Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA** An examination must include a prosthetic component, a periodontal component, an endodontic component, and a live human patient or non-patient based anterior and posterior restorative component. Source: Tennessee Board of Dentistry License Applications on website
General Licensure Requirements	**Tennessee Code, Title 63, Chapter 5 § 63-5-111. Examinations -- Issuance or denial of licenses.** (a) (1) The board may conduct examinations at such times and places as it may designate and charge each examinee a fee for each examination taken as set annually by the board. (2) In addition to examinations conducted pursuant to subdivision (a)(1), the board shall recognize a certificate granted by the American Dental Association's Commission on National Board Dental Examinations and may accept the results of its own board examination or the results of an examination conducted by one (1) or more of the regional testing agencies. (3) An examination described in this subsection (a) may be written or oral, or both; shall include subjects as may be designated by the board; and may also include practical tests, working operations, and demonstrations, within the discretion of the board. An examination may be conducted on a live human patient or a non-patient-based model may be used. (b) (1) If the applicant shall successfully pass the examination and shall be found worthy, the board shall direct the division to issue a license to that applicant. (2) The board may, within its discretion, refuse to grant a certificate to any person found guilty of making false statements, cheating or of any fraud or deception, either in applying for or in taking the examination. (3) The board may, within its discretion, refuse to issue a license to any person who fails to apply for the same within ninety (90) days following notification of successful completion of all requirements for the licensure. **Tennessee Rules 0460: Rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry** **§0460-02-.01 LICENSURE PROCESS - BY EXAM AND BY CRITERIA (RECIPROCITY).** (1) The process for obtaining licensure by exam or by criteria (reciprocity) is as follows: (a) An applicant shall obtain a Board application form from the Board Administrative Office, respond truthfully and completely to every question or request for information contained in the form and submit it along with all documentation and fees required by the form and this rule to the Board Administrative Office. It is the intent of this rule that all activities necessary to accomplish the filing of the required documentation be completed prior to filing a licensure application and that all documentation be filed simultaneously. (b) An applicant shall cause to be submitted directly, from a dental school, college or university duly accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, to the Board Administrative Office a certificate of graduation containing the institution's Official Seal and which shows the following: 1. The applicant's transcript; and 2. The degree and diploma conferred, or a letter from the Dean of the educational institution attesting to the applicant's eligibility for the degree and diploma if the last term of dental school has not been completed at the time of application. However, no license shall be issued until official notification is received in the Board Administrative Office that the degree and diploma have been conferred. (c) An applicant shall submit a signed "passport" style photograph taken within the preceding twelve (12) months.

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	(d) An applicant shall submit evidence of good moral character. Such evidence shall include at least two (2) letters attesting to the applicant's character from dental professionals on the signator's letterhead. (e) An applicant shall submit proof of United States or Canadian citizenship or evidence of being legally entitled to live in the United States. Such evidence may include copies of birth certificates, naturalization papers, or current visa status. (f) An applicant shall submit the required fees as provided in Rule 0460-01-.02(1). (g) An applicant shall disclose the circumstances surrounding any of the following: 1. Conviction of any criminal law violation of any country, state, or municipality, except minor traffic violations. 2. The denial of licensure application by any other state or the discipline of licensure in any state. 3. Loss or restriction of hospital privileges. 4. Any other civil suit judgment or civil suit settlement in which the applicant was a party defendant including, without limitation, actions involving malpractice, breach of contract, antitrust activity or any other civil action remedy recognized under any country's or state's statutory, common, or case law. 5. Failure of any dental licensure examination. (h) An applicant shall cause to be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board's licensure application materials, the result of a criminal background check. (i) An applicant shall submit evidence of current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which is defined as successful completion of a BLS for Healthcare Providers, or CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, or an equivalent course, which provides training for healthcare professionals in CPR and the use of an AED by a Board approved training organization. The course must be conducted in person and include a skills examination on a manikin with a certified instructor. (j) An applicant shall indicate whether the applicant is physically capable of performing the procedures included in the practice of dentistry and if not, make explanation. (k) An applicant shall successfully complete the Tennesee Board of Dentistry Ethics and Jurisprudence examination. (2) In addition to completing the process described in paragraph (1), an applicant for licensure by exam: (a) Shall cause to be submitted a certificate of successful completion of the examinations for licensure as governed by Rule 0460-02-.05; and (b) If an applicant for licensure by exam has ever held a license to practice dentistry in any other state or Canada, the applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted directly to the Board's administrative office from each licensing board that has currently or has ever granted authority to practice dentistry indication that the applicant either holds a current active license and whether it is in good standing, or held a license which is currently inactive and whether it was in good standing at the time it became inactive. (3) In addition to completing the process described in paragraph (1), an applicant for licensure by criteria (reciprocity): (a) Shall cause to be submitted directly to the Board's administrative office from each licensing board that has currently or has ever granted authority to practice dentistry indication that the applicant previously held or currently holds a valid license to practice dentistry and is absent of any pending disciplinary charges or action or any current investigation by a disciplinary authority, and 1. Shall cause to be submitted directly to the Board's administrative office pertinent information about any disciplinary action imposed in any other state; and 2. Shall provide a copy of all current and valid licenses to practice dentistry; and 3. Shall provide the name of another state in which licensure to practice dentistry is

