



Licensure Application Guide

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Licensure Application Guide Use

This licensure application guide is provided to assist you with applying for licensure within the state of Nevada. Licensure in this state is governed by the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (the Board).

Before applying for a license, **ALL applicants should:**

1. Verify that you meet eligibility requirements.
2. Have proof of U.S citizenship or legal authorization to work in the U.S.
3. Review all licensure pathways.
4. Review licensure checklists.

Application Timeline

Below is an approximate timeline of the initial licensure process. Please note that any timeline provided below is an estimated timeframe. **Applicants are likely to experience longer processing times when applying during or shortly after graduation and during license renewals season (April – July).** These are our peak timeframes in which we receive a large volume of applications.

1. Confirmation Email (2 to 10 Business Days)

- You will receive a confirmation email notifying you that we have received your application.

2. Application Processing (14 to 30 Business Days)

- The processing and review of applications are conducted by the Licensing Staff. This involves reviewing the application, verifying information with third party entities, waiting for pending documentation, and providing status updates on your application.

*The application process requires documents from third parties (e.g., schools, testing agencies, or other state boards). As the Board cannot control their response times, processing times may take up to 30 days or longer.

3. Application Initial Review (2 to 14 Business Days)

- Upon receiving all required items, applications are submitted for review by the Board's Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director.
- Applicants will receive an email regarding the approval/disapproval of licensure.

Submitting Your Application and Fee

Before submitting your application, please ensure that all questions have been answered. You may write N/A for questions that are not applicable. The 2x2 passport photo should be taped or pinned to your application—do not staple.

Mail your application to:

Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
 Attention: Licensing Department
 2651 N Green Valley Pkwy Ste. 104
 Henderson, NV 89014

Payments Application fees are processed in advance, and all payments are non-refundable. An applicant can submit payment via credit/debit, check, or money order. Cash will not be accepted. There is a 3% surcharge for all credit card payments.

Applicants that are paying by credit/debit may pay in-person or fill in their payment information on the application. If paying by check or money order, payments should be made out to the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.

Eligibility Requirements

*****Prior to applying for a license at the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, you must first meet the eligibility requirements below. *****

Applicant Eligibility Requirements	
Dental License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over the age of 21 ▪ Must have graduated from a CODA accredited dental school or college ▪ Must be of good moral character (see NRS 631.230(2))
Dental Hygiene License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over the age of 18 ▪ Must have graduated from a CODA accredited 2-year dental hygiene program, school, or college ▪ Must be of good moral character (see NRS 631.290(2))
Dental Therapy License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over the age of 18 ▪ Must have graduated from a CODA accredited 2-year dental therapy program ▪ Has a current special endorsement to practice public health dental hygiene ▪ Must be of good moral character (see NRS 631.312(2))
Expanded Function Dental Assistant License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Over the age of 18 (see NRS 631.31285)

Licensure Pathways

After reviewing the eligibility requirements, you should choose your licensure pathway. This will differ for each applicant based on professional experience, clinical examinations completed, and the type of license sought.

*Please note: This is not a conclusive list. The following section outlines specific requirements to assist you in determining the most suitable pathway. Checklists are provided below, detailing all items necessary for licensure.

Licensure by Examination

Applicants applying by examination must meet the following criteria:

- **Dentist, dental hygienist, and dental therapist**
 - I. Passed the National Board Examination with a score of at least 75 or higher.
 - II. Passed all required sections of the ADEX or WREB clinical examination.

Licensure by Endorsement

Applicants applying by endorsement must meet the following criteria:

- **Dentist**
 - I. Practiced for five years or more in another state or jurisdiction.
 - II. Passed the National Board Examination with a score of at least 75 or higher.
- **Dental Hygienist**
 - I. Currently has an active license in another state or jurisdiction.
 - II. Passed the National Board Examination with a score of at least 75 or higher.

Applicants may not be Board approved and will require additional review if any of the below apply:

- **Past disciplinary actions** on a license in any jurisdiction.
- **Civil or criminal liability for misconduct** in the profession.
- **License suspension or revocation** in another state or territory.
- **Previous denial of a license** in any U.S. Jurisdiction.
- **Pending disciplinary actions** in another state or territory.

