

Article VIII  
**REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE OF  
DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

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- A. A dentist who desires to practice his/her profession in the State of Arkansas under Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-82-304 may apply to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for a license to practice pursuant to the following requirements:
1. Completion of a Board application with photograph taken within the last six months, signed on the last page before a Notary Public.
  2. Be a graduate of a school for the education and training of dentists approved by the Board and accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation.
  3. Final transcript of grades from the school of dentistry sent directly from the school to the Board office. Transcript must bear the school seal.
  4. Copy of diploma reflecting graduation from a school of dentistry.
  5. Successful completion of the National Board Examination for Dentistry, administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. A copy of the results must be sent directly from the Joint Commission to the Board office. Copies of the card will not be accepted. Successful completion shall mean a minimum of 75% on each segment of the examination.
  6. ~~Satisfactory completion of a clinical examination, which will be administered by the Southern Regional Testing Agency. Satisfactory completion shall mean a minimum score of 75% on each segment of the examination.~~ Satisfactory completion of a clinical examination, which will be administered by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners or any regional testing agency whose examination is accepted by the ASBDE for the initial licensure of a dentist. Satisfactory completion shall mean a minimum score of 75% on each segment of the examination.
  7. Completion of other forms as requested by the Board.
  8. A copy of a certificate showing current Healthcare Provider Level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.
- B. A dental hygienist who desires to practice his/her profession in the State of Arkansas under Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-82-306 may apply to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for a license to practice pursuant to the following requirements:
1. Completion of a Board application with photograph taken within the last six months, signed on the last page before a Notary Public.
  2. Be a graduate of a school for the education and training of dental hygienists approved by the Board and accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation.

3. Final transcript of grades from the school of dental hygiene sent directly from the school to the Board office. Transcript must bear the school seal.
4. A copy of diploma reflecting graduation from a school of dental hygiene.
5. Successful completion of the National Board examination for Dental Hygiene, administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. A copy of the results must be sent directly from the Joint Commission to the Board office. Copies of the card will not be accepted. Successful completion shall mean a minimum of 75% on each segment of the examination.
6. Satisfactory completion of a clinical examination, which will be administered by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners or any regional testing agency whose examination is accepted by the ASBDE for the initial licensure of dental hygienists. Satisfactory completion shall mean a minimum score of 75% on each segment of the examination.
7. Completion of other forms as requested by the Board.
8. A copy of a certificate showing current Healthcare Provider Level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.