

# 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

Forty continuing education units (CEUs) every two years, with 30 CEUs in clinical dental care subjects, including two CEUs in infection control. Dentists who have a DEA# 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 successful completion of an online exam in these areas. Successful completion of a basic life support course for health care providers (BLS-HCP), which has a hands-on component.

## 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  
7 Eagle Square  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2412

*phone* (603) 271-2152  
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## Fees

Application . . . . .	\$200.00
Biennial registration . . . . .	\$365.00
Inactive registration (biennial) . . . . .	\$145.00
Application to administer	
general anesthesia and sedation . . . . .	\$35.00
Reinstatement fee for lapsed active dental license . . . . .	\$225.00
Reinstatement fee for lapsed inactive license . . . . .	\$35.00
Duplicate certificate . . . . .	\$25.00
Letter of good standing. . . . .	\$25.00
Professional healthcare program fee . . . . .	\$16.00

## Dentist (continued)

### Active Licenses

1,232

### Related Training

Dentistry; Advanced/Graduate Dentistry  
and Oral Sciences

### O\*Net Codes

29-1021.00	Dentist
29-1023.00	Orthodontist
29-1024.00	Prosthodontist

### Additional Information Sources

American Dental Association  
<[www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)>

The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments  
<[www.cdcaexams.org](http://www.cdcaexams.org)>