered a new applicant, and the fee for such examination will be as for other new applicants. A new application must be submitted each time an applicant expresses a desire to be examined.<br>(6) If the applicant has not completed his or her last term in Dental School prior to making application, the Dean of the School should certify that he or she is a candidate for graduation, in order that the application can be processed. No applicant will be allowed to take the examination until the Secretary of the Board has in possession a photostatic copy of the applicant's diploma.<br>(7) Applicants who are licensed and practicing dentistry in another state must present with the application a photostatic copy of his or her degree and a statement or certificate signed by the Secretary of the State Dental Board of the state in which he or she is licensed that the applicant is engaged in the actual, lawful, practice of dentistry.<br>(8) The Board recognizes only those applicants who are students or graduates of Dental Schools in the United States or Canada, approved, conditionally, or provisionally approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, and the applicant must have or will receive a D.D.S. or D.M.D. Degree from that school.<br>(9) Applicant must attach a recent passport type photograph of self in place so designated on application blank. |

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| | (10) Applicant must present with application, a (official) transcript of his or her grades received during his or her academic years of training in dental school.<br>(11) Applicants shall be required to successfully complete Part I and Part II of the National Board (written theoretical) examination. Part I of the National Board examination shall be required prior to graduation from an accredited dental program. All dental applicants shall be required to complete Part II of the National Board examination within twenty-four (24) months of their date of graduation from an accredited dental program.<br>(12) Applicant will appear for personal interview, as requested by the Board.<br>(13) Applicants qualifying for a regional examination recognized by the Board who fail to make the required grade will not be issued a license, but may retake the examination specified in 59 O.S. Section 328.21 (F). The additional examinations will require a fee as set by the Board.<br>(14) Should an applicant fail the second clinical examination before further re-examination the Board may require evidence of additional education. After the third examination, the Board may deny the applicant further examination. Clinical examinations are recognized for a period of five-years.<br>(15) If the applicant successfully passes the examination and is licensed to practice dentistry in Oklahoma, he or she will be required to pay an annual registration fee each year, or his or her license will be cancelled as provided by law.<br>(16) A copy of the State Dental Act of Oklahoma and Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board will be mailed to applicant with letter of notification acknowledging receipt of application.<br>(17) Applicants must show proof of malpractice insurance pertaining to acts performed at, during or for the clinical examination.<br>(18) Applicants must furnish their own patients, instruments, and materials.<br>(19) Address communications to the current address of the BOARD OF DENTISTRY office.<br>**Oklahoma Rules & Regulations 195:10-1-3. Contents of examination**<br>he examination for a license to practice dentistry in Oklahoma will consist of:<br>(1) Theoretical examination.<br>(A) A theoretical examination which will be written and will usually consist of questions on the subjects of:<br>(i) Operative Dentistry,<br>(ii) Pharmacology, Prosthodontics,<br>(iii) Oral Surgery/Anesthesia,<br>(iv) Orthodontics/Pedodontics,<br>(v) Oral Path/Radiology,<br>(vi) Endodontics/Periodontics,<br>(vii) Anatomic Sciences,<br>(viii) Biochem/Physiology,<br>(ix) Microbiology/Pathology, and<br>(x) Dental Anatomy.<br>(B) A passing score will be required to be obtained on each subject of the theoretical examination or the applicant will not be licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Oklahoma.<br>(C) The Board may accept results of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations in lieu of its theoretical examination.<br>(2) Written examination on the State Dental Act and the Board's rules. A passing score as determined by the Board is required on a written examination on the State Dental Act of Oklahoma and the rules promulgated by the Board.<br>(3) Clinical examination. |

