



Kentucky Board of Dentistry

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

The Commonwealth of Kentucky confers unrestricted licenses to practice dental hygiene based on either the applicant's successful completion of an approved clinical exam (Licensure by Examination) or by qualifying experience within another U.S. licensing jurisdiction (Licensure by Credentials).

This page summarizes the process for Licensure by Examination. See [201 KAR 8:563](#) for complete licensing rules.

Application Checklist

- Completed, signed, and notarized [Application for Dental Hygiene Licensure](#).
- Official transcript from a CODA accredited dental hygiene degree program, received by the Board directly from the school.
- Copy of front and back of CPR, BLS, or ACLS card documenting active certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- Digital fingerprint scan via [IdentoGO Universal Enrollment Platform](#) using service code 27GJYG.
- Completed [Jurisprudence Examination](#).
- Successful completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE).
- Successful completion of the SRTA, DHLOSCE, CRDTS, or CDCA-WREB-CITA (ADEX) clinical exam within the last five years.
- Application fee of \$125 if applying in an odd numbered year or \$75 if in an even numbered year.
- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) fee of \$25.

Applicants who graduated from dental hygiene school more than two years preceding the filing of the application must either:

- Hold a dental hygiene license in another U.S. licensing jurisdiction or complete a Board-approved refresher program.

Applicants who have held a dental hygiene license in another state or jurisdiction must also provide:

- Official verification of all other dental license(s) held, received by the Board directly from the licensing agency.

Submission Instructions

Request official transcripts from the hygiene school to be submitted directly to the Board, not the applicant, at the above address.

Request official verification of licensure from the issuing licensing agency. A copy of a license is not acceptable. Verification letters should be submitted directly to the Board, not to the applicant, at the above address or email, depending on the issuing state's policy.

Schedule a digital fingerprinting session at uenroll.identogo.com for the criminal background check. Be sure to use service code 27GJYG when registering. Do NOT submit fingerprint cards to the Board of Dentistry office.

Mail the license application, jurisprudence exam, CPR card, NPDB fee, and application fee to the address above. Documents do not have to be mailed together. Incomplete application packets will be held on file for up to six months.

All fees are payable to the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. A single check or money order may be used to pay all fees.

The Board will grade the jurisprudence exam, check criminal background, look up National Board and clinical exam scores, and submit a National Practitioner Data Bank query. The applicant will be contacted to resolve any adverse findings.

The status of an application can be viewed in the "New Applicant Spreadsheet" on the Board of Dentistry [homepage](#).