

MICHIGAN DENTISTRY LICENSING GUIDE

ELIGIBILITY FOR DENTIST LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)

- Graduate from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association (ADA) OR graduate from a foreign dentistry school and complete a two-year program in a CODA/ADA-accredited program that leads to either the awarding of a DDS or DMD degree or a master's degree or certificate in a dental specialty.
- Pass Parts I and II of the National Board Dental Examinations (NBDE) administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.
- Pass the ADEX Dental Examination (including the periodontal section) administered by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA). If you have passed another regional examination, arrange for the exam scores to be submitted to the Michigan Board. You may still be required to pass the ADEX Diagnostic Skills Examination (DSE).
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Dentist by Examination license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$120 fee. If also applying for a controlled substance license, the fee is \$205.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR DENTIST LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state for a minimum of 5 years)

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Meet the educational requirements listed under License by Examination.
- Arrange for submission of state or regional exam results to Department.
- Submit the Dentist by Endorsement license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$120 fee. If also applying for a controlled substance license, the fee is \$205.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR DENTAL LIMITED LICENSE

- Graduate from a CODA/ADA accredited dental school or from a foreign dental school.
- Must be appointed to a clinical or non-clinical academic program or enrolled in a post-graduate educational program.
- Submit the Dental Limited license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$50 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR DENTAL SPECIALTY LICENSE (Michigan issues separate specialty licenses for Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, and Oral Pathology)

- Must hold a current Michigan dentist license.
- Graduate from a CODA/ADA accredited dental specialty program.
- There is no specialty examination requirement for Oral and Maxillofacial surgery or Periodontics.
- Endodontists, Orthodontists, Pediatric Dentists, and Prosthodontists must pass the appropriate American Board written examination or hold Diplomate status.
- Oral Pathologists must pass the complete American Board Certifying Examination or hold Diplomate status.
- If licensed as a dental specialist in another state and do not meet the examination requirements for your specialty, submit detailed information about the examination you took to obtain your license. It is possible that you will need to take an examination for a Michigan specialty license.
- Submit the Dental Specialty license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$45 fee.

ELIGIBILITY FOR RDH LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)

- Graduate from a CODA/ADA-accredited dental hygiene program.
- Pass Parts I and II of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.
- Pass the ADEX Regional Dental Hygiene Examination. If you have passed another regional examination, arrange for the exam scores to be submitted to the Michigan Board. You may still be required to pass the ADEX Computer Simulated Clinical Examination (CSCE).
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Dental Hygienist by Examination license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$45 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR RDH LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state for a minimum of 3 years)

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Graduate from a CODA/ADA-accredited dental hygiene program.
- Pass Parts I and II of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE) administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.
- Meet the educational requirements listed under License by Examination.
- Arrange for submission of state or regional exam results to Department.
- Submit the Dental Hygienist by Examination license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$45 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION TO ADMINISTER LOCAL ANESTHESIA

- Must hold a current RDH license in Michigan.
- Current certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.

- Complete required training in the administration of local anesthesia (minimum 15 hours of didactic instruction and 14 hours of clinical experience).
- Pass the ADEX CDCA Local Anesthesia Examination.
- Submit the Dental Hygienist Local Anesthesia Certification application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$10 fee.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION TO ADMINISTER NITROUS OXIDE ANALGESIA

- Must hold a current RDH license in Michigan.
- Current certification in basic or advanced cardiac life support.
- Complete required training in the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia (minimum 4 hours of didactic instruction and 4 hours of clinical experience).
- Pass the ADEX CDCA Nitrous Oxide Examination.
- Submit the Dental Hygienist Nitrous Oxide Certification application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$10 fee.

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED RDH LICENSE

- Graduate from a CODA/ADA-accredited dental hygiene program.
- Must be appointed to a clinical or non-clinical academic program or enrolled in a post-graduate educational program.
- Submit the Dental Hygienist Limited license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$30 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.

ELIGIBILITY FOR RDA LICENSE BY EXAMINATION (first license)

- Graduate from a CODA/ADA-accredited dental assisting program.
- Proof of competency in applying and removing a dental dam.
- If graduated from CODA/ADA-accredited program prior to March 2004, complete an additional 35 hours of clinical and didactic instruction in expanded functions.
- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Submit the Registered Dental Assistant license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$100 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
- Pass the Michigan Clinical and Written RDA Examination.

ELIGIBILITY FOR RDA LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT (currently licensed in another state)

- Arrange for submission of verification of licensure in any state where licensed, even if the license is no longer active.
- Graduate from a CODA/ADA-accredited dental assisting program. If program did not include expanded functions, complete an additional 35 hours of clinical and didactic instruction.
- Submit the Registered Dental Assistant license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$100 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.
- Pass the Michigan Clinical and Written RDA Examination.

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED RDA LICENSE

- Graduate from a CODA/ADA-accredited dental assisting program.
- Must be appointed to a clinical or non-clinical academic program or enrolled in a post-graduate educational program.
- Submit the Registered Dental Assistant Limited license application found at http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-27417_27529_27533---,00.html to the Michigan Board with a \$20 fee.
- A fingerprint report and criminal background check are required. Fingerprints must be taken using the instructions and ID numbers that are sent to the applicant after the license application and fee are received.