	or has been held; and (b) Shall demonstrate intent to actively practice or teach in Tennessee by submitting proof of employment as a dentist or by submitting proof of starting a private dental practice; and (c) Shall demonstrate that he/she has not failed previously any exams required by Rule 0460-02-.05 without subsequently retaking and passing such exams, if passage of such exams has ever been attempted; and (d) Shall demonstrate that he/she has practiced dentistry in another state or states for at least five (5) years by submitting proof of employment as a dentist or by submitting proof of having had a private dental practice; or (e) Shall demonstrate that he/she has taught in an American Dental Association accredited institution for at least five (5) years; or (f) Shall demonstrate any combination of subparagraphs (d) and (e) for at least five (5) years; or (g) Shall demonstrate that he/she has practiced dentistry in another state or states for at least two (2) years by submitting proof of employment as a dentist or by submitting proof of having had a private dental practice, and shall cause to be submitted a certificate of successful completion of an examination administered by another state, as provided in T.C.A. § 63-5-110(b)(6)(D); or (h) Shall demonstrate that he/she has taught in an American Dental Association accredited institution for at least two (2) years, and shall cause to be submitted a certificate of successful completion of the examinations for licensure as governed by Rule 0460-02- .05 or of an examination administered by another state, as provided in T.C.A. § 63-5-110(b)(6)(E); or (i) Shall demonstrate any combination of subparagraphs (g) and (h) for at least two (2) years. (4) Application review and licensure decisions required by this rule shall be governed by Rule 0460-01-.04. **Tennessee Rules 0460: Rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry** **§0460-02-.05 EXAMINATIONS** All persons intending to apply for licensure as a dentist in Tennessee must successfully complete the examinations provided by this rule, except for educational limited licensure applicants and dual degree licensure applicants who need not complete any licensure examinations other than the Tennessee Board of Dentistry Ethics and Jurisprudence examination; limited licensure applicants who must successfully complete only the National Board examination and Board of Dentistry Ethics and Jurisprudence examination; criteria (reciprocity) applicants who are qualifying pursuant to Rule 0460-02-.01(3)(d), (e), or (f) and need not complete any licensure examinations other than the Tennessee Board of Dentistry Ethics and Jurisprudence examination; and criteria (reciprocity) applicants who are qualifying pursuant to Rule 0460-02-.01(3)(g), (h), or (i) and must successfully complete only the Board of Dentistry Ethics and Jurisprudence examination and a regional testing agency examination or examination given by another state as provided in T.C.A. § 63-5-110(b)(6)(D) or (E). Completion of the required examinations is a prerequisite for application for licensure. Certification of successful completion must be submitted as part of the application process. (1) The Board adopts as its licensure examination and requires, with the previously noted exceptions, successful completion of all of the following examination components as a prerequisite for licensure: (a) An examination must include a prosthetic component, a periodontal component, an endodontic component, and a live human patient or non-patient based anterior and posterior restorative component. (b) The National Board if the applicant graduated from a dental college, school or university after 1972. (c) The Tennessee Board of Dentistry Ethics and Jurisprudence examination. (2) Admission to, application for and the fees required to sit for the regional examinations and the National Board examinations are governed by and must be

	submitted to the testing agency. Admission to, application for and the fees required to sit for any other Board-approved examination must be submitted to the Board as provided in Rule 0460-01-.02, or at the Board's option, its designated exam administrator. (3) Passing scores on the regional and National Board examinations are determined by the testing agency. Such passing scores as certified to the Board are adopted by the Board as constituting successful completion of those examinations. Passing scores for any other Board-approved examination are determined by the Board. (4) Applicants must supply or furnish their own patients, instruments and materials as required by the testing agency, the Board, or the Board's designated exam administrator. (5) Applicant's who fail to successfully complete any of the examinations may apply for reexamination. (6) Oral examination may be required pursuant to Rule 0460-01-.04. (7) The Board adopts as its own, the determination made by the regional testing agencies and the National Boards of the length of time that a passing score on their respective examinations will be effective for purposes of measuring competency and fitness for dental licensure; however, an applicant's test scores from any Board-approved examination as provided in subparagraph (1)(a) which were taken over five (5) years before application was made for licensure in Tennessee will be considered by the Board on a case by case basis after the applicant appears before the Board for an examination. (8) Applicants for licensure who have failed three (3) times the National Board or any Board approved examination as provided in subparagraph (1)(a) must successfully complete a remedial course of post-graduate studies at a school accredited by the American Dental Association before consideration for licensure by the Board. The applicant shall cause the program director of the post-graduate program to provide written documentation of the content of such course and certify successful completion. (9) If an applicant has successfully completed a clinical board examination administered by another state and is applying for licensure pursuant to Rule 0460-02-.01(3)(g), (h), or (i), it is that applicant's responsibility to submit documentation substantiating the appropriateness of such examination. The Board shall make the final decision to accept or reject such examination.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	**Tennessee Code Title 63 Chapter 5, § 63-5-110. Application for license -- Reciprocity.** ((a) (1) A person desiring to obtain a license to practice dentistry in this state shall make application to the board. The application must be accompanied by a certificate showing that the applicant is a graduate of an accredited dental school or college or from the dental department of a university approved by the board. (2) The applicant shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States or Canada or legally entitled to live within the United States and of good moral character and reputation. (3) The application must be accompanied by the applicant's photograph and by a nonrefundable application fee as set by the board in rules and regulations. (b) The board is authorized to cause a license to be issued to an applicant of good moral character and professional competence who is licensed to practice dentistry in another state, which shall include the District of Columbia or a territory of the United States, if the board determines to its satisfaction that the applicant meets all of the following requirements: (1) Currently holds a valid license to practice dentistry in another state and provides a copy of such license, and also provides the name of another state in which the applicant is or has been licensed;

	(2) Absence of any pending disciplinary charges or action in another state or any current investigation by a disciplinary authority or another state and provides pertinent information about any disciplinary action imposed against the applicant in any other state, which the board is to evaluate and determine whether such is disqualifying for licensure in this state; (3) Has not failed previously an examination for licensure to practice dentistry in Tennessee; (4) Graduation from a dental school or college duly accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; (5) Demonstrates intent to actively practice or teach in Tennessee; (6) Has, pursuant to the authority of a state dental licensing board or boards: (A) Practiced dentistry in another state or states for at least five (5) years; (B) Taught in an American Dental Association accredited institution for at least five (5) years; (C) Any combination of subdivision (b)(6)(A) or subdivision (b)(6)(B) for at least five (5) years; (D) Practiced dentistry for at least two (2) years in another state or states and, in addition, presents satisfactory evidence of passing an examination administered by another state substantially equivalent to the examination required for initial licensure in Tennessee, the appropriateness of such examinations to be evaluated and determined by the board; (E) Taught for at least two (2) years in an American Dental Association accredited institution and, in addition, presents satisfactory evidence of passing an examination administered by a regional testing agency or a clinical board examination administered by another state substantially equivalent to the examination required for initial licensure in Tennessee, the appropriateness of such examination to be evaluated and determined by the board; or (F) Any combination of subdivision (b)(6)(D) or subdivision (b)(6)(E) for at least two (2) years; and (7) Payment of a nonrefundable application fee as set by the board. (c) The board is authorized, in its discretion, to issue a limited license for educational purposes to any dentist who is duly licensed to practice in any other state who meets the requirements of the board and who submits satisfactory evidence of good moral character and professional competence, including a certificate to that effect from the licensing or registration board from all states in which the applicant has held a license, upon payment of a nonrefundable fee as set by the board. (d) The board shall direct the division to issue a license to an applicant, without the necessity of further examination except as required by § 63-5-113, if the board determines that the applicant meets all of the following qualifications: (1) Is a graduate with either a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree of an accredited dental school or college or of a dental department of a university approved by the board; (2) Is licensed to practice dentistry in another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a dependency of the United States; (3) Has successfully completed a graduate training program in a recognized specialty branch of dentistry; and (4) Is currently duly licensed to practice medicine in this state. (e) The board is authorized, in its discretion, to issue a limited license for the practice of dentistry in American Dental Association accredited institutions or dental education programs or in federally-designated health professional shortage areas, if the applicant meets the following requirements: (1) Is a graduate of a school of dentistry with a degree substantially equivalent to either a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree;