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| | (A) Clinical examinations may be conducted by a national or regional testing agency recognized by the Board or at times and places determined appropriate by the Board and depending upon numbers of applications received.<br>(B) A passing score must be obtained in the recognized clinical examination(s) to be eligible for licensure. |
| **License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements** | **Oklahoma Rules & Regulations 195:10-5-1. Reciprocity & Criteria Approval**<br>Purpose The rule set forth in this subchapter sets forth the criteria for licensure of dentists and dental hygienists who have been licensed in other states.<br>**195:10-5-2. Requirements for reciprocal licensure**<br>(a) The Board of Dentistry of the State of Oklahoma pursuant to the State Dental Act may license without examination any person who has been duly licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in any state or territory of the United States, if said person produces satisfactory evidence to the Board that he or she has the required education and training and is in good standing, and does meet every other requirement set forth in the State Dental Act and as may be set forth by this board.<br>(b) The applicant must:<br>(1) Have been in active practice for at least five (5) years (two (2) for dental hygienists) immediately prior to making application (can include internship, residency, military, teaching, at the discretion of the Board).<br>(2) Have completed required application form with all supporting data and certification of licensure in good standing from all states licensed.<br>(3) Have paid required fee (non-refundable).<br>(4) Have passed at least one practical examination for licensure that is equivalent to the examination required by Oklahoma.<br>(5) Have taken and passed the Oklahoma Jurisprudence Examination.<br>(6) Have completed or satisfied any other requirements as may be set by the Board.<br>(7) Have successfully completed the National Board examinations administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.<br>(8) Meet all requirements of the State Dental Act.<br>(9) Submit proof of a Federal registration in good standing for prescribing, dispensing, or administering controlled dangerous substances, if applicant is a dentist.<br>(10) Submit recent color passport type photograph.<br>(11) Have all time units accounted for.<br>(12) Application must also include copy of diploma, National Board examination grades and transcript of dental and/or dental hygiene school grades.<br>(13) Three letters of recommendation from professional associates, i.e.: Associations, Boards, including letters from employers and associates listed under Practice History (Section 6 of the application). These letters should be mailed directly to the Board.<br>(c) The applicant may be requested to appear for personal interview. |
| **Specialty Practice** | **59 Oklahoma Statutes. § 328.22 (OSCN 2024), Specialist License**<br>A. 1. The Board of Dentistry may issue a dental specialty license authorizing a dentist to represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist, and to practice as a specialist, in a dental specialty.<br>2. No dentist shall represent himself or herself to the public as a specialist or practice as a specialist as listed in this paragraph, unless the individual:<br>a. has successfully completed an advanced dental specialty educational program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, or has met the board certification requirements and is recognized as a current board certified member of a dental specialty organization or association recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, |

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| | b. has passed the jurisprudence examination covering the State Dental Act, rules and state laws, and<br>c. has completed any additional requirements set forth in state law or rules and has been issued a dental specialty license by the Board.<br>3. Specialty licenses recognized by the Board shall include:<br>a. dental public health,<br>b. endodontics,<br>c. oral and maxillofacial surgery,<br>d. oral and maxillofacial radiology,<br>e. orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics,<br>f. pediatric dentistry,<br>g. periodontics,<br>h. prosthodontics,<br>i. oral and maxillofacial pathology,<br>j. dental anesthesiology,<br>k. oral medicine, and<br>l. orofacial pain.<br>B. 1. At the time of application, if the dentist has ever been licensed in any other state, he or she shall provide a letter of good standing from such state before the Board may issue a specialty license.<br>2. In conducting an investigation of an applicant who has applied for a dental specialty license pursuant to this subsection, the Board shall require of the applicant disclosure of the same background information as is required of an applicant for a license to practice dentistry in this state.<br>C. Any person holding an Oklahoma specialty license that does not have an Oklahoma general dentistry license shall be limited to practicing that specialty for which they hold a license.<br>D. The Board may use the American Dental Association National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards guidelines or the guidelines of another nationally recognized dental association or board for the purpose of defining a specialty practice area not otherwise defined herein.<br>**Oklahoma Rules & Regulations Recognition of Specialties 195:10-9**<br>195:10-9-1. Purpose<br>The rules of this subchapter set forth the requirements for applications for a specialty license pursuant to 59 O.S. § 328.22.<br>195:10-9-2. Specialties recognized by the Board and qualifying requirements<br>(a) The Board will, recognize specialties as listed in 59 O.S. § 328.22 and approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or a Board or Program recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards.<br>(b) Candidates for licensure must meet all educational or other requirements of the CODA program or certifying specialty board to apply for a specialty dental license.<br>(c) Candidates must complete all sections of the application form as requested by the Board, submit fees and proper documents in the manner as requested in the application.<br>(d) A complete application with all requested documents for a specialty license must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date to be heard.<br>(e) Definitions of dental specialties may be considered or utilized from the Commission on Dental Accreditation and/or a CODA approved program or a definition as recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards.<br>**59 Oklahoma Statutes. § 328.31a (OSCN 2024),Use of Trade Names with Practice of Dentistry – Advertisement Requirements** |

