

DENTIST

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa 153

Job Description Dentists examine teeth and tissues of the mouth to diagnose and treat diseases or abnormalities. They take x-rays, place protective plastic shields on children's teeth, fill cavities, straighten teeth, repair fractured teeth, treat gum disease, extract teeth when necessary, may provide artificial dentures, perform corrective surgery of the gums and supporting bones, clean teeth and provide other preventive 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 dental college and completion of the proper examinations (below).

Dentists are required to make separate application for issuance of a permit to administer deep sedation/general anesthesia or conscious sedation.

If applying for a license by credentials, the applicant must be a graduate of an accredited school, pass a clinical exam, and have five years experience. 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 Applicants must take the National Board administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations *and* apply to the Central Regional Dental Testing Service Inc. (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 examination administered by the Iowa Board.

Fees Application: \$100 – by examination
\$275 – by credential
Duration: Two years
Renewal: \$240 (Active or Inactive)
Exam: Paid to CRDTS or WREB

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 29-1020 – Dentists (\$65.45)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2001: 1,879
2000: 1,903

For Additional Information American Association of Dental Schools
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Chicago IL 60611

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