	(2) Has successfully completed a graduate training program in a recognized specialty branch of dentistry from an advanced specialty program accredited by the American Dental Association; (3) Has successfully completed the national board examinations; (4) Payment of nonrefundable fee, as set by the board; (5) Provides satisfactory evidence of good moral character and professional competency; (6) Provides proof of naturalization or ability to live and work in the United States; and (7) Meets other requirements as set by the board. **Tennessee Rules 0460: Rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry** **§0460-02-.02 DUAL DEGREE LICENSURE PROCESS.** The Board may issue a license to practice dentistry in Tennessee to persons who hold both dental and medical degrees and meet the qualifications contained in this rule. The process for obtaining a license by this method is as follows: (1) An applicant shall obtain an application form from the Board Administrative Office, respond truthfully and completely to every question or request for information contained in the form and submit it along with all documentation and fees required by the form or this rule to the Board Administrative Office. It is the intent of this rule that all activities necessary to accomplish the filing of the required documentation be completed prior to filing a licensure application and that all documentation be filed simultaneously. (2) An applicant shall request that a transcript from a dental school, college or university be sent directly from the institution to the Board Administrative Office. The transcript must show that either a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree was conferred and carry the official seal of the institution. (3) An applicant shall submit a signed and notarized passport photograph taken within the preceding twelve (12) months. (4) An applicant must submit evidence of good moral character and competence. Such evidence shall include at least two (2) letters attesting to the applicant's character and ability from licensed dentists or physicians on the signator's letterhead. (5) An applicant shall submit proof of United States or Canada citizenship or evidence of being legally entitled to live in the United States. Such evidence may include notarized copies of birth certificates, naturalization papers, or current visa status. (6) An applicant shall submit the licensure application fee and state regulatory fees as provided in rule 0460-01-.02(1). (7) If the applicant has ever taken any Board-approved examination as provided in rule 0460-02-.05(1)(a), an application will not be approved unless and/or until a certification is submitted which indicates that the applicant achieved passing scores on all parts of the examination. (8) An applicant shall indicate whether the applicant is physically capable of performing the procedures included in the practice of dentistry and if not, make explanation. (9) An applicant shall submit evidence of current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which is defined as successful completion of a BLS for Healthcare Providers, or CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, or an equivalent course, which provides training for healthcare professionals in CPR and the use of an AED by a Board approved training organization. The course must be conducted in person and include a skills examination on a manikin with a certified instructor. (10) An applicant shall disclose the circumstances surrounding any of the following: (a) Conviction of any criminal law violation of a country, state or municipality, except minor traffic violations.

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	(b) The denial of licensure application by any other state or the disciplinary of licensure in any state. (c) Loss or restriction of hospital privileges. (d) Any other civil suit judgment or civil suit settlement in which the applicant was a party defendant including, without limitation, actions involving malpractice, breach of contract, antitrust activity or any other civil action remedy recognized under any county's or state's statutory, common, or case law. (e) Failure of any dental and/or medical licensure examination. (11) An applicant shall cause to be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board's licensure application materials, the result of a criminal background check. (12) An applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted the equivalent of a Tennessee Certificate of Endorsement from the licensing board(s) of every state or U.S. territory in which the applicant has ever been licensed as a dentist and/or physician which indicates the applicant either holds a current active license(s) and whether it is in good standing, or held a license(s) which is currently inactive and whether it was in good standing at the time it became inactive. An applicant must possess an active dental license which is in good standing in at least one (1) other state or U.S. territory. (13) An applicant shall cause to be submitted a certification which indicates that a graduate training program in a specialty branch of dentistry listed in T.C.A. § 63-5-112 or rule 0460-02-.06 has been successfully completed. (14) An applicant must apply for a specialty certification and successfully complete all requirements for that specialty certification as provided in rule 0460-02-.06 before application for licensure shall be granted. (15) An applicant shall submit a copy of an active, current license to practice medicine in Tennessee. (16) An applicant shall successfully complete the Tennessee Board of Dentistry Ethics and Jurisprudence examination. (17) Application review and licensure decisions required by this rule shall be governed by rule 0460-01-.04.
Specialty Practice	Tennessee Code Title 63 Chapter 5 § 63-5-112. Specialists. (a) No licensed dentist shall claim to the public to be a specialist, or be specially qualified in any particular branch of dentistry or to be giving special attention to any branch of dentistry, or claim to limit the dentist's practice to any branch of dentistry, until that dentist has complied with the additional requirements established by the board and has been issued a certificate by the board authorizing that dentist so to do. The board is authorized to certify "specialists" in the following branches of dentistry: (1) Dental public health; (2) Endodontics; (3) Oral and maxillofacial pathology; (4) Oral and maxillofacial surgery; (5) Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics; (6) Pediatric dentistry; (7) Periodontics; (8) Prosthodontics; (9) Oral and maxillofacial radiology; and (10) Any other branch of dentistry hereafter recognized as a specialty by the American Dental Association and approved by the board. (b) Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are held to the same standard of care as physicians licensed under chapters 6 or 9 of this title. (c) In considering or acting upon matters related to specialists or special areas of dentistry, the board shall utilize as consultants one (1) or more knowledgeable persons certified in the applicable specialty or knowledgeable in the special area.

