

You Have Passed Your Exams. Now What?

Obtaining Licensure

To obtain your dental licensure, all states require the applicants to:

1. Graduate from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental school earning a DMD or DDS,
2. Pass the written National Board Dental Exams* Part I and Part II, and
3. Pass a clinical exam administered by the state testing agency where you plan to practice.

*The NBDE Part I will be discontinued as of October 31, 2020. The NBDE Part II will be discontinued on August 1, 2022. No further administrations of the NBDE will be provided after the aforementioned dates. The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE) will combine the NBDE Part I and Part II into a singular Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE).

Attain Your State License

Candidates are eligible to apply for a dental license once the educational, written examination, and clinical examination requirements are met. All students graduating dental school and entering private practice who have met all of these requirements need to apply for and secure a state license where they will be practicing dentistry.

Connecticut

www.ct.gov/dph/site/default.asp

Maine

www.maine.gov/portal/index.html

Massachusetts

www.mass.gov/dph/boards/dn

New Hampshire

www.oplc.nh.gov/dental/licensing.htm

New Jersey

www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/den

New York

www.op.nysesd.gov/prof/dent/

North Carolina

www.ncdentalboard.org

Pennsylvania

www.dos.state.pa.us/dent

Rhode Island

<https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=251>

Vermont

<https://sos.vermont.gov/dental-examiners/>

Virginia

www.dhp.virginia.gov/dentistry/

Attain Your DEA License – Form 224

In addition to securing your state license, you will also need your federal and state DEA licenses. These licenses are needed to write prescriptions. Any dentist who prescribes controlled substances in Schedules II, III, IV, or V must register with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration every three years. The term dispense is defined as: (a) prescribing a controlled substance to be filled at a pharmacy; (b) giving a patient a controlled substance to take later; and (c) giving a patient a controlled substance to swallow or through injection. New DEA license applications (Form 224) are processed within 4 to 6 weeks. Renewal applications (DEA Form 224a) are processed within approximately 4 weeks and the license is to be renewed every three years.

Applying for your Federal DEA License

Visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/online_forms_apps.html

Applicants for the federal DEA license should contact the local state licensing authority prior to completing the application. If your state requires a separate controlled substance number, you will need to provide that number on the application.