Licensure by Specialty Credential

Applicants applying by specialty credential must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be Diplomate certified by the CODA approved specialty board **or** is Board eligible and meets the educational requirements required for a specialty license, and
 - They must hold an **active** dental license within this state or any other state/jurisdiction within the U.S.
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***Please note:** Board eligible dentists who receive a license must submit to the Board proof of diplomate certification within six years. Certification must be maintained throughout the period of licensure.

Licensure by Specialty Application

The specialty license application is recommended for:

- Applicants seeking to convert from a NV dental license to a specialty license.
- Applicants applying to have more than one (1) specialty license.

Please note that regardless of how many specialties an applicant holds, a licensee must choose only one (1) specialty designation to practice under in accordance with *NRS 631.250(4)*.

For example, a licensee may hold both a Pediatric Dentistry specialty license and an Orthodontic specialty license; however, the licensee may represent themselves to the public as **either** an orthodontist **or** a pediatric dentist and may practice only under one specialty license at a time. A licensee is prohibited from practicing both general dentistry and a specialty concurrently.

*There is a fee of \$125.00 for each additional license type, see *Specialty Application Checklist* below.

Licensure by Military Credential

Applicants applying by military credential must:

- Be active/retired military personnel and military spouses.
- Show passing of all sections of the National Board Examination and any clinical examinations.

An expedited license is provided upon receiving the required items listed within the military credential checklist. See checklist below for more details.

Limited License Resident/Intern or Instructor

Applicants interested in a resident or instructor's limited license must meet the following criteria:

- Obtains a contract with the Nevada System of Higher Education or an accredited dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or EFDA program.
- Meets **at least one** of the additional criteria:
 - A. Holds an active license to practice in another U.S state, territory, or the District of Columbia.
 - B. Provides proof of passing the WREB clinical examination within the last 5 years.
 - C. Provides proof of passing the ADEX clinical examination.
 - D. The internship or residency program submits a letter to the Board confirming the individual's acceptance into the program and specifying the program's start date.

Important: Limited license holders must follow practice restrictions and **are limited to practice only at the clinic, hospital, or facility provided on the initial license application**. A limited license holder may only

receive compensation from the Nevada System of Higher Education or the accredited program where they are employed, unless they obtain a permit from the Board, as outlined in NRS 631.271 (4).

This license is only valid for one year after the validity date. License holders are required to renew prior to the expiration date annually. Once the residency or instruction contract has ended, the license expires. Licensees shall notify the Board within 7 days of their contract's termination/ending and surrender their limited license and any permits.

Limited License to Supervise Continuing Education Courses

Applicants interested in a limited license to supervise CE courses involving live patients *at an institute or organization with a permanent facility registered with the Board* must meet the following criteria:

- Received a degree from dental school or college accredited by CODA or its successor.

Restricted Geographical License

Applicants interested in a restricted geographical license must meet the following criteria:

- Must hold a valid license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or expanded function dental assistance from another state, territory, or the District of Columbia.
- Must be otherwise qualified for a license to practice dentistry, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or expanded function dental assistance in this State.

To be issued a restricted geographical license **without meeting the clinical examination requirements (ADEX or WREB)** an applicant must comply with one of the waivers listed in NRS 631.274 (1) A-C. See checklist below for additional details.

Important: License holders must follow practice restrictions and are limited to practice **in the county or counties, federal health care center, or non-profit clinic that requested the restricted geographical licensure personnel.**

Once the employment contract has ended with the county, non-profit, or other applicable dental facility, the restricted geographical license expires. Licensees shall notify the Board within 7 days of their contract's termination/ending and surrender their restricted geographical license and any permits. A holder of this license may petition the Board for an unrestricted license by meeting the specific criteria as outlined in NRS 631.274 (7) A-D.

Restricted License for Low Income Client Practice

Applicants applying for a restricted dental license under NRS 631.275 may do so without a clinical examination if they meet the following criteria:

- Holds a valid dental license from another U.S state or the District of Columbia.

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- Obtained a degree from a CODA accredited dental school.
- Has a contract with a facility approved by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Human Services to provide publicly funded dental services exclusively to persons of low income for the duration of the restricted license.
- Meets eligibility requirements for the practice of dentistry (NRS 631.230)

Practice Limitations

A dentist with a restricted license:

- **May only provide services under supervision** of a Nevada-licensed dentist appointed by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- **Must work only within the contracted facility** approved by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- **Cannot engage in private practice**, including treating patients who pay for services.

