

MAINE BOARD OF DENTAL PRACTICE

Application Checklist for Dental Hygienist Licensure

PATHWAY I – STANDARD APPLICATION is for an applicant that is **not actively licensed** as a Dental Hygienist in another jurisdiction.

The following is a list of required items when filing an online licensure 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 degree program, or Board staff verifying passage of certain regional examination scores.

- Verification of an associate's degree or higher in dental hygiene (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 hygiene 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 National Board Dental Hygiene Examination
- Official documentation of passing scores on the Regional Examination or other state board examination approved by the Board. Link to access board approved examinations: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/dental_hygiene_examination_chart.pdf
- Passing Score on Jurisprudence Examination. Link to access the examination: www.maine.gov/dental/jurisprudence-examinations.html
- Current; valid life support certification (**BLS required effective 10/25/2023**)
- National Practitioner's Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query Report. NPDB link: www.npdb.hrsa.gov/
- Payment of \$211.00 in fees (includes \$21.00 Maine criminal background fee, \$50.00 application fee, and \$140.00 license fee)

PATHWAY II – ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION is for an applicant that is **actively licensed** as a Dental Hygienist in another jurisdiction.

The following is a list of required items when filing an online licensure 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 degree program, or Board staff verifying passage of certain regional examination scores.

- Verification of an associate's degree or higher in dental hygiene (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 hygiene 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 National Board Dental Hygiene Examination
- Official documentation of passing scores on the Regional Examination or other state board examination approved by the Board. Link to access board approved examinations: www.maine.gov/dental/documents/dental_hygiene_examination_chart.pdf

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- Curriculum vitae (resume), including references to verify clinical patient experiences while licensed
- Passing Score on Jurisprudence Examination. Link to access the examination: www.maine.gov/dental/jurisprudence-examinations.html
- Current; valid life BLS support certification (**BLS required effective 10/25/2023**)
- National Practitioner's Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query Report. NPDB link: www.npdb.hrsa.gov/
- If actively licensed and practicing during three consecutive years immediately preceding the application, then you will be prompted to include a link to the licensing jurisdiction(s) regulations as part of the online licensure application
- Payment of \$211.00 in fees (includes \$21.00 Maine criminal background fee, \$50.00 application fee, and \$140.00 license fee)

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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