	Tennessee Code 63-5-113. Examination and certification of specialists. (a) Any dentist duly licensed in this state who has completed a minimum of two (2) years of graduate education in a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or the equivalent thereof in a specialty branch of dentistry or who has otherwise met the requirements of the rules promulgated by the board may apply for a certificate as a specialist. (b) The board may recognize specialty certification of those dentists licensed through the licensure criteria provisions of § 63-5-110, if the requirements for certification in the original state are substantially equivalent to those requirements in this state. (c) No one shall offer or conduct any school, course, or program that grants credentialed status or that graduates individuals for credentialed status, or its equivalent, in any particular branch of dentistry or any specific area of the practice of dentistry that is not listed as a recognized specialty in § 63-5-112. Dental, dental hygiene, and dental assisting colleges, schools, or programs in this state that are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation are exempt from this subsection (c). **Tennessee Rules 0460 Rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry** **§0460-02-.06 SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION.** (1) Recognized Specialties - The Board recognizes and will issue specialty certification in the following branches of dentistry: (a) Dental Anesthesiology; (b) Dental Public Health; (c) Endodontics; (d) Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology; (e) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; (f) Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology; (g) Oral Medicine; (h) Orofacial Pain; (i) Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics; (j) Pediatric Dentistry (Pedodontics); (k) Periodontics; (l) Prosthodontics. (2) Certification - To become certified as a specialist in a particular branch of dentistry an applicant must be licensed as a dentist in Tennessee except those persons eligible for licensure pursuant to Rule 0460-02-.02, and comply with the following: (a) An applicant shall obtain a specialty application form from the Board Administrative Office, respond truthfully and completely to every question or request for information contained in the form and submit it along with all documentation and fees required by the form or this rule to the Board Administrative Office. (b) An applicant shall submit the specialty certification application fee as provided in Rule 0460-01-.02(1). (c) An applicant shall submit verification of one of the following: 1. Successful completion of the specialty training as provided in the section of this rule for the specific specialty that the applicant is applying for; or 2. Certification as a specialist by the American Board of the particular specialty for which application is made. A letter must be sent directly from the secretary of the American Board of the particular specialty to the Board Administrative Office which indicates that the applicant is certified by the American Board in that specialty and that the applicant is in good standing. All such certificates approved by the Board may be accepted as sufficient for specialty certification in lieu of submitting proof of successful completion of a residency program in a specialty. Acceptance of such certificates is discretionary with the Board.

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	(d) An applicant shall submit any other documentation required by the Board after review of the application. (e) An applicant who is certified as a specialist in another state shall have that state's licensing board send proof to the Board Administrative Office which indicates that the applicant is certified in that specialty and that the applicant is in good standing. (f) Application review and decisions required by this rule are governed by Rule 0460-01-.04. (3) Examination - All specialty applicants shall submit to an oral examination even if certification from an American Board in a specialty is accepted in lieu of submitting proof of successful completion of a residency program in a specialty. (4) Dental Anesthesiology - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of at least two (2) years of postgraduate training in Dental Anesthesiology at the university level in a program approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association and the Board. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Dental Anesthesiology or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (5) Dental Public Health - The requirements for certification in this specialty shall be those required by the American Dental Association as regards its regulation of this specialty branch of dentistry. (6) Endodontics - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of at least two (2) years of postgraduate training in Endodontics at the university level in a program approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association and the Board. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Endodontics or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (7) Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of two (2) years of postgraduate training in Oral Pathology or Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at the university level in a program approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association and the Board. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Oral Pathology or Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (8) Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of graduate study in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology of at least two (2) years in a school approved or provisionally approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (9) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. (a) An applicant must provide to the Board Administrative Office certification of successful completion of advanced study in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of four (4) years or more in a graduate school or hospital accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or the American Dental Association and the Board. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office.

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	(b) Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is the specialty area of the treatment of the oral cavity and maxillofacial area or adjacent or associated structures and their impact on the human body that includes the performance of the following areas of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, as described in the most recent version of the Parameters and Pathways: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons: 1. Patient assessment; 2. Anesthesia in outpatient facilities, as provided in T.C.A. §§ 63-5-105(6) and 63-5-108(g); 3. Dentoalveolar surgery; 4. Oral and craniomaxillofacial implant surgery; 5. Surgical correction of maxillofacial skeletal deformities; 6. Cleft and craniofacial surgery; 7. Trauma surgery; 8. Temporomandibular joint surgery; 9. Diagnosis and management of pathologic conditions; 10. Reconstructive surgery including the harvesting of extra oral/distal tissues for grafting to the oral and maxillofacial region; and 11. Cosmetic maxillofacial surgery. (c) The Tennessee Board of Dentistry determines that the dental practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery includes the following procedures which the Board finds are included in the curricula of dental schools accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation, post-graduate training programs or continuing education courses: 1. Rhinoplasty; 2. Blepharoplasty; 3. Rytidectomy; 4. Submental liposuction; 5. Laser resurfacing; 6. Browlift, either open or endoscopic technique; 7. Platysmal muscle plication; 8. Dermabrasion; 9. Otoplasty; 10. Lip augmentation; and 11. Botox injections or future FDA approved neurotoxins. (d) Any licensee who lacks the following qualifications and nevertheless performs the procedures and surgery identified in subparagraph (c) shall be subject to discipline by the Board under T.C.A. § 63-5-124, including provisions regarding malpractice, negligence, incompetence or unprofessional conduct: 1. Has successfully completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA); and 2. Has successfully completed a clinical fellowship, of at least one (1) continuous year in duration, in esthetic (cosmetic) surgery accredited by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons or by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation; or 3. Holds privileges issued by a credentialing committee of a hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) to perform these procedures. (e) The Board, pursuant to its authority under T.C.A. § 63-5-124, determines that performance of the surgery and procedures identified in subparagraph (c) without the qualifications set out above shall be considered unprofessional conduct and subject to discipline by the Board as such.