This license is only valid for one year after the validity date. License holders can renew prior to the expiration date if they continue to meet eligibility requirements for the restricted license.

Persons receiving a restricted license must take and pass the required examination for general licensure within 3 years of first receiving a restricted license; after passing this exam, the restricted license can convert to a general license upon application (if all general license requirements are met.) If the restricted licensee takes but fails to pass the required exam, the restricted license is revoked.

Historically Underserved Community Employer

What is HUC? If you are an applicant that will be providing dental services in areas that are considered historically underserved related to specific geographical locations, you are eligible for priority review of your license application per Nevada AB 483 (2025).

For purposes of this regulation, a “*historically underserved community*” is a geographic location (county, city, town, zip code area, etc.) in Nevada that is:

- a. Designated as a qualified census tract by the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;
- b. A census tract where, in the immediately preceding census, at least 20 percent of households were not proficient in the English language; or
- c. Qualified tribal land under NRS 370.0325.

“Qualified tribal land” defined. “Qualified tribal land” means any real property:

1. For which legal title is vested in, or held in trust for the benefit of, an Indian tribe or an individual Native American, and which is subject to restrictions against alienation pursuant to federal law; and
2. Over which an Indian tribe exercises governmental power.

Who can apply? Any person that is applying for an initial dentist, dental hygienist, dental therapist, or expanded function dental assistant license that qualifies for priority processing. Applicants must still select a desired licensure pathway; however, your application processing will be expedited if you meet the requirements below.

Checklist for Historically Underserved Community Employers

Requirements for Historically Underserved Community Employers		
Complete items below in addition to the comprehensive checklist for your desired licensure pathway:		
1.	Selects “Yes” on the application if you are to be employed by a historically underserved community.	
2.	Attach to the application a letter from the employer located in a historically underserved community notifying the Board of your employment offer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must include proof that you have accepted this offer and • List your expected start date 	
3.	Applicants must determine whether their employer’s location meets the definition of a HUC.	
4.	You must submit the complete license application notarized and include the application fee.	

Go here to see qualified census tract by the U.S Secretary of Housing and Urban Development:
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/>

Go here to see Nevada’s Federally Recognized Tribes: <https://dnaa.nv.gov/tribal-nations/>

Priority Processing Time

- Upon the initial receipt of a license application form and fee, the Board will, **within seven business days**, review the initial license application to determine a complete application packet.
- Upon receiving all required items, the Board will, **within 14 business days of the application packet being completed, review the application for licensing approval.** A decision on licensing will be made within that 14-business-day time frame. If licensure is granted, the **certificate will be issued within 30 days** of the approval date.

Please note: The processing times between the initial application review to the approval of licensure will vary for each applicant depending on how quickly the Board receives records from external agencies.

Application Checklists

Checklists are provided for each type of licensure pathway. You are responsible for completing all required items to have your application submitted for approval. As we conduct primary source verification, any items requiring a third party to complete will need to be sent to us from that entity.

Checklist for Licensure by Examination

Licensure by Examination (ADEX or WREB only)		
To apply for a general dentist or dental hygiene license by examination, you must meet the requirements below:		
1.	Passed all required sections of ADEX or WREB exam.	
2.	Passed the national board examination with a 75 or higher.	
* Important: This pathway does not grant a specialty license, see pg. 11.		
Applicants must submit the items below:		
3.	2 x 2 passport photo attached to the application.	
4.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
5.	Go to adextesting.org , request to forward your ADEX/WREB scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
6.	Go to ada.org , request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
7.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U. S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
8.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
9.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were granted a license.	
10.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental, dental hygiene, or dental therapy school/university. (graduation date required).	
11.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
The items below are sent after the application is received:		
12.	Online jurisprudence exam registration.	
13.	Fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (See pg. 20 for details)	

[NRS 631.240, NRS 631.300, NRS 631.3121, NAC 631.090, NAC 631.030]

