Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA** The State Board of Dentistry may approve a patient-based, simulation-based, or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination for purposes of subdivision 20:43:03:01(4) that demonstrates evidence of psychometric soundness with documented validity, reliability, fidelity, and fairness; allows direct observation by a board designee; and includes: (1) A patient-based or an equivalent simulation-based or manikin-based periodontal component; (2) A patient-based or an equivalent simulation-based or manikin-based restorative component; (3) A simulation-based or manikin-based prosthodontic component; (4) A simulation-based or manikin-based endodontic component; and (5) A remediation policy to address candidate deficiencies. Source: South Dakota - Dentist Application for New License, and Administrative Rule 20:43:03:02
General Licensure Requirements	**South Dakota Code 36-6A Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Auxiliaries** **§36-6A-44. Criteria for license to practice dentistry.** Any person desiring to practice as a dentist may obtain a license to practice as a dentist if the applicant satisfies each of the following criteria: (1) The application for a license to practice as a dentist is in writing and signed by the applicant; (2) The applicant has passed a standardized national comprehensive examination approved by the board; (3) The applicant has graduated from an American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited United States dental school, having obtained a doctor of dental medicine or a doctor of dental surgery degree; (4) Within five years preceding the date of application, the applicant has passed a clinical regional or national examination approved by the board or a state examination or examinations that the board deems equivalent; (5) The applicant has passed an examination concerning the state laws and rules relating to dentistry; (6) The applicant has no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved disciplinary complaint pending before a dental board at the time a license is to be issued by the board; and (7) The applicant provides references that indicate the applicant is of good moral character The board may require a laboratory or clinical examination of any applicant if it has reason to believe the applicant cannot practice safely. Any foreign-trained or any other graduate from a dental program not accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation may apply for a license to practice as a dentist. The board, by rule promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, shall establish requirements to reasonably ensure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure. **South Dakota Administrative Code Article 20:43 Dentists** **20:43:03:01. Application for license to practice as a dentist -- Requirements.** An applicant for a license to practice as a dentist shall submit to the State Board of Dentistry: (1) A completed application form and a fee of two hundred dollars;

	(2) Certified transcripts or, when approved by the State Board of Dentistry, a certified letter from a dental school official verifying that the applicant has graduated from a United States dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, having obtained a doctor of dental medicine or a doctor of dental surgery degree; (3) Verification of the applicant's passage of the National Board Dental Examination Parts I and II or the Integrated National Board Dental Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; (4) Verification of the applicant's passage, within five years preceding the date of application, of a patient-based, simulation-based, or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination approved by the State Board of Dentistry pursuant to § 20:43:03:02. An applicant who fails any combination of State Board of Dentistry-approved clinical competency examinations three times is not eligible for licensure in this state; (5) Verification of the license and status of the license from the board of dentistry in each state in which the applicant is or has been licensed, if applicable; (6) A copy of the applicant's birth certificate or equivalent documentation; (7) A recent photograph of the applicant; (8) A copy of the applicant's current cardiopulmonary resuscitation card from the American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider, the American Red Cross for the Professional Rescuer, or an equivalent program approved by the State Board of Dentistry; and (9) Completed fingerprint cards necessary to conduct a state and federal criminal background check on the applicant. To be considered for a license to practice as a dentist, an applicant must pass a written examination administered by the State Board of Dentistry on the relevant administrative rules and statutes with a cut score of at least seventy percent. For the State Board of Dentistry to consider an application at a meeting of the board, a complete application, fee, and all supporting documentation must be received by the board at least thirty days before the board meeting. If requested by the State Board of Dentistry, an applicant must appear for a personal interview conducted by the board on a date set by the board. **20:43:03:02. Application for license to practice as a dentist -- Clinical competency examination.** The State Board of Dentistry may approve a patient-based, simulation-based, or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination for purposes of subdivision 20:43:03:01(4) that demonstrates evidence of psychometric soundness with documented validity, reliability, fidelity, and fairness; allows direct observation by a board designee; and includes: (1) A patient-based or an equivalent simulation-based or manikin-based periodontal component; (2) A patient-based or an equivalent simulation-based or manikin-based restorative component; (3) A simulation-based or manikin-based prosthodontic component; (4) A simulation-based or manikin-based endodontic component; and (5) A remediation policy to address candidate deficiencies.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**South Dakota Code 36-6A Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Auxiliaries** **§36-6A-47. Criteria for license to practice dentistry for person licensed in another state**. Any person licensed in another state desiring to practice as