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	(10) Oral Medicine - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of graduate study in Oral Medicine of at least two (2) years in a school approved or provisionally approved by the Commission on Dent al Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Oral Medicine or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (11) Orofacial Pain - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of graduate study in Orofacial Pain of at least two (2) years in a school approved or provisionally approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Orofacial Pain or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (12) Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics - An applicant must submit, with the application form, documentation of successful completion of one (1) of the following: (a) Certification of successful completion of two (2) academic years of training in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in an approved Postgraduate Department of an accredited dental school, college or university. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (b) Certification of successful completion of an organized preceptorship training program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association and the Board. Such evidence shall include, but not be dispositive of this requirement, a notarized certificate of completion furnished by the Board and issued by the director of the preceptorship training program, to be submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (13) Pediatric Dentistry (Pedodontics) - An applicant must submit to the Board Administrative Office certification of successful completion of at least two (2) years of graduate or post graduate study in Pediatric Dentistry according to the following: (a) If such study is completed in whole or in part at a dental school, college or university, the graduate or postgraduate program must be approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association. (b) The graduate or postgraduate program need not lead to an advanced degree. (c) The program of study may be pursued in hospitals or clinics or other similar institutions. (d) One (1) academic year of graduate or postgraduate study will be considered as equivalent to one (1) calendar year. (e) Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Pediatric Dentistry (Pedodontics) or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (14) Periodontics - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of at least two (2) years of postgraduate training in Periodontics at the university level in a program approved by the Commission on Dental Education of the American Dental Association and by the Board. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in Periodontics or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (15) Prosthodontics - An applicant must submit certification of successful completion of at least two (2) years of a postdoctoral education in prosthodontics in

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	a program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and the Board. Such evidence shall include either a transcript which indicates completion of the postgraduate training in prosthodontics or a certificate of completion letter from the director of the program on letterhead submitted directly from the school to the Board Administrative Office. (16) General Rules Governing Specialty Practice (a) Scope of Practice - Dentists certified in a specialty branch of dentistry must devote and confine a majority of their practice to the certified specialty only. Any specialty certified dentists who do not so confine their practice or who return to general practice must retire specialty certification on forms obtained from and submitted to the Board Administrative Office. (b) A current and active dental license issued by the Board is a prerequisite to the continued practice under any specialty certification. **§0460-02-.10 ADVERTISING.** (5) Specialty Advertising (a) A licensee may not advertise using the terms, specialist, specialty, specializing or practice limited to unless: 1. The licensee has obtained a certification from the Board pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-5-112 and rules promulgated pursuant thereto, and 2. The branch of dentistry so advertising is listed as a specialty branch of dentistry in T.C.A. § 63-5-112 or rules promulgated pursuant thereto. (b) A licensee who possesses a verifiable combination of education and experience is not prohibited from including in his practice one or more specialty branches of dentistry. However, any advertisement of such practice shall: 1. Not use the terms specialty, specializing, specialist or practice limited to; and 2. Contain the statement “the services are being performed or provided by a general dentist”, and such statement must appear or be expressed in the advertisement as conspicuously as the branch of dentistry advertised. (c) Specific Areas of Practice - Notwithstanding Rule 0460-02-.10(4)(o), any licensee who advertises credentials in a branch of dentistry other than those enumerated in T.C.A. §63-5-112 or as recognized by Rule by the Board, who has been granted credentialed status to include the terms “associate fellow”, “fellow” or “diplomate” by a bona fide national organization which is not recognized as a certifying Board by the American Dental Association or the Board of Dentistry, but grants “associate fellow”, “fellow” or “diplomate” status based on the dentist’s postgraduate education, training, experience, and an oral and written examination predicated upon valid and reliable principles, may utilize one of the following terms: “associate fellow”, “fellow” or “diplomate” in an advertisement and refer to the area of dental practice in which the credential is obtained if the same is accompanied by the following disclaimer appearing as conspicuously as the credential advertised: “This area of practice is not recognized as a specialty by the Tennessee Board of Dentistry.” (d) The term “Board Certified” may not be used in any advertisement unless associated with a recognized specialty enumerated in T.C.A. § 63-5-112 certified by the American Dental Association or the Board of Dentistry.
Continuing Education	**Tennessee Code Title 63 Chapter 5, § 63-5-107. License requirement.** **(a)** It is unlawful for any person to practice dentistry, a specialty in dentistry or dental hygiene in this state, except those who are now licensed or certified as such pursuant to law and those who may hereafter be licensed or certified and registered pursuant to this chapter. **(b)** It is unlawful for any person so licensed or certified to practice dentistry or to practice dental hygiene in any calendar year unless or until such person has paid the annual renewal fee for that year as provided in this chapter. **(c) (1) (A)** Each person licensed as a dentist or a dental hygienist in accordance with this chapter or registered as a dental assistant pursuant to the rules of the

	board is required to attend and complete each year, except in the year of initial licensure or registration, the number of hours of board approved continuing education courses prescribed by the board, subject to a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of thirty (30) clock hours; provided, that beginning January 3, 2003, in lieu of the annual continuing education requirement, each person licensed as a dentist or dental hygienist or registered as a dental assistant is required to attend and complete during each two-year cycle, except for the two-year cycle of initial licensure, the number of hours of board approved continuing education courses that are prescribed by the board, subject to a minimum of twenty-four (24) and a maximum of sixty (60) clock hours. However, for the purposes of the biennial continuing education requirement for dental hygienists, no more than fifty percent (50%) of such continuing education requirement may be earned from on-line or web-based courses. Sponsors of such courses shall submit a sufficient description of course content to the board in order to obtain approval. The board may approve all, part or none of the course at its discretion. Additional procedures for implementing this requirement may be adopted by the board in its regulations. The board may waive all or part of the continuing education requirements in unusual situations in which an applicant for renewal has demonstrated inability to attend such courses not attributable to fault of the applicant. The board shall have discretion to require completion of continuing education courses of a type and number of hours satisfactory to the board in cases involving license renewal of dentists or dental hygienists who have not actively practiced or have been retired from practice for more than two (2) years. In addition to the foregoing, all applicants shall provide proof of current CPR certification by an organization approved by the board unless such requirement is waived by the board in its discretion; provided, that no dentist who obtains a waiver from the board for CPR requirements shall practice dentistry unless a dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant who is currently certified in CPR is present. **(B) (i)** For purposes of this subdivision (c)(1), a live, interactive webinar is: ***(a)*** Considered to be in-person continuing education; and ***(b)*** Not considered remote attendance of an online or web-based course. **(ii)** As used in this subdivision (c)(1)(B), “live, interactive webinar” means an internet-based broadcast in which viewers may interact with a presenter in real time. **(2)** The board may, but is not required to, monitor or verify certificates of completion submitted by applicants for license renewal. In its discretion, by random sample or in individual cases, the board may require proof of attendance or otherwise investigate compliance with this subsection (c). **§63-5-117. License renewal.** **(a)** Each licensed dentist shall pay an annual renewal fee to the board, payable in advance. The secretary of the board shall notify each licensed dentist that such renewal fee is due. **(b)** Each licensed dental hygienist shall pay an annual renewal fee to the board as set by the board, payable in advance, for the ensuing year on or before December 31 of each year, which fees shall become part of the fees of the board and handled in the same manner as other fees of the board. The secretary shall notify all licensed dental hygienists prior to December 31 of each year that the fee is due. **(c)** Each registered dental assistant shall pay a biennial renewal fee to the board as set by the board, payable in advance, for the ensuing two (2) years on or before December 31 of each even year, which fees shall become a part of the fees of the board to be handled in the same manner as other fees of the board. The secretary shall notify all registered dental assistants prior to December 31 of each even year that such fee is due. **(d)** When any licensed dentist, licensed dental hygienist or registered dental assistant fails to register and pay the registration fee within sixty (60) days after