Checklist for Licensure by Endorsement

License by Endorsement (General Dentists and Dental Hygienist)		
To apply for a licensure by endorsement, you must meet the requirements below:		
1.	<p>Dentists- Actively practiced for 5 years immediately before submitting your application. Must hold an active license within the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.</p> <p>*Important: This pathway does not grant a specialty license, see pg. 11.</p> <p>Dental Hygienist- Must hold an active license within the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.</p>	
2.	Passed the national board examination with a 75 or higher.	
Applicants must submit the items below:		
3.	2 x 2 passport photo is attached to the application.	
4.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
5.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were granted a license.	
6.	Go to ada.org , request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
7.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U. S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
8.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
9.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental hygiene or dental school/university (graduation date required).	
11.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
The items below are sent after the application is received:		
12.	Online jurisprudence exam registration.	
13.	Fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (See page 20 for details)	

[NAC 631.030, NRS 622.530]

Checklist for Licensure by Specialty Credential

License by Specialty Credential (Specialty Dentists)		
To apply for a specialty license, you must have an active dental or specialty license in any state and meet the requirements below:		
1.	Has met the educational requirements and is Board eligible to take the certifying board examination within six years OR holds a current Diplomate Status by the certifying board.	
2.	Passed the national board examination with a 75 or higher.	
3.	Has graduated from a specialty program or residency and has received a Specialty Certificate.	
Applicants must submit the items below:		
4.	2 x 2 passport photo is attached to the application.	
5.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted. Be sure to select specialty credential as the licensure pathway on the application.	
6.	Provide a copy of your specialty certificate/diploma.	
7.	<i>Certification of Specialty</i> form completed and returned by the educational institution only. Click here to download: Certification of Specialty form	
8.	Go to ada.org, request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
9.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
10.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
11.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were granted a license.	
12.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental school (graduation date required).	
13.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
14.	As applicable- If certified by the specialty board, submit a copy of your board certification (Diplomate status).	
The items below are sent after the application is received:		
15.	Online jurisprudence exam registration.	
16.	Fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (See pg. 20 for details)	

[NRS 631.255, NAC 631.030]

Applicants who do not meet the credential requirements listed above have the following options:

1. Obtain a Nevada dental license by examination or endorsement requirements. Once the license is approved, you may apply to convert your dental license to a specialty license. (See pg. 12)
2. Obtain a dental license in another state and apply through the specialty credential pathway.

Checklist for Licensure by Specialty Application

Specialty Application License (Specialty Conversion)		
Nevada dentists who are converting to a permanent specialty license will only need to complete the items below:		
1.	Holds an active NV dental license.	
2.	Submit the Application for Specialty Certification .	
3.	Application fee: \$125.00	
4.	Provide a copy of your specialty certificate/diploma.	
5.	<i>Certification of Specialty</i> form completed and returned by the educational institution only. Click here to download: Certification of Specialty form	
6.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank.	

[NRS 631.250]

Checklist for Licensure by Military Credential

License by Military Credential (for active or retired military and military spouses)		
Military credential applicants are permitted to receive an expedited license. At minimum, submit items 1-5 to obtain approval for a license [Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. § 593 et seq.]:		
1.	2 x 2 passport photo is attached to the application.	
2.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
3.	Copy of your military ID front and back, active-duty orders or discharge papers.	
4.	Completed fingerprint packet for criminal background check – fingerprint packet will be mailed to you after the license application is received. (See pg. 20 for details)	
5.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
The items below are permitted to be <u>sent within 90 days</u> from the initial approval date:		
6.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or expanded function dental assistant program (graduation date required).	
7.	National Board Scores -Go to ada.org , to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
8.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
9.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
10.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were granted a license.	
11.	Passed jurisprudence examination – registration is provided by the board office.	

