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| Initial Licensure Examination Requirements | <p>American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA</p> <p>Parts I and III of ADEX are not required for WREB examinees for examinations taken on or after January 1, 2009.</p> <p>Note: On July 12, 2023, the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board unanimously approved Marquette University School of Dentistry (MUSD) as a dental testing service under Wis. Stat. s. 447.04(1)(a)4 as they satisfy the requirements set forth in Wis. Admin. Code s. DE 2.005(1) and (2). This allows MUSD graduates to be exempt from completing an exam for licensure. This approval will continue until July 12, 2028 unless revoked or renewed by the Board.</p> <p>(Source: Wisconsin Dentist Exam Information on Web Site)</p> |
| General Licensure Requirements | <p><u>Wisconsin Statutes 447.04 Licensure. (1) DENTISTS.</u></p> <p>(a) The examining board shall grant a license to practice dentistry to an individual who does all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Submits an application for the license to the department on a form provided by the department.2. Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).3. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has graduated from an accredited dental school.4. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has passed the national dental examination and the examination of a dental testing service approved by the examining board.5. Passes an examination administered by the examining board on the statutes and rules relating to dentistry. <p>5m. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that he or she has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide such instruction.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Completes any other requirements established by the examining board by rule. <p>(b) Except as provided in par. (c), the examining board may grant a license to practice dentistry to an individual who is licensed in good standing to practice dentistry in another state or territory of the United States or in another country if the applicant complies with all of the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meets the requirements for licensure established by the examining board by rule.2. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that the person has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education qualified to provide such instruction. The examining board shall consult with the department of health services to determine whether an individual, organization, or institution of higher education is qualified to provide instruction under this subdivision.3. Presents the license to the examining board and pays the fee specified under s. 440.05 (2). <p>(c) 1. The examining board shall grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who is licensed in good standing to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction upon presentation of the license and who does all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2). |

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| | <p>b. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that the applicant has been offered employment as a full-time faculty member at a school of dentistry in this state.</p> <p>c. Makes responses during any interview that the examining board may require that demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the examining board, that the applicant is competent to practice dentistry.</p> <p>d. Submits evidence satisfactory to the examining board that the person has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education qualified to provide such instruction. The examining board shall consult with the department of health services to determine whether an individual, organization, or institution of higher education is qualified to provide instruction under this subdivision.</p> <p>2. A license granted under subd. 1. authorizes the license holder to practice dentistry only within educational facilities.</p> <p>3. A license granted under subd. 1. is no longer in effect if the license holder ceases to be employed as a full-time faculty member at a school of dentistry in this state.</p> <p>4. The examining board may promulgate rules to carry out the purposes of this paragraph.</p> |
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[Wisconsin Administrative Code Dentistry Examining Board Chapter DE 2](#)**DE 2.005 Dental testing service and dental hygiene testing service requirements.**

A dental testing service or dental hygiene testing service may be approved if all the testing service's exams meet all of the following requirements:

DE 2.005(1)

- (1) Test clinical knowledge.
- (2) Include a practical component on application of the basic principles utilizing live human patients or simulated patients.

DE 2.01 Application for license.

- (1) An applicant for license as a dentist shall submit all of the following to the board:
 - (a) An application on a form approved by the board.
 - (c) The fee authorized by s. 440.05 (1), Stats.
 - (d) Evidence of successful completion of an examination on the statutes and rules relating to dentistry.
 - (e) Evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental school.
 - (f) Verification from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or other board-approved professional testing services of successful completion of an examination.
 - (g) Verification from a board-approved testing service of successful completion of an examination taken within one year immediately preceding application.
 - (h) Evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services. Note: Application forms are available upon request to the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P. O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.
 - (1m) An applicant for a license as a dentist who is a graduate of a foreign dental school shall submit all of the following to the board:

