

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS

Please review each licensure method and its requirements to determine which method you will select when registering to use the online application portal. Please note, a licensure method is required before entering application materials. Choosing the correct method will ensure your application is processed in a timely manner.

DENTAL HYGIENIST APPLICATION LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

All dental hygiene applicants for licensure by examination in Idaho must have successfully completed a board approved clinical examination within the 5 years immediately preceding application as well as a Board approved local anesthesia examination(written & clinical). As of 04/01/2022 the board will accept manikin-based clinical hygiene examinations. Clinical hygiene examinations taken prior to 04/01/2022 must have been patient-based

DENTAL HYGIENIST APPLICATION LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS

Applicants for licensure by credentials must hold an active license in another state and meet the minimum licensure and clinical practice requirements. For dental hygiene the applicant has been licensed for at least one year, and the applicant has practiced a minimum of 1,000 hours in the two years immediately preceding the date of application. All dental hygiene applicants for licensure by credentials in Idaho must have successfully completed a board approved clinical examination, a written and clinical local anesthesia examination. As of 04/01/2022 the board will accept manikin-based clinical hygiene examinations. Clinical hygiene examinations taken prior to 04/01/2022 must have been patient-based. Approved local anesthesia examinations include CRDTS (if taken in 2018), WREB, or Washington State. An applicant who meets all other requirements to be licensed as a dental hygienist by credentials, but has not completed the required local anesthesia examination, may be provisionally licensed to practice dental hygiene without local anesthesia for a period of not more than one (1) year, during which the local anesthesia examination must be successfully completed to qualify for continued licensure.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current BLS Certification
- National Board Scores (Authorization for online access by State of Idaho from the Joint Commission on National Dental Hygiene Examinations)
- Original or Notarized Copy of Clinical Examination Results*
- Original or Notarized Copy of Local Anesthesia Examination Results*
- Official Transcripts (Transcripts must have degree posted and must be sent in a sealed envelope. The Board of Dentistry will also accept an electronic copy of transcripts. Electronic transcripts must come from the school and can be emailed to sbd-info@dopl.idaho.gov.)
- Jurisprudence Exam (This will be emailed to the applicant upon receipt of the application.)

**Applicants may login and view/print their exam results from WREB or CDCA. These results may be printed and uploaded with the application. If you are unsure if you have access to these results, please contact the testing agency.*

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDENTIALS

- Proof of Clinical Practice Affidavit (Affidavits must be received from two (2) individuals with direct knowledge of applicant's clinical practice history. These individuals cannot be immediate family members (e.g. spouse, child, parent). This form can be found on the Board's website under the "Forms" tab.)
- Sterling Report (You will be required to obtain a criminal background report through Sterling, information on how to obtain the report will be sent to you upon receipt of your application by the Idaho Board of Dentistry.)

PROCESSING TIMES After submission of an application, you will receive an email acknowledgement from the Board of Dentistry within 1-3 business days.