Checklist for Limited License Resident

Dental Limited License Residents		
To apply for a limited license, you must satisfy at least one of the criteria below:		
A.	Must hold a current active license in another U.S. state, territory, or D.C., and request a verification letter from every state dental board where you have been licensed (active or inactive).	
B.	Passes the WREB clinical examination within the last 5 years . Submit scores through adextesting.org	
C.	Passes the ADEX clinical examination. Submit scores through adextesting.org .	
D.	Dental Residents/Interns only - Has the internship or residency program submit a letter to the Board confirming the individual seeking licensure has been appointed to a position in the program. (Letter must come directly from the institution)	
At minimum, submit items 1-11 to obtain approval for licensure:		
1.	2 x 2 passport photo is attached to the application.	
2.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
3.	Completed <i>Certification of Dean form</i> -to be completed and returned by the educational institution only. Click here to download: Certification of Dean form	
4.	Provide a copy of your employment contract with the residency program.	
5.	Completed <i>Limited License Affidavit and Pledge form</i> . Click here to download: Limited License Affidavit and Pledge form	
6.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
7.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
8.	Completed fingerprint packet for criminal background check (Fingerprint packets are mailed after the application is received, see pg. 20.)	
9.	Go to ada.org , request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
10.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
The items below are permitted to be sent within 90 days of issuing your expedited license:		
11.	Passed jurisprudence examination.	
12.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or expanded function dental assistant program (graduation date required).	

[NRS 631.271]

Checklist for Limited License Instructor

Limited License Instructors		
To apply for a limited license, you must satisfy at least one of the criteria:		
A.	Must hold a current active license in another U.S. state, territory, or D.C., and request a verification letter from every state dental board where you have been licensed (active or inactive).	
B	Passes the WREB clinical examination within the last 5 years . Submit scores through adextesting.org	
C.	Passes the ADEX clinical examination. Submit scores through adextesting.org .	
Applicants must submit the items below:		
1.	2 x 2 passport photo is attached to the application.	
2.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
3.	Go to ada.org , request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
4.	Provide proof of the employment contract with the Nevada System of Higher Education or an accredited program per NRS. 631.271.	
5.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
6	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
9.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or expanded function dental assistant program (graduation date required).	
10.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
The items below are sent after the application is received:		
11.	Online jurisprudence exam registration.	
12.	Fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (See pg. 20 for details)	

[NRS 631.271]

Checklist for Limited License Supervisor for CE Course

Dental Limited License for Supervising Live Patient Continuing Education Courses		
<p>According to NRS.2715, you must supervise courses of continuing education involving live patients at an institute or organization that is a permanent registered facility with the Board.</p>		
<p>Applicants must submit the items below:</p>		
1.	2 x 2 passport photo is attached to the application.	
2.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
3.	Go to ada.org , request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
4.	Completed fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (Fingerprint packet will be mailed to you after the license application is received, see pg. 20).	
5.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or expanded function dental assistant program (graduation date required).	
6.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
7.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
8.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
9.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were granted a license. (as applicable)	

[NRS 631.2715]

Checklist for Restricted Geographical License

Restricted Geographical License		
To apply without a clinical examination (ADEX/WREB), you must meet one of the items below:		
A.	Provide a letter from the board of county commissioners for <i>each</i> county the applicant intends to practice. The letter requesting a waiver of clinical examination requirements to practice in a rural county where dental, dental hygiene, dental therapy, or expanded function dental assistance needs are underserved.	
B.	Provide a letter from the Director of a federally qualified health center requesting the Board waive clinical examination requirements for any applicant who has <i>entered contract with a federally qualified health center treating underserved populations</i> in Washoe or Clark County.	
C.	Provide a letter from the Director of a non-profit clinical requesting the Board waive clinical examination requirements for any applicant who has entered contract with a non-profit clinic treating underserved populations in Washoe or Clark County.	
Applicants must submit the items below:		
1.	Copy of the employment contract with the federally qualified health center or non-profit serving Washoe or Clark County or dental practice within the underserved rural area.	
2.	2 x 2 passport photo must be attached to the application.	
3.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
4.	Go to ada.org , request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
5.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S. (See page 19 for details)	
6.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
7.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were granted a license (you must have a current active license in any state.)	
8.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental school.	
9.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted)	
10.	ADEX or WREB clinical examination, submit through adextesting.org (Must provide scores if you have taken the exam)	
11.	Provide endorsement letter(s) as requested by criteria A-C to waive clinical examination requirements (for applicants who have not taken ADEX or WREB).	
Sent after the application is received:		
12.	Online jurisprudence exam registration.	
13.	Fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (See pg. 20 for details)	

[NRS 631.274]