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| | <p>(a) Evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from a foreign dental school.</p> <p>(b) The information required in sub. (1) (a) to (d), (f) and (g).</p> <p>(d) Evidence of one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Verification of having been awarded a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school.2. Verification of having received a dental diploma, degree or certificate from a full time, undergraduate supplemental dental education program of at least two academic years at an accredited dental school. The program must provide didactic and clinical education to the level of a DDS or DMD graduate. <p>(e) Evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.</p> <p>(2) An applicant for license as a dental hygienist shall meet requirements in sub. (1) (a) through (d) and shall also submit to the board:</p> <p>(a) Verification from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or other board-approved professional testing service of successful completion of an examination on the basic principles of the practice of dental hygiene.</p> <p>(b) Verification from a board-approved testing service of successful completion of an examination taken within one year immediately preceding application.</p> <p>(c) Evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental hygiene school.</p> <p>(d) Evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.</p> <p>DE 2.05 Examination passing score. The score required to pass an examination shall be the recommended passing score of the examination provider.</p> |
| License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements | Wisconsin Administrative Code Dentistry Examining Board Chapter DE 2 DE 2.04 Endorsement <p>1) The board may grant a license as a dentist to an applicant who holds a valid license in good standing issued by the proper authorities of any other jurisdiction of the United States or Canada upon payment of the fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., and submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that all of the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(a) The applicant has graduated from an accredited school of dentistry or the applicant has graduated from a foreign dental school and holds one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school.2. A dental diploma, degree or certificate from a full-time, undergraduate supplemental dental education program of at least 2 academic years at an accredited dental school. The program shall provide didactic and clinical education to the level of a DDS or DMD degree. <p>(b) The applicant submits a certificate from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed stating that no disciplinary action is pending against the applicant or the license, and detailing all discipline, if any, which has ever been imposed against the applicant or the license.</p> |

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| | <p>(e) The applicant has successfully completed a licensing examination that, in the board's judgment, is substantially equivalent to an examination administered by a board-approved testing service, or, alternatively, has successfully completed a board specialty certification examination in a dental specialty recognized by the American Dental Association.</p> <p>(f) The applicant has successfully completed a jurisprudence examination on the provisions of Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules relating to dentistry and dental hygiene.</p> <p>(g) The applicant possesses a current certificate of current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator, achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.</p> <p>(h) The applicant has disclosed all discipline which has ever been taken against the applicant in any jurisdiction shown in reports from the national practitioner data bank and the American Association of Dental Boards.</p> <p>(i) The applicant has presented satisfactory responses during any personal interview with the board which may be required to resolve conflicts between the licensing standards and the applicant's application.</p> <p>(2) The board may grant a license as a dental hygienist to an applicant who holds a license in good standing issued by the proper authorities of any other jurisdiction of the United States or Canada upon payment of the fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., and submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that all of the following conditions are met:</p> <p>(a) The applicant has graduated from a school of dental hygiene accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.</p> <p>(b) The applicant submits a license from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed stating that no disciplinary action is pending against the applicant or the license, and detailing all discipline, if any, which has ever been imposed against the applicant or the license.</p> <p>(d) The applicant has successfully completed an examination that, in the board's judgment, is substantially equivalent to an examination administered by a board approved testing service.</p> <p>(e) The applicant has successfully completed a jurisprudence examination on the provisions of Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules relating to dentistry and dental hygiene.</p> <p>(g) The applicant possesses a current certificate of proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation from a course provider approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.</p> <p>(h) The applicant has disclosed all discipline which has ever been taken against the applicant in any jurisdiction shown in reports from the national practitioner data bank and the American Association of Dental Boards.</p> <p>(i) The applicant has presented satisfactory responses during any personal interview with the board which may be required to resolve conflicts between the licensing standards and the applicant's application.</p> |
| Specialty Practice | <p>Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter DE6 Unprofessional Advertising</p> <p>DE 6.01 Authority. The rules in this chapter are adopted pursuant to authority in s. 447.07 (3) (o), Stats.</p> <p>DE 6.02 Unprofessional advertising. The following, without limitation because of enumeration, constitute unprofessional advertising:</p> <p>(1) Publishing or communicating statements or claims in any media which are</p> |

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| | <p>false, fraudulent or deceptive.</p> <p>(2) Compensating or giving anything of value to media representatives in anticipation of or in return for professional publicity, unless the payment or receipt of an object of value is disclosed to the public.</p> <p>(3) Refusing to honor payment in the amount of an advertised price for a service during the period of time stated in the advertisement.</p> <p>(4) Including in an advertisement:</p> <p>(a) A patient's identity or any identifiable fact, datum or information, without the patient's permission,</p> <p>(b) A name of a dentist who has not been associated with the advertising dentist for the past year or longer,</p> <p>(c) Notice of a practice as a specialist in a dental specialty unless the dentist has successfully completed a post-doctoral educational training program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association in a specialty recognized by the American Dental Association. Advertising as a specialist in a non-American Dental Association-recognized specialty is prohibited.</p> |
| Continuing Education | <p><u>Wisconsin Statutes, Chap 447, Dentistry Examining Board</u></p> <p>447.05 Expiration and renewal. Renewal applications shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the department on or before the applicable renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a) and shall include the applicable renewal fee determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a). The examining board may not renew a license to practice dentistry unless the applicant for renewal attests that he or she has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide such instruction. The examining board may not renew a license to practice dental hygiene unless the applicant for renewal attests that he or she has complied with s. 447.055 and any rules promulgated by the examining board under s. 447.055, that he or she has a current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and that he or she has current proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide such instruction.</p> <p>447.056 Continuing education; dentists. (1) Except as provided in subs. (2) to (4), a person is not eligible for renewal of a license to practice dentistry, other than a permit issued under s. 447.02 (3), unless the person has taught, attended, or otherwise completed, during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), 30 credit hours of continuing education related to the practice of dentistry or the practice of medicine, including not less than 25 credit hours of instruction in clinical dentistry or clinical medicine. Not more than 4 of the 30 hours may be from teaching. Continuing education does not satisfy the requirements under this subsection unless the continuing education is one of the following:</p> <p>(a) Sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or international dental or medical professional organization.</p> <p>(b) A college-level course that is offered by a postsecondary institution accredited by the American Dental Association commission on dental accreditation or a successor agency, or by another recognized accrediting body.</p> |

