

MAINE BOARD OF DENTAL PRACTICE

Application Checklist for Dental Hygiene Practice Authorities

LOCAL ANESTHESIA AUTHORITY In addition to the requirement that the applicant have an active license as a dental hygienist in Maine, the following is a list of required items when filing an online application. Some of the items can be submitted directly by the applicant, submitted directly from a third party such as an academic institution verifying a qualifying program, or Board staff verifying passage of qualifying examination scores.

- Verification of successful completion of a board approved local anesthesia course submitted directly by the program or academic institution. Link to access the form: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/certificate_of_completion_form.pdf; and
- Verification of successful completion of a board approved examination in the administration of local anesthesia. (Examination may be part of a board-approved local anesthesia course.)
- Payment of \$100.00 in fees (includes \$50.00 application fee, and \$50.00 initial authority fee)

NITROUS OXIDE ANALGESIA AUTHORITY In addition to the requirement that the applicant have an active license as a dental hygienist in Maine, the following is a list of required items when filing an online application. Some of the items can be submitted directly by the applicant, submitted directly from a third party such as an academic institution verifying a qualifying program, or Board staff verifying passage of qualifying examination scores.

- Verification of successful completion of a board approved nitrous oxide analgesia course submitted directly by the program or academic institution. Link to access the form: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/certificate_of_completion_form.pdf; and
- Verification of successful completion of a board approved examination in the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia. (Examination may be part of a board-approved nitrous oxide analgesia course.)
- Payment of \$100.00 in fees (includes \$50.00 application fee, and \$50.00 initial authority fee)

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE AUTHORITY In addition to the requirement that the applicant have an active license as a dental hygienist in Maine, the following is a list of required items when filing an online application:

- Verification of 2,000 hours of clinical practice experience signed by a supervising dentist(s). Link to access the form: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/ipdh_clinical_practice_verification_form.pdf
- Payment of \$100.00 in fees (includes \$50.00 application fee, and \$50.00 initial authority fee)

PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL HYGIENE AUTHORITY In addition to the requirement that the applicant have an active license as a dental hygienist in Maine, the following is a list of required items when filing an online application:

- Payment of \$100.00 in fees (includes \$50.00 application fee, and \$50.00 initial authority fee)

DENTAL THERAPY AUTHORITY In addition to the requirement that the applicant have an active license as a dental hygienist in Maine, the following is a list of required items when filing an online application. Some of the items can be submitted directly by the applicant, submitted directly from a third party such as an academic institution verifying a qualifying program, or Board staff verifying passage of qualifying examination scores.

- Verification of a master's degree in dental therapy (either official transcript submitted by applicant or form submitted directly by the academic institution). Link to access the form: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/certificate_of_education_form.pdf.

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- Official Educational Equivalency Report issued by a recognized professional organization if dental therapy degree is not CODA accredited. The report may be submitted online but the original must be filed via USPS mail. Link to access organizations that perform educational evaluations: <https://www.naces.org/>
- Official documentation of a passing score on the CDCA-WREB-CITA dental therapy examination. Examination link: <https://adextesting.org/dental-therapy/>
- Verification of 2,000 hours of supervised clinical practice experience while licensed as a provisional dental therapist or hours earned in another jurisdiction. This may include a request for patient case reviews, but the applicant will be contacted separately. Link to access the form: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/dental_therapy_verification_clinical_practice.pdf
- Written practice agreement with a supervising dentist: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/dental_therapy_practice_agreement.pdf

PROVISIONAL DENTAL THERAPY AUTHORITY In addition to the requirement that the applicant have an active license as a dental hygienist in Maine, the following is a list of required items when filing an online application. Some of the items can be submitted directly by the applicant, submitted directly from a third party such as an academic institution verifying a qualifying program, or Board staff verifying passage of qualifying examination scores.

- Verification of a master's degree in dental therapy (either official transcript submitted by applicant or form submitted directly by the academic institution). Link to access the form: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/certificate_of_education_form.pdf.
- Official Educational Equivalency Report issued by a recognized professional organization if dental therapy degree is not CODA accredited. The report may be submitted online but the original must be filed via USPS mail. Link to access organizations that perform educational evaluations: <https://www.naces.org/>
- Official documentation of a passing score on the CDCA-WREB-CITA dental therapy examination. Examination link: <https://adextesting.org/dental-therapy/>
- Written practice agreement to complete supervised clinical experience with a supervising dentist: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/dental_therapy_practice_agreement.pdf

For more information regarding qualifications for all categories of dental hygiene licensure please review Board Rules Chapter 2 "Qualifications for Dental Hygienist Licensure and Dental Hygienist Practice Authorities" here: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/02/chaps02.htm#313

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