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| | A. One dentist or multiple dentists may use a trade name in connection with the practice of dentistry provided that:<br>1. The use of the trade name shall not be false, fraudulent or misleading;<br><br>2. The name of the dentist or dentists actually providing the dental services to the patient shall appear on all insurance claim forms, billing invoices or statements sent to the patient and on all receipts if any are given to the patient;<br>3. Treatment records shall be maintained for each patient that clearly identify the dentist or dentists who performed all dental services for the patient; and<br>4. When one dentist or multiple dentists make an advertisement in the trade name or the trade name is included in an advertisement, a copy of the advertisement, including but not limited to any electronic form of the advertising, shall be kept by the dentist or dentists for three (3) years from the first publication date of the advertisement.<br>**B. Beginning July 1, 2016, all advertisements for dentistry shall include the name of the dentist or dentists that shall be providing treatment and shall list the type of dental or specialty license on the advertisement.**<br>C. The Board of Dentistry shall promulgate rules regulating advertisements in which one dentist or multiple dentists use a trade name. |
| **Continuing Education** | 59 Oklahoma Statutes. § 328.41 (OSCN 2024)<br>**Section 328.41 - Annual Renewal - Continuing Education - Reinstatement**<br>A. 1. On or before the last day of December of each year, every dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant and other licensee or permit holders previously licensed or permitted by the Board to practice in this state, with the exception of those listed in paragraph 2 of this subsection, shall submit a completed renewal application with information as may be required by the Board, together with an annual renewal fee established by the rules of the Board. Upon receipt of the annual renewal fee, the Board shall issue a renewal certificate authorizing the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant to continue the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, respectively, in this state for a period of one (1) year. Every license or permit issued by the Board shall begin on January 1 and expire on December 31 of each year.<br>2. Resident and fellowship permits shall be valid from July 1 through June 30 of each year and dental student intern permits shall be valid from August 1 through July 31 of each year.<br>B. Beginning July 1, 2021, continuing education requirements shall be due at the end of each two-year period.<br>C. 1. Continuing education requirements for a dentist or dental hygienist shall consist of:<br>a. a live, in-person cardiopulmonary resuscitation class approved by the Board,<br>b. an ethics class approved by the Board,<br>c. for a dentist, two (2) hours of opioid and scheduled drug prescribing classes, and<br>d. any combination of the following:<br>(1) completion of classes at a university, college or technology center school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or college courses related to dentistry, which shall count equal to credit hours received on a transcript,<br>(2) teaching one or more classes at a school or program accredited by CODA, for which the dentist or dental hygienist shall receive credit for the semester credit hours and one (1) hour of credit per eighteen (18) hours of clinical instruction,<br>(3) publishing papers, presenting clinics and lecturing, for which the dentist or dental hygienist shall receive six (6) credit hours for each hour of the original presentation and hour-for-hour credit for a subsequent presentation of the same |

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| | material. No more than fifty percent (50%) of total required continuing education hours may be fulfilled by activities described in this division,<br>(4) a scientific-based medical treatment and patient care class approved by the Board,<br>(5) any health-related program sponsored by the Veterans Administration or Armed Forces provided at a government facility,<br>(6) formal meetings by national or state professional organizations for dental providers, or university-sponsored professional alumni clinical meetings approved by the Board,<br>(7) organized study clubs,<br>(8) uncompensated volunteer work at an event approved by the Board not to exceed seven (7) hours for a dentist or four (4) hours for a dental hygienist, or<br>(9) practice-management-related courses not to exceed four (4) hours for a dentist or two (2) hours for a dental hygienist.<br>2. Full-time graduate study, internships, residencies and dentists and dental hygienists engaged in a full-time program accredited by CODA shall be exempt from continuing education for a continuing education year per academic year completed.<br>3. New graduates of dental and hygiene programs shall not be required to complete continuing education for the first year after graduation. Continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists who are new graduates shall begin July 1 of the calendar year following the year of graduation. Hours shall be prorated by year of new licensure.<br>D. 1. Dentists shall complete forty (40) hours of continuing education with no more than twenty (20) hours to be completed online. Hygienists shall complete twenty (20) hours of continuing education with no more than ten (10) hours to be completed online. Interactive classes or webinar classes may, at the discretion of the Board, count as in-person.<br>2. Oral maxillofacial surgery assistants shall complete eight (8) hours of continuing education including one (1) hour of infection control.<br>3. Dental assistants shall complete two (2) hours of infection control.<br>4. Any newly licensed dentist shall complete a two-hour opioid and scheduled drug prescribing class within one (1) year of obtaining licensure.<br>E. Upon failure of a dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant to pay the annual renewal fee within two (2) months after January 1 of each year, the Board shall notify the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant, or other permit holder that the license or permit will be officially cancelled as of April 1 pursuant to subsection M of Section 328.21 of this title. A list of cancelled licenses or permits not otherwise renewed shall be published at the following meeting of the Board.<br>F. Any dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant whose license or permit is automatically canceled by reason of failure, neglect or refusal to secure the renewal certificate may be reinstated by the Board at any time within one (1) year from the date of the expiration of the license, upon payment of the annual renewal fee and a penalty fee established by the rules of the Board. If the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant does not apply for renewal of the license or permit and pay the required fees within one (1) year after the license has expired, then the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant shall be required to file an application for and take the examination or other requirements provided for in the State Dental Act or the rules promulgated by the Board before again commencing practice. |

