Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA** Have successfully passed the ADEX exam, including the periodontal examination portion within five (5) years from the date of application for licensure in Rhode Island; or (1) Have successfully passed an examination, approved by the Board, other than a regional board that is similar to the examination for which the applicant is seeking waiver, with an earned score of seventy-five percent (75%) in each discipline, clinical skill, procedure or knowledge area that is tested on the ADEX Examination, including the periodontal examination portion using the internal weighting and scoring methods the CDCA uses to score the ADEX Examination in Dentistry; and (2) Have successfully passed a comprehensive examination in applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning (CDCA Dental Simulated Clinical Exercise {DSCE} written) with an earned score of seventy-five percent (75%); or (3) Hold a current license in good standing to practice dentistry in another state for five (5) years immediately prior to submitting an application for licensure in RI. Said state shall have required successful completion of a clinical exam, not part of the applicant's training program, to be considered for RI licensure. Source: 216-RICR-40-05-2.5A1c Examination for Licensure as a Dentist
General Licensure Requirements	**Rhode Island Statutes, Title 5 Business and Professions, Chapter 5-31.1, Dentists and Dental Hygienists § 5-31.1-6. License to practice – Qualifications of applicants – Fee – Reexamination.** (a) Authority to practice dentistry or dental hygiene under this chapter is by a license, issued by the director of the department of health, to any reputable dentist, dental hygienist, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistant who intends to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assisting in this state, and who meets the requirements for licensure prescribed in this chapter and regulations established by the board or the director. (b) Applicants for licensure as dentists shall: (1) Present satisfactory evidence of graduation from a school of dentistry accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, or its designated agency, and approved by the board; (2) Meet any other requirements that the board or director by regulation establishes; and (3) Pass in a satisfactory manner any examinations that the board requires. (c) Applicants for licensure as dental hygienists shall: (1) Present satisfactory evidence of graduation from a school for dental hygiene accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Auxiliary Accreditation or its designated agency and approved by the board; (2) Meet any other requirements that the board or director by regulation establishes; and (3) Pass in a satisfactory manner any examination that the board requires. (d) Any dentist and any dental hygienist or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistant applying for licensure shall pay an application fee as set forth in § 23-1-54. Application fees shall in no case be returned. Applicants requiring reexamination for dentistry, for dental hygiene, or for DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assisting shall submit fees as set forth in § 23-1-54 for each reexamination.

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	(e)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board of dental examiners may issue a special license to qualifying dentists and dental hygienists under the terms and conditions set forth in this section and pursuant to requirements that may be set forth in the rules and regulations of the board. The special license may only be issued to a person who is retired from the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene and not currently engaged in such practice either full-time or part-time and has, prior to retirement, maintained full licensure in good standing in dentistry or dental hygiene in any state. (2) The special licensee shall be permitted to practice dentistry or dental hygiene only in the noncompensated employ of public agencies or institutions, not-for-profit agencies, not-for-profit institutions, nonprofit corporations, or not-for-profit associations that provide dentistry or dental hygiene services only to indigent patients in areas underserved by dentists or dental hygienists or critical need population areas of the state. (3) The person applying for the special license under this section shall submit to the board a notarized statement from the employing agency, institution, corporation, association, or healthcare program, on a form prescribed by the board, whereby he or she agrees unequivocally not to receive compensation for any dentistry or dental hygiene services he or she may render while in possession of the special license. (4) Any application fees and all licensure and renewal fees shall be waived for the holder of the special license under this section. (5) A dentist or dental hygienist licensed pursuant to this section shall comply with the continuing education requirements established by the board of dental examiners in this state. (f) Applicants for licensure as certified maxillofacial surgical assistants shall: (1) Present satisfactory evidence of completion of the DAANCE oral surgery assistant training course prepared and administered by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons or its designated agency and approved by the board; (2) Meet any other requirements that the board or director by regulation establishes; (3) Pass, in a satisfactory manner, any examination that the board requires; and (4) Complete a board of examiners in dentistry-approved advanced cardiac life support course and current certification. **Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants (216-RICR-40-05-2)** **216-RICR-40-05- 2.4.1 License Requirements** No person shall perform any act which constitutes the practice of dentistry in Rhode Island unless such person is duly licensed in accordance with the regulatory and statutory provisions of the Act as a dentist, dental hygienist, a public health dental hygienist, or a DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistant. Furthermore, dental hygienists, public health dental hygienists, or a DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistant, dental assistants and DANB certified assistants shall perform only those auxiliary dental services, procedures and duties, and under the specified type of supervision, as set forth in § 2.10.2 of this Part. Exempt from these requirements are those persons listed in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-31.1-37 **2.4.6Qualifications for Licensure for Dentists** A.An applicant seeking licensure to practice dentistry in the state of Rhode Island shall: 1.Be of good moral character; 2.Be eighteen (18) years of age or over;