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| | <p>(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to an applicant for renewal of a license that expires on the first renewal date after the date on which the examining board initially granted the license.</p> <p>(3) Credit hours completed before the 2-year period immediately preceding renewal of a license to practice dentistry may not be applied to fulfill the credit hours required under sub. (1).</p> <p>(4) The examining board may waive the continuing education requirements under sub. (1) if it finds that exceptional circumstances such as prolonged illness, disability, or other similar circumstances have prevented a person licensed to practice dentistry from meeting the requirement.</p> <p>(5) A person who is licensed to practice dentistry shall keep a written record detailing each continuing education credit completed in compliance with sub. (1) and shall maintain the written record for not less than 6 years after the person completes each credit. The examining board may require applicants for renewal of a license to practice dentistry to submit proof of compliance with the requirements of this section.</p> |
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[Wisconsin Administrative Code Dentistry Examining Board Chapter DE 2](#)**DE 2.02 Duration of License**

- (1) Every person granted a license as a dentist shall be deemed licensed for the current biennial license period.
- (2) Every person granted a license as a dental hygienist shall be deemed licensed for the current biennial license period.
- (3) Licensees shall qualify biennially for renewal of license.

DE 2.03 Biennial renewal.

- (1) REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL; DENTISTS. To renew a license a dentist shall, by October 1 of the odd-numbered year following initial licensure and every 2 years thereafter, file with the board all of the following:
 - (a) An application for renewal on a form prescribed by the department.
 - (b) The fee authorized by s. 440.08 (2), Stats.
 - (c) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator, achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.
 - (d) Except as provided in sub. (4), evidence satisfactory to the board of successful completion of the continuing education credit hours required under ch. DE 13.
 - (e) For licensees who hold any sedation permit under ch. DE 11, evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Pediatric Advanced Life Support is required if treating pediatric patients and is a sufficient certification by itself if the licensee is treating both pediatric and adult patients.
- (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL; DENTAL HYGIENISTS. A dental hygienist shall by October 1 of the odd-numbered year following initial licensure and every 2 years thereafter, meet the requirements for renewal specified in sub. (1) (a) to (d).
- (3) FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS. A dentist or dental hygienist who fails to meet the requirements under subs. (1) (a) to (d) and (2) by the renewal date shall cease and desist from dental or dental hygiene practice.
- (4) NEW LICENSEES. Dentists and dental hygienists are not required to satisfy the continuing education requirements under sub. (1) (d) for the first renewal period following the issuance of their initial licenses.

