Initial Licensure Examination Requirements	**American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX, CDCA-WREB-CITA), CRDTS+SRTA** Required components for all exams include: (A) Endodontics, including access opening of a posterior tooth and access, canal instrumentation and obturation of an anterior tooth; (B) Fixed Prosthodontics, a full crown procedure and a separate bridge with two (2) abutment preparations. (C) Periodontics, including scaling on a patient or non-patient (manikin) in a clinical setting; and (D) Restorative Dentistry, including a class II amalgam or composite preparation and restoration and a class III composite preparation and restoration on a patient or non-patient (manikin) in a clinical setting. Slot preps shall not be accepted. (Source: Wyoming Administrative Rules, Chapter 3, Section 6(b)(v))
General Licensure Requirements	**Wyoming Statutes 33-15-108. Licensing; qualifications; examinations; fees.** (a) Any person who has a background that does not evidence conduct adverse to the practice of dentistry or to the ability to practice dentistry, who has graduated and attained the degree of doctor of dental surgery or doctor of dental medicine from a college or university in the United States or Canada accredited by the commission on dental accreditation of the American Dental Association, may apply to the board to have the applicant's qualifications considered for licensure to practice dentistry. The applicant shall pass a written and practical examination in a manner satisfactory to the board. The written examination shall consist of part I and part II of the national board of dental examinations administered by the joint commission on national dental examinations of the American Dental Association and an examination on the Wyoming Dental Practice Act and the rules and regulations of the board of dental examiners. The clinical practical examination shall be based on satisfactory completion of a clinical examination acceptable to the board. (b) The board shall set the examination fee and all reexamination fees shall be the same as the current fee for the initial examination. Fees shall be paid to the board office before the examination. The fee shall be paid by money order, cashier's check or certified check, and in no case shall the fee be refunded. (c) The applicant shall be informed in writing by certified mail of the results of his examination within thirty (30) days after the examination. (d) Repealed By Laws 2009, Ch. 181, § 2. (e) If the applicant fails the board examination three (3) times, he shall show evidence of additional education to the satisfaction of the board before he may be reexamined. (f) The board shall keep a record book in which is recorded the names and addresses of all applicants and such other matters as affords a full record of the actions of the board. The records or transcripts of the records, duly certified by the president and secretary of the board with the seal of the board attached, is prima facie evidence before all courts of this state of the entries therein. (g) The board shall make and prescribe all reasonable rules for its government and for the conduct of its business. (h) The board may make and prescribe rules and regulations for the licensure and practice of dentistry in the state of Wyoming, not inconsistent with this act. For purposes of this subsection, "practice of dentistry" includes the work of dental hygienists, dental auxiliaries, dental technicians and dental laboratories.

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	Wyoming Administrative Rules, 034, Chapter 3 Requirements for Licensure and Renewal **Section 6. Dental Licensure by Examination.** (a) Eligibility. An applicant may seek initial licensure if the applicant is not licensed to practice in another jurisdiction, or if licensed in another jurisdiction but that jurisdiction's licensure requirements are not equivalent to Wyoming, or if the applicant fails to meet other licensure methods. (b) Application Requirements. Applicant shall: (i) Submit a completed application and payment of fee; (ii) Submit current certification in BLS; (iii) Request official transcripts from a CODA accredited dental program; (iv) Request score reports documenting successful passage of the INDBE; (v) Request score reports documenting successful passage of a regional clinical examination that indicates competency in: (A) Endodontics, including access opening of a posterior tooth and access, canal instrumentation and obturation of an anterior tooth; (B) Fixed Prosthodontics, a full crown procedure and a separate bridge with two (2) abutment preparations. (C) Periodontics, including scaling on a patient or non-patient (manikin) in a clinical setting; and (D) Restorative Dentistry, including a class II amalgam or composite preparation and restoration and a class III composite preparation and restoration on a patient or non-patient (manikin) in a clinical setting. Slot preps shall not be accepted. (vi) If an applicant has been out of clinical practice for more than one (1) year, the applicant shall submit the following evidence to demonstrate competency: (A) Graduation from a CODA accredited dental program in the preceding twelve (12) months; or (B) Successful completion of a regional clinical examination that meets the criteria in Section 6(b)(v) within the preceding five (5) years and completion of eight (8) hours hands-on clinical CE for each year out of clinical practice. The CE must be earned from a CODA accredited dental program or pre-approved by the ARC prior to completion.
License by Credential/ Endorsement Requirements	Wyoming Administrative Rules, 034, Chapter 3 Requirements for Licensure and Renewal **Section 7. Dental Licensure by Endorsement.** (a) Eligibility. An applicant may seek dental licensure by endorsement if the applicant has a license in good standing in another jurisdiction with licensure requirements equivalent to Wyoming's requirements. (b) Application Requirements. Applicant shall: (i) Submit a completed application and payment of fee; (ii) Submit current certification in BLS; (iii) Submit evidence demonstrating completion of requirements identified in Section 6(b)(iv) and (v). If applicant successfully passed a regional clinical examination as identified in Section 6(b)(v) which did not include a fixed prosthodontics component, applicant shall submit evidence of active clinical practice of 5,000 hours in the last five (5) years or verification of completion of a general practice residency (GPR), advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD), or other specialty practice residency as identified in Chapter 6; (iv) Request verification of an active license in another jurisdiction; (v) Submit a copy of the diploma from a CODA accredited program; and (vi) If an applicant has been out of clinical practice for less than five (5) years, the applicant shall submit the following evidence to demonstrate competency:

	(A) Active clinical practice of 1,000 hours in the last twelve (12) months; (B) Successful completion of a regional clinical examination that meets the criteria in Section 6(b)(v) within twelve (12) months; or (C) Completion of eight (8) hours of hands-on clinical continuing education for each year not actively practicing. The CE must be earned from a CODA accredited dental program or pre-approved by the ARC prior to completion. (vii) If an applicant has been out of active clinical practice for more than five (5) years, the applicant shall submit the following evidence to demonstrate competency: (A) Successful completion of a regional clinical examination within twelve (12) months; and (B) Completion of eight (8) hours of hands-on clinical continuing education for each year not actively practicing. The CE must be earned from a CODA accredited dental program or pre-approved by the ARC prior to completion.
Specialty Practice	**Wyoming Administrative Rules 034, Chapter 6, Section 5. Veracity.** This principle expresses the concept that professionals have a duty to be honest and trustworthy in their dealings with people. Under this principle, the dentist's primary obligations include respecting the position of trust inherent in the dentist-patient relationship, communicating truthfully and without deception, and maintaining intellectual integrity. (p) **Announcement of Specialization**. A dentist shall not advertise or otherwise hold himself or herself out to the public as a specialist, or use any variation of the term, in an area of practice if the communication is false or misleading. (i) It shall be false or misleading for a dentist to hold himself or herself out to the public as a specialist, or any variation of that term, in a practice area unless the dentist: (A)has completed a qualifying postdoctoral educational program in that area as set forth in subsection (ii) of this rule; or (B) holds a current certification by a qualifying specialty board or organization as set forth in subsection (iii) of this rule. (ii) For purposes of this rule, a "qualifying postdoctoral educational program" is a postdoctoral advanced dental educational program accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. (iii) In determining whether an organization is a qualifying specialty board or organization, the Board shall consider the following criteria: (A) whether the organization requires completion of an educational program with didactic, clinical, and experiential requirements appropriate for the specialty or subspecialty field of dentistry in which the dentist seeks certification, and the collective didactic, clinical and experiential requirements are similar in scope and complexity to a qualifying postdoctoral educational program. Programs that require solely experiential training, continuing education classes, on-the-job training, or payment to the specialty board shall not constitute a qualifying specialty board or organization; (B) whether the organization requires all dentists seeking certification to pass a written or oral examination, or both, that tests the applicant's knowledge and skill in the specialty or subspecialty area of dentistry and includes a psychometric evaluation for validation; (C) whether the organization has written rules on maintenance of certification and requires periodic recertification; (D) whether the organization has written by-laws and a code of ethics to guide the practice of its members;

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	(E)whether the organization has staff to respond to consumer and regulatory inquiries; and (F) whether the organization is recognized by another entity whose primary purpose is to evaluate and assess dental specialty boards and organizations. (iv) A dentist qualifying under subsection (iii) of this rule and advertising or otherwise holding himself or herself out to the public as a specialist, or any variation of that term, shall disclose in the advertisement or communication the specialty board by which the dentist was certified and provide information about the certification criteria or where the certification criteria may be located. (v) A dentist shall maintain documentation of either completion of a qualifying postdoctoral educational program or of his or her current specialty certification and provide the documentation to the Board upon request. Dentists shall maintain documentation demonstrating that the certifying board qualifies under the criteria in subsection (iii) of this rule and provide the documentation to the Board upon request. (q)Superior Designation. A dentist shall not hold himself out as an expert or imply superiority. (r)General Practitioner Announcement of Services. General dentists who wish to announce the services available in their practices are permitted to announce the availability of those services so long as they avoid any communication that express or imply specialization. General dentist shall also state that the specialty services are being provided by general dentists. That disclaimer shall appear in same font and size as the advertised specialty service. A dentist shall not announce available services in any way that would be false or misleading in any material respect.
Continuing Education	**Wyoming Statutes 33-15-109. Renewal license certificate.** (a) On or before December 31 each year, each dentist licensed to practice dentistry in this state and wishing to continue in the practice of dentistry shall submit a license renewal application with the applicable renewal fee. Any license granted by the board shall be cancelled after ten (10) days notice by registered mail if the holder fails to secure the renewal certificate within three (3) months after December 31 each year. (b) Any dentist whose application for renewal indicates that the dentist has not actively practiced dentistry or engaged in teaching dentistry or dental hygiene for the preceding five (5) years shall be issued a renewal certificate only after demonstrating to the board that the dentist has maintained the qualifications set forth in this act. The board may require reexamination if it finds good cause to believe that the person has not maintained the professional ability and knowledge required of an original licensee. (c) The board may set continuing education requirements for renewal certificates and relicensure certificates. The board shall require three (3) hours of continuing education related to the responsible prescribing of controlled substances every two (2) years. **Wyoming Administrative Rules, 034, Chapter 3 Requirements for Licensure and Renewal** **Section 10. Annual Licensure Renewal.** (a) Expiration. (i) All dental and dental hygiene licenses shall expire December 31 of every second year. (ii) Unless a licensee timely renews their license, the licensee shall not practice after their expiration date. (b) Renewal Application. A dental or dental hygiene licensee seeking renewal shall:

	(i) Submit a completed renewal application and payment of fee; (ii) Verify current certification in BLS; and (iii) Acquire sixteen (16) hours of CE that complies with Section 11. (iv) Verify active clinical practice within the preceding five (5) years. (c) Competency Requirement. After five (5) years of inactive clinical practice, an applicant shall demonstrate competency by successful completion of regional clinical examination that meets the requirements in Section 6(b)(v) for dentists and Section 8(b)(v) for dental hygienists. **Section 11. Continuing Education Requirements.** (a) Renewal Period. CE shall be obtained January 1 of even years through December 31 of odd years. The first CE period begins on January 1st following the date the license was issued. (i) For a new hygienist with a license issued in an even year, the licensee shall submit eight (8) hours of CE. (ii) For a new dentist with a license issued in an even year, the licensee shall submit eight (8) hours of CE, three (3) of which must be related to the responsible prescribing of controlled substances. (b) CE Content. (i) The subject matter shall relate directly to the professional competence of the licensee or patient care rendered by the licensee. Acceptable CE subjects include, but are not limited to, the following clinical subjects relating to the dental profession: oral surgery, operative dentistry, oral pathology, preventive dentistry, orthodontics, clinical patient management, pediatric dentistry, oral biology, periodontics, prosthodontics, dental materials, implantology, radiology, infection control, endodontics, management of medical emergencies, dental anesthesiology, professional ethics, and pharmacology. (ii) Unacceptable subjects include, but are not limited to, practice building and business management courses. (iii) CE may be acquired in any jurisdiction. (iv) CE earned in excess of the sixteen (16) hours required for renewal may not be carried forward to apply toward the next renewal period. (c) Of the required sixteen (16) hours, a dentist shall obtain three (3) hours of CE related to the responsible prescribing of controlled substances every two (2) years. This requirement shall not apply to dental hygienists. (d) Waiver. The Board may grant a waiver for CE requirements to licensees who have petitioned and demonstrated just cause based on extenuating circumstances. (e) CE Audit. (i) The licensee shall maintain evidence of CE compliance for at least four (4) years after the renewal period in which the course was applied. (ii) Failure to provide the documents requested for audit within thirty (30) days may subject the licensee to disciplinary action. (iii) If the Board disallows any CE, the licensee shall have one hundred twenty (120) days from notice of such disallowance to: (A) Provide evidence that the disallowed CE meet the criteria established by these rules; (B) Provide documentation of having acquired additional CE during the required time frame; or (C) Resolve the disallowance by acquiring the required number of CE. (D) Any CE activity completed past the renewal date to resolve a disallowance may not be reported on subsequent applications for license renewal.

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	(iv) If a licensee fails to complete the required number of CE, the licensee shall be subject to disciplinary action. **Section 12. Failure to Timely Renew.** (a) Unlicensed Practice. Failure to timely renew may subject the licensee to disciplinary action for unlicensed practice. (b) Administrative Grace Period. (i) The administrative grace period shall be from January 1st to March 31st following the renewal period. (ii) Licensees who failed to timely renew may apply for renewal during the administrative grace period. However, licensees shall not practice until the Board approves their license. (iii) Licensees who failed to timely renew shall: (A) Submit a completed renewal application and payment of fee; (B) Verify current certification in BLS; and (C) Complete CE that meets the requirements in Section 11. (iv) On April 1st following the renewal period, any license not renewed shall lapse. **Section 13. Lapsed License.** (a) If a dental license lapses, the dentist shall apply for relicensure. (b) If a dental hygiene license lapses, the dental hygienist may restore their lapsed license until December 31st of the year the license lapsed. After December 31st, the dental hygienist shall apply for relicensure.

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