	3.Be a graduate of a school of dentistry accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its designated agency and approved by the Board; 4.Have passed to the satisfaction of the Board the required examinations in accordance with § 2.5 of this Part or met the requirements for endorsement stipulated in § 2.5(A)(1)(c)((3)) of this Part; and 5.Be in good standing in each state in which he/she holds a license, which shall include a Board query to the National Practitioners Databank. **2.4.7Application for License and Fee** A.Application for license shall be made on forms provided by the Board, which shall be completed and submitted to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the Board meeting. Such application shall be accompanied by the following documents (non-returnable): 1.A copy of the applicant's state driver's license, a state-issued identification card or such other identification papers acceptable to the Director that include birthdate and a picture; 2.Supporting official transcript of grades and/or verification of graduation signed by the dean or registrar of the dental school; 3.National board results in accordance with § 2.5(A)(1)(b) of this Part submitted either with application or submitted by the National Dental Examination Commission to the Board; 4.The results of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination or other dental examination organizations (as required in § 2.5(A) of this Part) submitted directly to the Board by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessment, or by the board of the other dental examination organizations; 5.Verification that the licensee is in good standing in state(s) where licensed [if licensed in another state(s)]; 6.The application fee (non-refundable) as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (part 10-05-2 of this Title) in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-31.1-6. **2.5 Examination for Licensure as a Dentist** A.By Examination: Applicants shall be required to pass such examination(s) as the Board deems most practical and expeditious to test the applicant's knowledge and skills to practice dentistry in this Rhode Island pursuant R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-31.1-6; and: 1.The Board requires each applicant to: a.Have graduated from a school of dentistry in accordance with § 2.4.6(A)(3) of this Part; and b.Have successfully passed the national examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examination (Parts I and II); and c.Have successfully passed the ADEX exam, including the periodontal examination portion within five (5) years from the date of application for licensure in Rhode Island; or (1)Have successfully passed an examination, approved by the Board, other than a regional board that is similar to the examination for which the applicant is seeking waiver, with an earned score of seventy-five percent (75%) in each discipline, clinical skill, procedure or knowledge area that is tested on the ADEX Examination, including the periodontal examination portion using the internal weighting and scoring methods the CDCA uses to score the ADEX Examination in Dentistry; and

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	(2)Have successfully passed a comprehensive examination in applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning (CDCA Dental Simulated Clinical Exercise {DSCE} written) with an earned score of seventy-five percent (75%); or (3)Hold a current license in good standing to practice dentistry in another state for five (5) years immediately prior to submitting an application for licensure in RI. Said state shall have required successful completion of a clinical exam, not part of the applicant's training program, to be considered for RI licensure. 2.Applicants shall submit to the Board, the application accompanied with the appropriate documentation as set forth in § 2.4.7 this Part. 3.Sites and schedules of examinations may be obtained directly from the examination service(s) referred to above or from the Board.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants (216-RICR-40-05-2) **216-RICR-40-05- 2.5 A.1 (c) (3) Examination for Licensure as a Dentist** (3) Hold a current license in good standing to practice dentistry in another state for five (5) years immediately prior to submitting an application for licensure in RI. Said state shall have required successful completion of a clinical exam, not part of the applicant's training program, to be considered for RI licensure.
Specialty Practice	Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants (216-RICR-40-05-2) **216 RICR-40-05-2.15.1 Denial, Revocation or Suspension of License/Violations and Sanctions** A. Any dentist, dental hygienist, public health dental hygienist, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistant may have his or her license revoked or suspended by the Board: if said person has been found guilty of unprofessional conduct, which will include, but not be limited to those items listed in R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-31.1-10 and as stated below: 1.Fraudulent or deceptive procuring or use of a license or limited registration; **2.All advertising of dental or dental hygiene business which is intended or has a tendency to deceive the public or a dentist advertising as a specialty in an area of dentistry unless the dentist:** **a.Is a diplomate of or a fellow in a specialty board accredited or recognized by the American Dental Association; or** **b.Has completed a post graduate program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;** Rhode Island Statutes § 5-31.1-10. Unprofessional conduct. **§ 5-31.1-10. Unprofessional conduct.** The term "unprofessional conduct" as used in this chapter includes, but is not limited to, the following items or any combination of them and may be defined by regulations established by the board with the approval of the director: **(1)** Fraudulent or deceptive procuring or use of a license or limited registration; **(**2) All advertising of dental, dental hygiene, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assisting business that is intended, or has a tendency, to deceive the public or a dentist advertising as a specialty in an area of dentistry unless the dentist: (i) Is a diplomat of or a fellow in a specialty board accredited or recognized by the American Dental Association; or (ii) Has completed a postgraduate program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;
Continuing Education	Rhode Island Statutes § 5-31.1-7. Recertification – Continuing dental education(a) Effective beginning in the calendar year 2006, every dentist, dental hygienist, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistant licensed to practice within this state, on or before the first day of May in each even numbered year, shall apply to the Rhode Island board of examiners in