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registration becomes due as provided in this section, the license or certificate of such person shall be automatically revoked at the expiration of sixty (60) days after the registration was required, without further notice or hearing. Any person whose license or certificate is automatically revoked as provided in this subsection (d) may make application in writing to the Tennessee board of dental examiners for the reinstatement of such license or certificate, and, upon good cause being shown, the board in its discretion may reinstate such license or certificate upon payment of all past-due renewal fees and upon the further payment of a sum as set by the board.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the division, with the approval of the commissioner, shall establish a system of license renewals at alternative intervals that will allow for the distribution of the license workload as uniformly as is practicable throughout the calendar year. Licenses issued under the alternative method are valid for twenty-four (24) months and shall expire on the last day of the last month of the license period; however, during a transition period, or at any time thereafter when the board determines that the volume of work for any given interval is unduly burdensome or costly, either the licenses or renewals, or both of them, may be issued for terms of not less than six (6) months nor more than eighteen (18) months. The fee imposed for any license under the alternative interval method for a period of other than twenty-four (24) months shall be proportionate to the annual fee and modified in no other manner, except that the proportional fee shall be rounded off to the nearest quarter of a dollar (25¢).

(2) No renewal application will be accepted after the last day of the month following the license expiration date under the alternative method authorized in subdivision (e)(1).

Tennessee Rules 0460 Rules of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry

§0460-01-.05 CONTINUING EDUCATION AND C.P.R.

(1) Continuing Education - Hours Required (a) Beginning January 1, 2003, each licensed dentist must successfully complete forty (40) hours of continuing education in courses approved by the Board during the two (2) calendar years (January 1st of an odd-numbered year through December 31st of the subsequent even-numbered year) that precede the licensure renewal year. At least two (2) hours of the forty (40) hour requirement shall pertain to chemical dependency education. Dentists who hold limited or comprehensive conscious sedation or deep sedation/general anesthesia permits must also obtain a minimum of four (4) hours of continuing education in the subject of anesthesia and/or sedation as required by Rule 0460-02-.07(8)(c) as part of the required forty (40) hours of continuing education for dental licensure. 1. Example - To renew a license that expires in 2008, a dentist will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed forty (40) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. 2. Example - To renew a license that expires in 2009, a dentist will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed forty (40) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. 3. Example - To renew a license that expires in 2010, a dentist will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed forty (40) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. (b) Beginning January 3, 2003, each licensed dental hygienist must successfully complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education in courses approved by the Board during the two (2) calendar years (January 1st of an odd-numbered year through December 31st of the subsequent even-numbered year) that precede the licensure renewal year. At least two (2) hours of the thirty (30) hour requirement shall pertain to chemical dependency education and prescribing controlled substances. 1. Example - To renew a license that expires in 2008, a dental hygienist will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed thirty (30) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. 2. Example - To renew a license that expires in 2009, a dental hygienist will attest on

	the renewal application that he/she completed thirty (30) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. 3. Example - To renew a license that expires in 2010, a dental hygienist will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed thirty (30) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. (c) Beginning January 3, 2003, each registered dental assistant must successfully complete twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education in courses approved by the Board during the two (2) calendar years (January 1st of an odd-numbered year through December 31st of the subsequent even-numbered year) that precede the registration renewal year. At least two (2) hours of the twenty-four (24) hour requirement shall pertain to chemical dependency education. 1. Example - To renew a registration that expires in 2008, a dental assistant will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. 2. Example - To renew a registration that expires in 2009, a dental assistant will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. 3. Example - To renew a registration that expires in 2010, a dental assistant will attest on the renewal application that he/she completed twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. (d) New licensees and new registrants are exempt from the provisions of subparagraphs (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c) during their initial two (2) calendar year (January 1–December 31) cycle, starting with an odd-numbered year if it is the year of initial licensure or registration, or starting with the odd-numbered year if it precedes an even-numbered initial licensure or registration year. 1. Example - An individual whose new license or registration was granted in 2008 is exempt from the continuing education requirements for the period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2008. 2. Example - An individual whose new license or registration was granted in 2009 is exempt from the continuing education requirements for the period beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2010. 3. Example - An individual whose new license or registration was granted in 2010 is exempt from the continuing education requirements for the period beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2010. (e) The Board approves courses for only the number of hours contained in the course. The approved hours of any individual course will not be counted more than once in a continuing education cycle toward the required hourly total regardless of the number of times the course is attended or completed by any individual licensee. (f) Each practitioner is responsible to attend only courses approved by the Board under Rule 0460-01-.05(3)(d) if credit for continuing education is desired unless prior approval under Rules 0460-01-.05(3)(b) and (e) has been obtained. (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (3)(d), all continuing education courses intended to meet the requirements of Rules 0460-02-.07(6)(a)1.(ii), 0460-02- .07(6)(a)2.(ii), and 0460-02-.07(8)(b) shall have prior approval by an Anesthesia Consultant as provided in Rule 0460-02-.07(11). (2) Continuing Education - Proof of Compliance (a) The due date for successful completion of the required continuing education hours is December 31st of the two (2) calendar years (January 1st of an odd-numbered year through December 31st of the subsequent even-numbered year) that precede the licensure or registration renewal year. (b) Each dentist, dental hygienist, and registered dental assistant must, on their biennial renewal application, attest to attendance and successful completion of the required continuing education hours and that such hours were obtained during the calendar years of report. (c) Each dentist, dental hygienist, and registered dental assistant must retain independent documentation of attendance and completion of all continuing education courses. This documentation must be retained for a period of three (3) years from the end of the calendar year in which the course is completed. This documentation must be produced for inspection and