	a dentist may obtain a license to practice as a dentist if the applicant satisfies each of the following criteria: (1) The application for a license to practice as a dentist is in writing and signed by the applicant; (2) The applicant has graduated from an American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited United States dental school, having obtained a doctor of dental medicine or a doctor of dental surgery degree; (3) The applicant is currently an active, competent practitioner, having completed a minimum of three thousand dental clinical hours within the five years immediately preceding the date of application; (4) The applicant has passed a standardized national comprehensive examination approved by the board; (5) The applicant has passed a clinical regional or national examination approved by the board or a state examination or examinations that the board deems equivalent; (6) The applicant currently holds a valid license in another state; (7) The applicant has no disciplinary proceeding or unresolved disciplinary complaint pending before a dental board at the time a license is to be issued by the board; (8) The licensure requirements in the other state are in the judgment of the board the same as or higher than those required by this state; (9) The applicant provides references that indicate the applicant is of good moral character; and (10) The applicant has passed an examination concerning the state laws and rules relating to dentistry. The board may require a laboratory or clinical examination of an applicant if it has reason to believe the applicant cannot practice safely. Any foreign-trained or any other graduate from a dental program not accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation may apply for a license to practice as a dentist. The board, by rule promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-25, shall establish requirements to reasonably ensure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure. §36-6A-47.2. Certified translation of document. An applicant, licensee, or registrant shall provide a certified translation of any document required pursuant to this chapter. §36-6A-47.3. Refusal to grant license or registration due to incompetence or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct. The board may, in compliance with chapter 1-26, refuse to grant a license or registration pursuant to this chapter because of professional incompetence, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct on the part of the applicant. **South Dakota Administrative Code Article 20:43 Dentists** **20:43:03:04. Application for license to practice as a dentist -- Credential verification.** An applicant for a license to practice as a dentist by credential verification shall submit to the State Board of Dentistry: (1) A completed application form and fee of six hundred dollars; (2) A statement from a licensed doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine, physician assistant, or certified nurse practitioner attesting to the applicant's physical and mental condition; (3) Verification of the applicant's passage of the National Board Dental Examination Parts I and II or the Integrated National Board Dental

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	Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; (4) Verification of the applicant's passage of a patient-based, simulation-based, or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination that has been approved by the State Board of Dentistry or passage of a state examination that the board considers equivalent; (5) Verification of the license and status of the license from the board of dentistry in each state in which the applicant is or has been licensed; (6) Certified transcripts or, when approved by the State Board of Dentistry, a certified letter from a dental school official verifying that the applicant has graduated from a United States dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, having obtained a doctor of dental medicine or a doctor of dental surgery degree; (7) A copy of the applicant's birth certificate or equivalent documentation; (8) A copy of the applicant's current cardiopulmonary resuscitation card from the American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider, the American Red Cross for the Professional Rescuer, or an equivalent program approved by the State Board of Dentistry; (9) A recent photograph of the applicant; and (10) Completed fingerprint cards necessary to conduct a state and federal criminal background check on the applicant. To be considered for a license to practice as a dentist by credential verification, an applicant must pass a written examination administered by the State Board of Dentistry on the relevant administrative rules and statutes with a cut score of at least seventy percent. For the State Board of Dentistry to consider an application at a meeting of the board, a complete application, fee, and all supporting documentation must be received by the board at least thirty days before the board meeting. If requested by the State Board of Dentistry, an applicant for licensure by credential verification must appear for a personal interview conducted by the board on a date set by the board.
Specialty Practice	South Dakota Administrative Code Article 20:43 Dentists 20:43:04:01. **Representation of or advertising specialty practice.** A dentist may advertise or represent oneself as a specialist or use the terms specializes, specializing, or another variation of either term, for any specialty in which the dentist has completed a post-doctoral program that: (1) Consists of at least two full-time years; and (2) Is accredited by an accreditation agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or is administered by a dental school accredited by an organization recognized by the United States Department of Education. A dentist advertising or representing oneself as a specialist or using the term specializes, specializing, or another variation of either term, must avoid any implication that another dentist associated with the same practice or entity is a specialist, unless that dentist meets the requirements of this section. Declaration to the public of a specialty practice or the inference of specialty status not authorized by this section is engaging in false or misleading advertising. 20:43:04:01.01. **Advertising.** For any advertisement for dental services: (1) The State Board of Dentistry may require a dentist to substantiate the truthfulness of any assertion or representation of material fact set forth in an advertisement. At the time an advertisement is placed, the dentist must possess and rely upon information that, when produced, would substantiate