	dentistry for a biennial license with the board. The applicant shall include satisfactory evidence to the board of examiners in dentistry that, in the preceding two years, the practitioner has completed a prescribed course of continuing dental or dental hygiene education established by the appropriate dental or dental hygiene association and approved by rule or regulation of the director or by the board of examiners in dentistry. If the applicant submits satisfactory evidence to the board that he or she has completed a prescribed course of continuing dental education, dental hygiene, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assisting education and has complied with the provisions of § 5-31.1-6, the board shall issue the applicant a license registration for a two-year (2) period commencing on July 1. The board may extend for only one six-month (6) period those educational requirements if the board is satisfied that the applicant has suffered hardship that prevented meeting the educational requirement. No license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state shall be refused, nor any license suspended or revoked, except as: (1) Provided for in this chapter; and (2) For failure to provide satisfactory evidence of continuing dental, dental hygiene, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assisting education as provided for in this section. (b) Licensees shall apply for recertification by submitting evidence of continuing dental, dental hygiene, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assisting education on a biennial basis. Application for biennial registration shall continue as provided in this section and § 5-31.1-21. **§ 5-31.1-21. Biennial registration.** (a) Effective beginning in the calendar year 2006, on or before the first day of May in each even-numbered year, the board shall mail an application for biennial registration to every person to whom a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assisting in this state has been granted by the constituted licensing authority in the state. Every licensed person who intends to engage in the practice of his or her profession during the ensuing two (2) years shall register his or her license by filing with the board that application, executed together with any registration form and fee that is established by regulation by the director, on or before the first day of June in each even-numbered year. Upon receipt of that application and fee, the board shall issue a registration certificate, effective July 1 and expiring two (2) years following June 30, and that registration certificate shall render its holder a registered practitioner of dentistry or dental hygiene for that registration period. (b) The registration certificate of all dentists, dental hygienists, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistants whose renewals, accompanied by the prescribed fee, are not filed on or before the first day of July automatically expire. The board may, in its discretion and upon the payment by the dentist, dental hygienist, or DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistant of the current registration fee, plus an additional fee as set forth in § 23-1-54, reinstate any certificate expired under the provisions of this section. All unexpended monies in the account of the board of dentistry are transferred to the new board of dentistry as created by this chapter as of June 2, 1988. (c) Dentists, dental hygienists, and DAANCE-certified maxillofacial surgery assistants not intending to practice in this state may request, on a biennial basis, to be placed on inactive status. Those requests must be made, in writing, to the dental administrator and must be accompanied by fees as set forth in § 23-1-54. Persons on inactive status may be reinstated by paying the current, annual-registration fee and must meet any requirements established

