### Dentist

Diagnoses and treats diseases of the oral cavity and adjacent structures. Supervises individuals in the care of the mouth and instructs them in the ways to prevent dental disease. Most practice general dentistry, oral surgery, endodontics, pedodontics, orthodontics, or periodontics. Some dentists teach in dental schools, do research, conduct dental programs, or serve as military commissioned officers.

#### Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 317-A:7 and NH RSA 317-A:20
Administrative Rules: Chapter Den 100 - 500

#### Licensure Requirements

- Graduate of a dental school general dentistry program of at least two years duration accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and awarded the degree of DMD or DDS
- A permit and an application fee are required to administer general anesthesia, deep sedation, and moderate sedation (restricted or unrestricted)
- Must complete a criminal background check

#### Examination

Must pass national and regional examinations acceptable to the Board

#### Continuing Education

A minimum of 40 continuing education units (CEUs) every two years, with 30 CEUs in clinical dental care subjects, including two CEUs in infection control and successful completion of a basic life support for health care providers (BLS-HCP) course, with a hands-on component. Dentists who have a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number associated with New Hampshire and who prescribe Schedule II - IV controlled substances shall complete three CEUs each biennium in the area of pain management and addiction disorder or a combination, or successfully complete an online exam in these areas.

#### Reciprocity

Endorsement certification shall be considered for each applicant who holds a current, unsuspended, unrestricted license to practice dentistry who deposits with the Board the required credentials the applicant has taken and passed the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination, or other similar U.S. regional or state board clinical examination for dentists, including a periodontal/scaling exam; and for the three years immediately prior to submitting the application, the applicant: (1) has practiced clinical dentistry in one or more states; (2) has been in dental specialty training; (3) has been in active military dental service; or (4) has been in any combination thereof.

#### Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
121 South Fruit Street, Suite 302
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2412

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#### Fees

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Active Licenses
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Related Training
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Additional Information Sources

American Dental Association
<www.ada.org>

The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments
<www.cdcaexams.org>