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| | G. The Board, by rule, shall provide for the remittance of fees otherwise required by the State Dental Act while a dentist or dental hygienist is on active duty with any of the Armed Forces of the United States.<br>H. In case of a lost or destroyed license or renewal certificate and upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction thereof, the Board may issue a duplicate, charging therefor a fee established by the rules of the Board.<br>I. A dentist, dental hygienist, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant or dental assistant that is in good standing and not under investigation that notifies the Board in writing of a voluntary nonrenewal of license or requests retirement status shall have a right to renew or reinstate his or her license within five (5) years from the date of notice. The Board may require any training or continuing education requirements to be met prior to reinstatement.<br>J. A dentist, dental hygienist, oral maxillofacial dental assistant or dental assistant that has not had an active license or permit in excess of five (5) years shall be required to apply as a new applicant.<br>K. Any application for a license or permit that has remained inactive for more than one (1) year shall be closed.<br>**Section 328.41 Annual Renewal - Continuing Education - Active Duty Military Service Exemption - Reinstatement**<br>A. 1. On or before the last day of December of each year, every dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant and other licensee or permit holders previously licensed or permitted by the Board of Dentistry to practice in this state, with the exception of those listed in paragraph 2 of this subsection, shall submit a completed renewal application with information as may be required by the Board, together with an annual renewal fee established by the rules of the Board. Upon receipt of the annual renewal fee, the Board shall issue a renewal certificate authorizing the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant to continue the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene, respectively, in this state for a period of one (1) year. Every license or permit issued by the Board shall begin on January 1 and expire on December 31 of each year.<br>2. Resident and fellowship permits shall be valid from July 1 through June 30 of each year and dental student intern permits shall be valid from August 1 through July 31 of each year.<br>B. Continuing education requirements shall be due at the end of each two-year period.<br>C. 1. Continuing education requirements for a dentist or dental hygienist shall consist of:<br>a. a live, in-person cardiopulmonary resuscitation class approved by the Board,<br>b. an ethics class approved by the Board,<br>c. for a dentist, two (2) hours of opioid and scheduled drug prescribing classes, and<br>d. any combination of the following:<br>(1) completion of classes at a university, college or technology center school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or college courses related to dentistry, which shall count equal to credit hours received on a transcript,<br>(2) teaching one or more classes at a school or program accredited by CODA, for which the dentist or dental hygienist shall receive credit for the semester credit hours and one (1) hour of credit per eighteen (18) hours of clinical instruction,<br>(3) publishing papers, presenting clinics and lecturing, for which the dentist or dental hygienist shall receive six (6) credit hours for each hour of the original presentation and hour-for-hour credit for a subsequent presentation of the same material. No more than fifty percent (50%) of total required continuing education hours may be fulfilled by activities described in this division, |

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| | fees within one (1) year after the license has expired, then the dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant or oral maxillofacial surgery assistant shall be required to file an application for and take the examination or other requirements provided for in the State Dental Act or the rules promulgated by the Board before again commencing practice.<br>G. The Board, by rule, shall provide for the remittance of fees otherwise required by the State Dental Act while a dentist or dental hygienist is on active duty with any of the Armed Forces of the United States.<br>H. In case of a lost or destroyed license or renewal certificate and upon satisfactory proof of the loss or destruction thereof, the Board may issue a duplicate, charging therefor a fee established by the rules of the Board.<br>I. A dentist, dental hygienist, oral maxillofacial surgery assistant or dental assistant that is in good standing and not under investigation that notifies the Board in writing of a voluntary nonrenewal of license or requests retirement status shall have a right to renew or reinstate his or her license within five (5) years from the date of notice. The Board may require any training or continuing education requirements to be met prior to reinstatement.<br>J. A dentist, dental hygienist, oral maxillofacial dental assistant or dental assistant that has not had an active license or permit in excess of five (5) years shall be required to apply as a new applicant.<br>K. Any application for a license or permit that has remained inactive for more than one (1) year shall be closed.<br>**Oklahoma Rules & Regulations 195:25-1. Rules for Continuing Dental Education**<br>195:25-1-1. Purpose<br>The rules of this chapter set forth the requirements for completing and reporting continuing education for dentists and dental hygienists.<br>[Source: Amended at 40 Ok Reg 1865, eff 9-11-23]<br>195:25-1-2. Continuing education required<br>Requirements for continuing education are listed in Title 59 O.S. 328.41. |

The ADA attempts to keep this information current based on information from state dental boards, clinical testing agencies and state dental associations. Individuals seeking dental licensure should consult with the state board of dentistry and their professional advisors for the complete and most recent dental licensure information, application requirements, forms and fees.