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	by this chapter and as are further prescribed by the rules and regulations. **Dentists, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants (216-RICR-40-05-2)** **216-RICR-40-05- 2.6 Continuing Education – Dentists** A.Continuing education for dentists requires those professionals to maintain a systematic course of continual learning as a condition to maintain their professional license. In addition, continuing education is an effective way for dental professionals to sustain knowledge of current and evolving tools, techniques, technology, innovative medications and in-depth information on emerging topics that will enhance their professional skills and abilities. B.Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-31.1-7, all dentists licensed to practice in Rhode Island under the provisions of the Act and this Part, on or before the first (1st) day of May of each even-numbered year shall maintain evidence that in the preceding two (2) years he or she has satisfactorily completed at least forty (40) hours of continuing dental education courses, according to the criteria established by the Rhode Island Dental Association and approved by the Board. Continuing education requirements cited in this Part shall be prorated for a licensee whose license is in effect for a period of less than two (2) years (i.e., an average of twenty (20) hours of continuing education shall be required each year the license is in effect). C.It shall be the sole responsibility of the individual dentist to obtain documentation from the approved sponsoring or co-sponsoring organization, agency or other, of his or her participation in a learning experience, including the date, and number of hours earned. D.At the time of license renewal, each licensee shall be required to attest to the fact that he or she has complied with the continuing education requirements established by this Part. Course descriptions, proof of attendance, or other documentation of completion shall be retained by the licensee for a minimum of five (5) years and is subject to random audit by the Board. Failure to produce satisfactory documentation of completion of requirements upon request of the Board may constitute grounds for disciplinary action. E.All dentists practicing in a dental setting shall receive a minimum of one (1) hour per year of training on the CDC Infection Control Guidelines. F.All dentists practicing in a dental setting shall hold a current certificate of completion from an approved course in Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers that includes a hands-on skill component and conforms to the current American Heart Association Guidelines Update for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC), and is offered by any accredited agency approved by the Board. G.If the applicant attests to completion of the prescribed course(s) of continuing dental education as set forth in § 2.16 of this Part, as approved by the Board, and is in compliance with the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-31.1-7, the Board shall issue the applicant a license registration for a two (2) year period in accordance with the requirements of § 2.6.1 of this Part. H.Licensure renewal shall be denied to any applicant who fails to attest to the completion of continuing dental education as required by § 2.6(D) of this Part. I.Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2.4.6(A) of this Part, no license to practice dentistry in Rhode Island shall be refused, nor shall any license be suspended or revoked except as: 1.Provided in the Act; and 2.For failure to attest to completion of continuing dental education as required by this Part.

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	J.The Board may, however, extend for only one (1) six (6) month period such educational requirements, if the Board is satisfied that the applicant has suffered hardship which prevented him/her from meeting the requirements of this Part. **2.6.1Issuance and Renewal of License** A.A license shall be issued by the Board to an applicant found to have satisfactorily met all requirements of this Part. Said license, unless sooner suspended or revoked, shall expire biennially on the 30th of June of the even numbered years. B.Every person so licensed who desires to renew his or her license must file with the Board before the first (1st) of May in each even-numbered year, a renewal application duly executed together with attestation to completion of continuing education requirement and the renewal fee as determined biennially by the Director of Health in consultation with the Board, and as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part 10-05-2 of this Title). Upon receipt of such application and payment of such fee, a license renewal shall be granted effective for the biennial licensure period unless sooner suspended or revoked. 1.For those licensees who have attained the age of not less than seventy (70) years ("emeritus active") as of June 30th of the year of licensure, the renewal fee (non- refundable) shall be as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part 10-05-2 of this Title). C.Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-31.1-21, the registration certificate of all dentists whose renewals accompanied by the prescribed fee are not filed on or before the first day of July of the even numbered years shall be automatically revoked. The Board may in its discretion and upon the payment by the dentist of the current licensure (registration) fee plus an additional fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part 10-05-2 of this Title), reinstate any license (certificate) revoked under the provisions of the Act and this Part. D.Inactive Status 1.Dentists not intending to practice in Rhode Island may request on a biennial basis to be placed on inactive status. Such requests shall be made in writing to the dental administrator and shall be accompanied by a fee as set forth in the Fee Structure for Licensing, Laboratory and Administrative Services Provided by the Department of Health (Part 10-05-2 of this Title). 2.Persons on inactive status may be reinstated by paying the current annual registration fee and shall meet such requirements established by the Act and as prescribed in this Part, including attesting to completion of the required continuing dental education courses as specified in § 2.6(A) of this Part. **2.16 Continuing Education Criteria** A.Introduction 1.Continuing education is reported biennially. The biennial accrual period for continuing education is July 1st. 2.Dentist licensees shall obtain a total of forty (40) continuing education credits every two years. 3.Dental hygienist and public health dental hygienist licensees shall obtain a total of twenty (20) continuing education credits every two years. 4.Certified maxillofacial surgery assistant licensees shall obtain a total of twenty (20) continuing education credits every two years.