	verification, if requested in writing by the Board during its verification process. (d) Further, it is the responsibility of the practitioner to obtain documentation in the form of a certificate indicating the name of the practitioner attending such course, title of the course taken, date of the course, number of hours obtained for attending the course, and verification of the approved organization sponsoring the course. (e) Any practitioner who, on their biennial renewal application, attests to attendance and successful completion of the required continuing education which in any way is not true will be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-5-124(a)(1), (2), (3), (7) and (18). (3) Continuing Education Course Approval - Courses to be offered for credit toward the continuing education requirement must, unless otherwise provided, receive prior approval from the Board. (a) Course approval procedure for course providers - Unless otherwise provided, all courses shall be offered within Tennessee. 1. To obtain prior approval the course provider must have delivered to the Board's Administrative Office at least thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board that precedes the course, documentation which includes all of the following items which must be resubmitted if changes are made after receipt of approval from the Board: (i) Course description or outline. (ii) Names of all lecturers. (iii) Brief resume of all lecturers. (iv) Number of hours of educational credit requested. (v) Date of course. (vi) Copies of materials to be utilized in the course. (vii) How verification of attendance is to be documented. 2. Under no circumstances shall continuing education courses be approved if the materials required by subparts (3)(a)1.(i) through (3)(a)1.(vii) are not received at least thirty (30) days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board at which approval is sought that precedes the course. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (3)(a), any clinic, workshop, seminar or lecture at national, regional, state and local meetings of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants will be recognized for continuing education credit by the Board if (i) The course provider has complied with the provisions of parts (3)(a)1. and (3)(a)2.; or (ii) The course provider is exempt from needing prior approval as provided in subparagraph (3)(d). 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (3)(a), out-of-state continuing education providers may seek course approval if they are a dental, dental hygiene, or dental assisting regulatory agency or association from a state that borders Tennessee; and (i) The course provider has complied with the provisions of parts (3)(a)1. and (3)(a)2.; or (ii) The course provider is exempt from needing prior approval as provided in subparagraph (3)(d). (b) Course approval procedure for individual licensees and registrants. 1. Any licensee or registrant may seek approval to receive credit for successfully completing continuing education courses by complying with the provisions of subparagraph (3)(a). 2. To retain course approval, the licensee or registrant must submit a course evaluation form, supplied by the Board, to the Board's Administrative Office within thirty (30) days after successfully completing the course. (c) Continuing Education courses may be presented in any of the following formats: 1. Lecture. 2. Audio or audiovisual - with successful completion of a written post experience examination to evaluate material retention if correspondence course. 3. Correspondence - with successful completion of a written post experience examination to evaluate material retention. 4. Any combination of the above. (d) The following courses and/or activities need not receive prior approval and shall constitute Board-approved continuing education: 1. Courses sponsored or approved by any of the following organizations: (i) American Dental Association or its Constituent or Component Societies. (ii) Academy of General Dentistry or a State Affiliate. (iii) American Dental Hygienists' Association or its Constituent or Component Societies. (iv) Any National, Regional or State Academy or Association of any of the recognized specialty branches of dentistry listed in T.C.A. § 63-5-112. (v) National Dental Association or its Constituent or Component Societies. (vi) National Dental

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	Hygiene Association. (vii) Capital City Dental Society. (viii) American Dental Assistants' Association or its Constituent or Component Societies. (ix) Tennessee Dental Hygienists Academy of Advanced Study. (x) Tennessee Department of Health and its affiliated Metropolitan Health Departments, those being the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Health Department, the Davidson County Health Department, the Jackson Madison County Health Department, the Knox County Health Department, the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, and the Sullivan County Health Department. (xi) Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA). (xii) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). (xiii) Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation. 2. Educational courses sponsored by an accredited school of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assisting. If such course is taken for or assigned quarter or semester credit hours, three (3) semester hours or equivalent quarter hours shall be equivalent to fifteen (15) continuing education hours. No credits will be counted for courses failed. 3. Five (5) hours of continuing education credit shall be granted for attendance at a state, regional or national dental meeting. A maximum of ten (10) continuing education credits may be earned in this category during the continuing education cycle that precedes the licensure or registration renewal year. These hours are in addition to any continuing education courses attended at any of those meetings. 4. Participation at examinations (i) Four (4) hours of continuing education credit shall be awarded each time a licensee participates as an examiner for S.R.T.A. (ii) One (1) hour of continuing education credit shall be awarded each time a licensee participates as an examiner for the coronal polishing examination. 5. Hour-for-hour of continuing education credit will be granted for courses in Advanced (ACLS) or Pediatric (PALS) Cardiac Life Support that are taught in accordance with the "Guidelines" of the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or sponsored by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross during the continuing education cycle that precedes the licensure or registration renewal year. 6. Twenty (20) hours of continuing education credit will be awarded for authorship of publications relevant to the practice of dentistry (e.g., a book, a chapter of a book, or an article or paper published in a professional peer reviewed journal). 7. Four (4) hours of continuing education credit shall be awarded, during each continuing education cycle that precedes the licensure or registration renewal year, to presenters for each hour of an initial presentation of a formal continuing education course that is a didactic and/or a participatory presentation to review or update knowledge of new or existing concepts and techniques. Hour-for-hour credit will be granted for repeat presentations. This category is limited to a maximum of twenty (20) hours continuing education credit during each continuing education cycle that precedes the licensure or registration renewal year. (e) Individual Board members and the Board consultant are vested with the authority to approve continuing education courses submitted in compliance with this rule. All such approvals must be presented to the Board for ratification.. (4) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) (a) Each dentist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant must attest, check a box, and/or enter signature when applying for biennial renewal of licensure or registration, which indicates current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which is defined as successful completion of a BLS for Healthcare Providers, or CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, or an equivalent course, which provides training for healthcare professionals in CPR and the use of an AED. The course must be conducted in person and include a skills examination on a manikin with a certified instructor. (b) The hours necessary to obtain or maintain CPR may be counted as continuing education hours. (c) Each dentist, dental hygienist and registered dental assistant must retain independent documentation of CPR training for a period of three (3) years from the end of the calendar year in which the training is received. Such proof must be produced for inspection and verification, if requested in writing by the Board during its