	the truthfulness of any assertion, omission, or representation of material fact set forth in the advertisement. The failure to possess and rely upon information necessary to substantiate an assertion, omission, or representation of material fact set forth in the advertisement at the time the advertisement is placed or the failure or refusal to provide to the board the information necessary to substantiate an assertion, omission, or representation of material fact set forth in the advertisement, when requested by the board, is engaging in false or misleading advertising; (2) Each dentist who is a director, manager, partner, shareholder, contracted employee, or licensed professional employee, acting as an agent of the entity identified in an advertisement, is jointly and severally responsible for the form and content of any advertisement offering services or materials; and (3) A dentist must retain a recording or copy of every advertisement communicated by electronic media, and a copy of every advertisement communicated by print media, for a period of one year following the date of the advertisement. The dentist shall make the recording or copy of the advertisement available for review upon request by the board or its designee. **South Dakota Code 36-6A Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Auxiliaries** **§36-6A-28. Unauthorized practice or representation as dentist or dental hygienist, radiographer, registered assistant, or specialist--Misdemeanor.** Each person who practices as, attempts to practice as, or purports to be a dentist, dental hygienist, dental radiographer, or registered dental assistant in this state without being licensed or without being registered for that purpose or without being exempted from this chapter is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Any dentist who implies, purports or leads a patient to believe that the dentist is a dental specialist without meeting the educational requirements set forth in this chapter, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
Continuing Education	**South Dakota Code 36-6A Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Auxiliaries** **§36-6A-52. Annual renewal of license or registration--Information and fee--Notice.** As a condition of annual renewal of a license or registration, each licensee or registrant shall, on or before the first day of July each year, transmit to the board, upon a form prescribed by the board, information reasonably related to the administration of a licensure or registration system in the interest of public health and safety, together with the fee established by the board. Failure of a licensee or registrant to renew a license or registration on or before the first day of July constitutes a suspension of the license or registration held by the licensee or registrant. At least thirty days before July first, the board shall cause a written notice stating the amount and due date of the fee and the information to be provided by the licensee or registrant, to be sent to each licensee and registrant. Each licensee and registrant shall report the information as a condition of the license or registration renewal. **§36-6A-55. Proof of continuing education or continuing competency** . Every five years of licensure or registration, each licensee or registrant shall provide the board evidence, of a nature suitable to the board that a licensee or registrant has attended or participated in an amount of board approved continuing education or continuing competency as shall be required by the board. **§36-6A-57. Reexamination on failure to comply with continuing education or competency requirements--Suspension of license**. Any licensee or registrant who fails to comply with the continuing education or

	continuing competency requirements set forth in this chapter may, at the discretion of the board, be reexamined to determine his or her competency to continue licensure or registration. If, in the opinion of the board, a licensee or registrant does not qualify for further practice, the board may, in compliance with chapter 1-26, suspend the license or registration until the time the licensee or registrant provides acceptable evidence to the board of his or her competency to practice. South Dakota Administrative Code Article 20:43 Dentists 20:43:03:06. **Annual renewal of license -- Renewal fees.** Each person licensed to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist in this state shall annually renew a license from the State Board of Dentistry by July first and display an annual license certificate. Each person licensed to practice as a dentist or a dental hygienist shall maintain a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation card from the American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider, the American Red Cross for the Professional Rescuer, or an equivalent program approved by the board. A dentist shall pay an annual registration fee of two hundred dollars plus a continuing education fee of twenty dollars. A dental hygienist shall pay an annual registration fee of ninety-five dollars plus a continuing education fee of twenty dollars. 20:43:03:07. **Continuing education requirements -- Dentists.** A dentist shall complete at least 100 hours of board-approved continuing education in each five-year licensure cycle. One hour of continuing education may be earned for each hour of attendance at a board-approved continuing education course. Fifty hours of the required 100 hours must be academic. Academic hours must directly relate to the provision of clinical dental services and meet one of the following criteria: (1) The course must be taken physically at a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; (2) The course presenter shall be affiliated with a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; (3) The provider organization shall be approved by the American Dental Association Continuing Education Recognition Program; or (4) The provider organization shall be approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval For Continuing Education. Credit for nutrition continuing education is limited to 15 hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for practice management continuing education is limited to ten hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for home study continuing education is limited to 30 hours per five-year licensure cycle. Credit for cardiopulmonary resuscitation continuing education is limited to 15 hours per five-year licensure cycle and must be live, and in-person hours. Credit for clinical continuing education is unlimited per five-year licensure cycle. Up to five hours of clinical continuing education may be earned for attendance at exhibits at a state, regional, or national dental conference. Dentists holding a general anesthesia and deep sedation, moderate sedation, or host permit must complete an additional 25 hours of continuing education in anesthesia-related topics per five-year licensure cycle. The board's continuing education guidelines shall be reviewed annually.

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