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- ◆ Submit a complete Out of State Licensure Certification Form or provide a verification letter from each State/Country in which you are licensed.
- ◆ Signature Authorizing the Board to query the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

Social Security Requirement

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 30, the Board is **not** permitted to process any license application or renewal unless the applicant provides his or her social security number or federal employer identification number on the application.

Initial License Application

Once an applicant has completed the application process and has been approved for a license they will be sent an "Application for Issuance of the License Number Form".

California dental licenses expire every two years on the last day of the month of the licensee's birthday. The first license fee will be pro-rated to the remainder of months in the license cycle, as explained on the application.

The Board has 7-10 business days to issue a license from receipt of the application. The pocket and wall license will be issued within 30 days. A prospective employer may verify a license on-line by visiting our website at www.dbc.ca.gov.

DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Mail your Application to:

Dental Board of California
Licensing & Examination Unit
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550
Sacramento, CA 95815

Our fax number is:
(916) 263-2140

For questions on an application, call:
1-877-729-7789 (toll free)

Or
(916) 263-2300

For information visit our website:

www.dbc.ca.gov

California Dental Licensure Examination

www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/exam_clinical.shtml

Licensure by Residency

www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/lic_by_residency.shtml

Licensure after Successful Completion of the WREB Examination

www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/exam_wreb_geninfo.shtml

Licensure by Credential

www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/lic_by_cred.shtml

The mission of the Dental Board of California is to protect and promote the health and safety of consumers by licensing those dental health care professions who demonstrate competency, taking action to enforce compliance with the Dental Practice Act, the laws of the State of California and enhancing the education of licentiates and consumers.

How To Become a Licensed Dentist



Licensing & Examination Unit

Dental Board of California

The State agency that licenses dentists investigates complaints and disciplines those who violate the law.



Pathway to Licensure in California

General Requirements for Licensure in California

- ◆ Be at least 18 years of age.
- ◆ Provide satisfactory evidence of having graduated from a dental school program approved by CODA or the Board:
- ◆ Provide satisfactory evidence of having passed parts I & II of the National Board Written Examination. (Not required for LBC)
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Fingerprint Fee: \$51.00 (Live Scan applicants pay fee at time of services)
<http://www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/fingerprinting.shtml>
- ◆ Submit a completed Out of State/Country Licensure Certification form or provide a verification of licensure letter from each State/Country in which you are licensed:
- ◆ Successful completion of the California Law and Ethics Examination.

California Dental Licensure Examination

In addition to the general requirements for licensure to be eligible to take the examination applicants must complete the following:

- ◆ Submit a completed application:
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_clinical.pdf
- ◆ Pay a fee of \$550.00 which includes:
 - Application Fee: \$100.00
 - Examination Fee: \$450.00
- ◆ Provide satisfactory evidence of financial responsibility or liability insurance for injuries sustained or claimed to be sustained by a dental patient during the course of the examination:

Candidates are currently tested in the following subjects:

- ◆ Endodontics (Written)
- ◆ Removable Prosthodontics (Written)
- ◆ California and Ethics (Written)
- ◆ Fixed Prosthetics (Simulated)
- ◆ Periodontics (Written and Clinical)
- ◆ Class II Amalgam Restoration (Clinical)
- ◆ Class III or IV Composite Resin Restoration (Clinical)

Licensure after Successful Completion of the WREB Examination

In addition to the general requirements you must have successfully passed the WREB examination after January 1, 2005 to be eligible for licensure.

Prior to applying all applicants must:

- ◆ Submit a completed application:
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_wreb.pdf
- ◆ Pay an application fee of \$100.00
- ◆ Submit an Original or Duplicate Original Success Card.

Licensure by Residency

In addition to the general requirements, you must have completed either: a 1-year general practice residency (GPR), or 1-year advance education in general dentistry (AEGD) program that is approved by the American Dental Association's (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

- ◆ Submit a completed application:
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_lbr.pdf
- ◆ Pay an application fee of \$100.00.
- ◆ Submit a completed residency completion form;
- ◆ Provide satisfactory evidence of not failing the California Dental Licensure Examination and the WREB examination within the last 5 years

Licensure by Credential (LBC)

Applicants are eligible to apply for licensure by credential if they have a current license in another State. Applicants must complete the following:

- ◆ Be currently licensed in another State

- ◆ Submit a completed application to the Application to Establish Eligibility for Licensure by Credential (LBC-1):
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_lbc1.pdf
- ◆ Pay an Application fee of \$283.00, if classified print cards are provided a \$51.00 fee also is required, (Live Scan applicants pay a fee at time of services)
<http://www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/fingerprinting.shtml>
- ◆ Pathways for Licensing by Credentials and forms required:
 - 5,000 Clinical practice hours in five of the seven consecutive years: Form Certification of the Clinical Practice of Dentistry (LBC-3)
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_lbc3.pdf is required.
 - 3,000 Clinical practice hours plus a completion of a Residency training Program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission: Form Certification of the Clinical Practice of Dentistry (LBC-3)
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_lbc3.pdf and a Copy of Residency Certificate is required.
 - 2 year pending contract for clinical practice; Form Verification of Pending Contract for Clinical Practice (LBC-5)
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_lbc5.pdf and a copy of pending contract required.
 - 2 year pending contract for faculty practice; Form Verification of Pending Contract for Faculty Practice (LBC-6)
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_lbc6.pdf and a copy of Pending contract required.
- ◆ 50 Continuing Education Credits with in the last two years which must include mandatory courses below:
http://www.dbc.ca.gov/licensees/cont_education.shtml California Infection Control, California Dental Practice Act and Basic Life Support card Approved by American Red Cross or American Heart Association