	verification process. (d) The following organizations are approved by the Board for CPR training: 1. The American Red Cross 2. The American Heart Association 3. Programs offered in hospital settings 4. Any organization which receives approval of specially designed CPR courses from the Board after its review. (5) Waiver of Continuing Education And/Or CPR Training (a) The Board may grant a waiver of the need to attend and complete the required hours of continuing education and/or the required CPR training if it can be shown to the Board that the failure to comply was not attributable to or was beyond the physical capabilities of the person seeking the waiver. (b) Waivers will be considered only on an individual basis and may be requested by submitting the following items to the Board Administrative Office: 1. A written request for a waiver which specifies what requirement is sought to be waived and a written and signed explanation of the reasons for the request. 2. Any documentation which supports the reason for the waiver requested or which is subsequently requested by the Board. (c) A waiver approved by the Board is effective for only the two (2) calendar years (January 1st of an odd-numbered year through December 31st of the subsequent even-numbered year) that precede the licensure renewal year for which the waiver is sought unless otherwise specified in writing by the Board. (d) A dentist may not perform dental procedures if CPR training is waived unless another dentist, a dental hygienist or dental assistant currently trained in CPR is present within the confines of the dental office. (e) The Board Consultant is authorized to grant or deny requests for waivers subject to subsequent Board ratification. (6) Continuing Education for Reactivation of Retired License or Registration - The continuing education hours obtained as a prerequisite for reactivation of licensure or registration may not be counted toward the continuing education hours required to be obtained before the licensee's or registrant's next biennial renewal. (a) Any dentist or dental hygienist who applies for reactivation of a license must comply with the following: 1. If the license has been retired for less than two (2) years, the licensee must submit along with the reactivation request and application, proof or check a box/or enter signature on a Board form which indicates the attendance and completion of one half (½) the number of hours of approved dental-related continuing education required by subparagraphs (1)(a) and (1)(b) of this rule, all of which must have been earned in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding application for reactivation. 2. If the license has been retired for a period of two (2) years or more, but less than five (5) years, the licensee must submit, along with the reactivation request and application, proof or check a box/or enter signature on a Board form which indicates the attendance and completion of twenty four (24) hours of Board approved dental-related continuing education. The continuing education must include at least one (1) course which focuses on and serves as a clinical (in the mouth) refresher and must have been earned in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding application for reactivation. In addition, and at the sole discretion of the Board or its consultant, when information indicates a cause for concern about continued competency, the licensee may be required to contact one of the approved schools of dentistry/hygiene for an evaluation of current competency before reinstatement will be considered. 3. All applicants who have been retired for a period of five (5) years or more must submit, along with the reactivation request and application, proof or check a box/or enter signature on a Board form which indicates the attendance and completion of twenty four (24) hours of Board-approved dental-related continuing education. The continuing education must include at least one (1) course which focuses on and serves as a clinical (in the mouth) refresher and must have been earned in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding application for reactivation. In addition, the licensees shall be required to present themselves to one of the approved schools of dentistry/hygiene for an evaluation of current competency before reinstatement will be considered. Compliance with any educational recommendations of the

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	evaluating school is required before reinstatement will be considered. (b) Any registered dental assistant who applies for reactivation of a registration must comply with the following: 1. If the registrant has been retired for less than two (2) years, the registrant must submit along with the reactivation request and application, proof or check a box/or enter signature on a Board form which indicates the attendance and completion of one-half (½) the number of hours of approved dental-related continuing education required by subparagraph (1)(c) of this rule, all of which must have been earned in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding application for reactivation. 2. If the registrant has been retired for a period of two (2) years or more, but less than five (5) years, the registrant must submit, along with the reactivation request and application, proof or check a box/or enter signature on a Board form which indicates the attendance and completion of twelve (12) hours of continuing education as provided in subparagraph (1)(c) of this rule and must have been earned in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding application for reactivation. 3. All applicants who have been retired for a period of five (5) years or more must submit, along with the reactivation request and application, proof or check a box/or enter signature on a Board form which indicates the attendance and completion of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education as provided in subparagraph (1)(c) of this rule and must have been earned in the twelve (12) months immediately preceding application for reactivation. (c) The dentist, dental hygienist, or registered dental assistant who applies for reactivation of a license must also submit proof or check a box and/or enter signature on a Board form which indicates current training in CPR issued by a Board-approved training organization. The hours required to obtain or maintain CPR training shall not constitute continuing education hours. (d) The Board, upon receipt of a written request and explanation, may waive or condition any or all of the continuing education or CPR requirements for reactivation of a retired license in emergency situations. (e) The Board Consultant is authorized to grant or deny requests for waivers subject to subsequent Board ratification. (7) Violations (a) Any dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who falsely attests to attendance and completion of the required hours of continuing education and/or the CPR training requirement may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-5-124(a)(1), (3), (7) and (18). (b) Any dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who fails to obtain the required continuing education hours and/or CPR training may be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-5-124(a)(1) and (18). (c) Education hours obtained as a result of compliance with the terms of a settlement or Board Orders in any disciplinary action shall not be counted toward the continuing education hours required to be obtained during the two (2) calendar years (January 1st of an odd-numbered year through December 31st of the subsequent even-numbered year) that precede the licensure or registration renewal year. (8) Continuing education - In order to retain a limited or comprehensive conscious sedation or deep sedation/general anesthesia permit, a dentist must: (a) Maintain current certification in ACLS (a pediatric dentist may substitute PALS); or (b) Certify attendance every two (2) years at a Board-approved course comparable to ACLS or PALS and devoted specifically to the prevention and management of emergencies associated with conscious sedation or deep sedation/general anesthesia.

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