

## DENTAL HYGIENIST

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| <b>Licensing Authority</b>                 | <p><b>Linda Pickering</b><br/> <b>Board of Dental Examiners</b><br/> <b>Iowa Department of Public Health</b><br/> <b>400 SW 8th St Ste D</b><br/> <b>Des Moines IA 50309-4687</b><br/> <b>Phone: (515) 242-6369</b><br/> <b>Fax: (515) 281-7969</b><br/> <b>E-mail: lpicker@bon.state.ia.us</b></p>   |
| <b>Legal Authority</b>                     | Code of Iowa 153  |
| <b>Job Description</b>                     | Dental hygienists provide direct patient care under the supervision of a dentist. Patient care includes removal of deposits and stains from patients' teeth, exposing and developing dental x-ray films, performing various preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic and educational services.   |
| <b>Education &amp; Experience Required</b> | <p>Application for licensure must be made to the Board of Dental Examiners on the form provided by the Board along with satisfactory evidence of graduation from an accredited school of dental hygiene and completion of the proper examinations (below).</p> <p>Dental hygienists are required to make separate application for issuance of a local anesthesia permit prior to administering local anesthesia.</p> <p>If applying for a license by credentials, the applicant must be a graduate of an accredited school, pass a clinical exam, and have three years experience as a dental hygienist. Application by credentials applies to those persons who are planning to move to Iowa, but who are currently practicing in another state.</p> |
| <b>Continuing Education</b>                | <p>Thirty hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal. Mandatory training for child abuse and dependent adult abuse reporting is required. Applicant must also have a current course completion card in CPR.</p>  |
| <b>Examination</b>                         | Applicant must take the National Board administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations <i>and</i> the clinical examination of the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), 1725 Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66604 <i>or</i> the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), 9201 N 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave Ste 185, Phoenix, AZ 85021, if taken after Jan. 1, 2001, <i>and</i> a jurisprudence exam administered by the Iowa Board.  |
| <b>Fees</b>                                | <p>Application: \$50 by examination<br/>           \$100 by credential</p> <p>Duration: Two years</p> <p>Renewal: \$120 (Active or Inactive)</p> <p>Exam: Paid to CRDTS or WREB</p> <p>Other: Applications for license renewal must be made in writing to the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners 30 days prior to the expiration of license, accompanied by the appropriate fee. Renewals are issued for two years.</p>   |

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| <b>SOC Code,<br/>Title &amp; Avg.<br/>Hourly Wage</b> | 29-2021 – Dental Hygienists (\$24.43)  |
| <b>Number of<br/>Licenses<br/>Issued</b>              | Total number of licenses active as of December 31,<br>2003: 1,514<br>2002: 1,418<br>2001: 1,411<br>2000: 1,344   |
| <b>For Additional<br/>Information</b>                 | <p>Commission on Dental Accreditation<br/>American Dental Association<br/>211 E Chicago Ave Ste 1814<br/>Chicago IL 60611</p> <p>American Dental Hygienists Association<br/>444 N Michigan Ave Ste 3400<br/>Chicago IL 60611</p> <p>Iowa Dental Association<br/>505 5th Ave Ste 333<br/>Des Moines IA 50309-2379</p> <p>Iowa Dental Hygienists Association<br/>2131 First Ave SE<br/>Cedar Rapids IA 52402</p> |