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| | <p>(5) REQUIREMENTS FOR LATE RENEWAL. (a) A dentist or dental hygienist who files an application for renewal of a license within 5 years after the renewal date may renew his or her license by filing with the board all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An application for renewal on a form prescribed by the department.2. The fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 <p>(9) (a), Stats., plus the applicable late renewal fee authorized by s. 440.08 (3), Stats.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator, achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the department of health services.4. Except as provided under sub. (4), evidence satisfactory to the board of successful completion of the continuing education credit hours required under ch. DE 13.5. For licensees who hold any sedation permit under ch. DE 11, evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Pediatric Advanced Life Support is required if treating pediatric patients and is a sufficient certification by itself if the licensee is treating both pediatric and adult patients. <p>(b) This paragraph does not apply to dentists or dental hygienists who have unmet disciplinary requirements. A dentist or dental hygienist renewing the license after 5 years shall do all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pay the renewal fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., and the late renewal fee.2. Submit evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.3. Provide evidence of one of the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. An active license in good standing in another state.b. If a dentist, successful completion of a board approved testing service examination within one year of renewal.c. If a dental hygienist, successful completion of a board approved testing service examination within one year of renewal.d. Completion of a one year general practice residency within one year of renewal.e. Completion of a clinical education program approved by the board.4. For licensees who hold any sedation permit under ch. DE 11, evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Pediatric Advanced Life Support is required if treating pediatric patients and is a sufficient certification by itself if the licensee is treating both pediatric and adult patients. <p>(6) REINSTATEMENT. A dentist or dental hygienist who has unmet disciplinary requirements and failed to renew the license within 5 years or whose license has been denied at renewal, surrendered or revoked may apply to have the license reinstated following submission of all of the following: (a) Evidence of completion of the requirements in sub. (5) (b) if the license has not been active within 5 years. (b) Evidence of completion of the disciplinary requirements, if applicable. (c) Evidence of rehabilitation or change in</p> |
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| | <p>circumstances that indicates reinstatement to practice will not constitute a danger to the public or a patient.</p> <p><u>Wisconsin Administrative Code Dentistry Examining Board Chapter DE 13</u></p> <p>DE 13.02 Definitions. In this chapter:</p> <p>(1) "Accredited" means accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor agency.</p> <p>(2) "Credit hour" means 60 minutes, of which at least 50 minutes are instruction attended by the student.</p> <p>(3) "Professional organization" means an organization that seeks to further the dental, dental hygiene, or medical professions, the interests of licensees engaged in those professions, and the public interests. "Professional organization" includes a study group, as defined in sub. (4).</p> <p>(4) "Study group" means a group of 2 or more dentists or dental hygienists who discuss continuing education topics relating to the practice of dentistry or medicine, or the clinical practice of dental hygiene, and that satisfies all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Has been in existence as a group for at least one year.</p> <p>(b) Meets face-to-face at least once each year to discuss issues.</p> <p>(c) Has adopted by-laws governing the operation of the group.</p> <p>DE 13.03 Continuing Education Requirements for Dentists</p> <p>(1) COMPLETION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS. Except as provided under sub. (6), during the 2- year period immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., a dentist shall complete 30 credit hours of continuing education related to the practice of dentistry or the practice of medicine. The 30 credit hours of continuing education shall include not less than 25 credit hours of instruction in clinical dentistry or clinical medicine. (1m) PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CONTINUING EDUCATION. The 30 credit hours of continuing education shall include 2 hours in the topic of prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of dental pain.</p> <p>(2) CREDIT FOR TEACHING OR PREPARING A PROGRAM. One hour of teaching or preparing a professional dental or medical program is equivalent to one credit hour of continuing education. A licensee who teaches or prepares a professional dental or medical program may obtain credit for the program only once during a biennium. Not more than 4 of the 30 hours may be from teaching.</p> <p>(3) CREDIT FOR COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES. One credit hour of a college level course is equivalent to 6 credit hours of continuing education. A licensee may substitute credit hours of college level courses related to the practice of dentistry or medicine for the required continuing education credit hours.</p> <p>(4) CREDIT FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION. The credit hours required under sub. (1) may be satisfied by independent study, correspondence, or internet programs or courses.</p> <p>(5) CREDIT FOR ACCREDITED RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM. Active enrollment in an accredited post-doctoral dental residency training program for at least 12 months of the current licensure cycle will be accepted as meeting the required 30 credit hours of continuing education.</p> <p>(6) EXEMPTION FOR NEW LICENSEES. Subsection (1) does not apply to an applicant for renewal of a license that expires on the first renewal date after the date on which the applicant is licensed.</p> <p>(7) CERTIFICATION STATEMENT. At the time of each renewal, each licensee</p> |
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| | <p>shall sign a statement certifying that, within the 2 years immediately preceding the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., he or she has completed the continuing education credit hours required under sub. (1).</p> <p>(8) FAILURE TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS. A licensee who fails to complete the continuing education requirements by the renewal date specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., shall not practice dentistry until his or her license is restored under s. DE 2.03 (5).</p> <p>(9) TIME LIMITS ON OBTAINING CREDITS. Credit hours completed before the 2-year period immediately preceding renewal of a license to practice dentistry may not be applied to fulfill the credit hours required under sub. (1).</p> <p>(10) RECORDKEEPING. Every licensee shall maintain a written record of the continuing education hours required under sub. (1) for not less than 6 years after completion of each credit.</p> <p>(11) WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS. The board may waive the continuing education requirements under sub. (1) if it finds that exceptional circumstances such as prolonged illness, disability, or other similar circumstances have prevented a licensee from meeting the requirements.</p> <p>DE 13.05 Criteria for acceptance of continuing education programs.</p> <p>(1) DENTISTS. The board accepts continuing education programs for dentists that satisfy the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The subject matter of the continuing education program relates to the practice of dentistry or the practice of medicine.(b) The continuing education program is one of the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sponsored or recognized by a local, state, regional, national, or international dental or medical professional organization.2. A college level course that is offered by a postsecondary institution accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or a successor agency, or by another recognized accrediting body.3. A study group as specified in s. DE 13.02 (4) |
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