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	B.Continuing Education Credit will be given only for the time the course was attended. C.One (1) continuing education credit for each hour of attendance at lectures, seminars, institutes, meetings approved for credit by: 1.Accredited educational institutions. 2.Board recognized professional associations and societies. Accredited post-doctoral programs. 3.Federal, state, local governmental health agencies and health institutions. 4.Accredited community and teaching hospitals. Credit will be given only for the time the course was attended. D.Two (2) continuing education credits for each hour of attendance at clinical or laboratory participating courses approved for credit by: 1.Accredited educational institutions. 2.Board recognized professional associations and societies (Accredited post-doctoral programs. 3.Federal, state, local governmental health agencies and health institutions. 4.Accredited community and teaching hospitals. 5.Responsibility of the Licensee. It is the responsibility of each licensee to maintain an authenticated record of all continuing education activities completed, and to submit documentation as evidence of completion of the above requirement, when requested. **2.16.2Categories of Credit** A.The following guidelines will assist the licensee in identifying acceptable courses of continuing education activity. The licensee is free to select areas of study from within the stated categories, keeping in mind the restriction of minimum/maximum number of hours allowed in each category. 1.Educational and Scientific Courses. a.The following amounts of continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained in this category by licensee as follows: (1)Dentists: forty (40) hours. (2)Dental hygienists: twenty (20) hours. (3)Certified maxillofacial surgery assistants: twenty (20) hours. b.This category includes educational and scientific courses sponsored by or approved by any of the following: (1)Accredited educational institutions. (2)Board recognized professional associations and societies. Accredited post-doctoral programs. (3)Federal, state, local governmental health agencies and health institutions. (4)Accredited community and teaching hospitals. 2.Self-instructed Courses a.Successful completion of a post-test is necessary to obtain credit for self-instructional courses. b.The number of continuing education credits will be determined by sponsor. c.The following amounts of continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained in this category by licensee as follows: (1)Dentists: forty (40) hours. (2)Dental hygienists: twenty (20) hours. (3)Certified maxillofacial surgery assistants: twenty (20) hours. d.This category includes home study courses, correspondence courses, educational television courses, audio, and video cassettes, and Internet (web-based) courses sponsored by or approved by any of the following: (1)Accredited educational institutions. (2)Board recognized professional associations and societies.

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	(3)Accredited post-doctoral programs. (4)Federal, state, local government health agencies and health institutions. (5)Accredited community and teaching hospitals. 3.Papers, Publications and Scientific Presentations. A maximum of twenty-eight (28) continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained in this category. a.Eight (8) continuing education credits for authoring an original scientific paper published in a scientific professional journal. b.Two (2) continuing education credits for each hour of a presentation (paper, essay or formal lecture) to a recognized group of health professionals. 4.Teaching and Research Appointments. A maximum of twelve (12) continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained in this category. Any dental professional involved in teaching or research activities may receive two (2) continuing education credits for each one (1) hour of documented teaching or research time per semester in an accredited dental or dental auxiliary educational program. 5.Table Clinics, Scientific and Product Exhibits. A maximum of six (6) continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained in this category. a.Two (2) continuing education credit hours for each presenter in a table clinic. b.One (1) continuing education credit hour for attendance at product exhibits. Examples of product exhibits include Yankee Dental Conference Exhibits. 6.Community Service. A maximum of six (6) continuing education credits per biennial accrual period may be obtained in this category. The number of continuing education credits will be approved in advance by: a.Accredited educational institutions. b.Board recognized professional associations and societies. Accredited post-doctoral programs. c.Federal, state, local governmental health agencies and health institutions. d.Accredited community and teaching hospitals. 7.Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). A maximum of three (3) continuing education credits per biennial accrual period – one (1) continuing education credit for each hour of participation – may be obtained by completion of the CPR for Healthcare Providers course.

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