

DENTAL HYGIENIST

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa 153

Job Description 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.

Education & Experience Required 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).

Dental hygienists are required to make separate application for issuance of a local anesthesia permit prior to administering local anesthesia.

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.

Continuing Education Thirty hours of continuing education are required biennially for license renewal.

Examination Applicant must take the National Board administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations *and* the clinical examination of the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), 1725 Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66604 *or* the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), 9201 N 25th Ave Ste 185, Phoenix, AZ 85021, if taken after Jan. 1, 2001, *and* a jurisprudence exam administered by the Iowa Board.

Fees Application: \$50 by examination
\$100 by credential
Duration: Two years
Renewal: \$120 (Active or Inactive)
Exam: Paid to CRDTS or WREB
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 with the appropriate fee. Renewals are issued for two years.

SOC Code, Title & Avg. Hourly Wage 29-2021 – Dental Hygienists (\$21.75)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2001: 1,411
2000: 1,344

For Additional Information Commission on Dental Accreditation
American Dental Association
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Chicago IL 60611

American Dental Hygienists Association
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