Checklist for Restricted License for Low Income Client Practice

Restricted License (Dentist Only)		
Restricted licenses may provide dental services only under the provisions of NRS.631.275 (3)(a). Applicants must currently hold a valid license to practice dentistry.		
Applicants must submit the items below:		
1.	2 x 2 passport photo must be attached to the application	
2.	Complete application notarized and signed. Application fee submitted.	
3.	Go to ada.org, request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
4.	Provide a copy of the employment contract with the facility approved by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services	
5.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U.S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
6.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
7.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were granted a license. (You must have a current active license in any state.)	
8.	Official transcripts from the CODA accredited dental school.	
9.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted)	
Sent after the application is received:		
10.	Online jurisprudence exam registration	
11.	Fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (See pg. 20 for details)	

[NRS 631.275]

Checklist for Dental Therapy Licenses

Dental Therapy Checklist		
To apply for a dental therapy license you must meet the requirements below:		
1.	Has a current special endorsement to practice as a public health dental hygienist.	
2.	Passed the national board examination with a 75 or higher.	
3.	Passed all required sections of ADEX or WREB.	
Applicants must submit the items below:		
4.	2 x 2 passport photo attached to the application.	
5.	Completed application notarized and signed including application fee. *Fees are non-refundable.	
6.	Go to adextesting.org , request to forward your ADEX/WREB scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
7.	Go to ada.org , request to forward your national exam scores to Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.	
8.	Proof of U.S citizenship or authorization to work in the U. S. (See pg. 19 for details)	
9.	Self-query report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. (See pg. 21 for details)	
10.	Request verification letters to be sent from each state dental board you were licensed.	
11.	Official transcripts from the CODA dental therapy school/university (graduation date required).	
12.	Copy of front and back of current CPR card (online courses are not accepted).	
The items below are sent after the application is received:		
13.	Online jurisprudence exam registration.	
14.	Fingerprint packet for criminal background check. (See pg. 20 for details)	

Accepted Documents: U.S Citizenship & Work Authorization

Proof of U.S Citizenship or Authorization to Work in U. S.	
U.S Citizen Citizenship	<p>Accepted documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Birth Certificate ▪ Passport ▪ Naturalization Certificate ▪ Certificate of Citizenship ▪ Consular Report on Birth Abroad Certificate
Work Authorization Documents	<p>Accepted documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment Authorization Document (EAD) ▪ Permanent Resident Card/Green Card ▪ U. S Passport or Passport card ▪ Foreign passport that contains a temporary I551 stamp or temporary I551 printed notion on a machine-readable immigrant visa ▪ Foreign Passport with Form I-94 or Form I-94 A with Arrival-Departure Record, and containing endorsement to work ▪ Valid Work Visa

[NAC 631.030]

Required Disclosures: Prior Discipline and Criminal History

As part of the investigative process to determine whether an applicant possesses “good moral character,” the Board conducts criminal and disciplinary history background checks. It is in your best interest to disclose the following in your initial application, even if the matter occurred as a juvenile or has since been sealed or expunged:

- Any disciplinary proceedings previously or currently pending with any other state dental or medical licensing boards. (NAC 631.030(1)(d)).
- Any suspended or revoked licenses, or grants of probation related to maintaining licensing, from this or any other state’s dental, medical, or other professional board. (NAC 631.030(1)(n)).
- Any prior criminal convictions for crimes of moral turpitude, even if entered as a plea of nolo contendere. (NAC 631.030(1)(h)). (*Note, moral turpitude crimes generally mean any crime associated with fraud, deceit, dishonesty, theft, intentional violence, or intentional unlawful sexual gratification.)
- Any prior felony or misdemeanor convictions not necessarily related to moral turpitude. (NAC 631.030(1)(i)).
- Any prior civil tort judgements or settlements from this or any state related to the dental profession or any prior professional occupation. (NAC 631.030(1)(j)).
- Any prior history or substance abuse. (NAC 631.030(1)(k)). **Continue to next page >**

Please note that disclosure of any of the above will not automatically cause a license denial by the Board, who will consider each disclosure above along with any mitigating evidence to determine

whether the prior offense is likely to impact the ability of an applicant to safely and ethically practice in the state of Nevada.

However, failure to disclose an offense and the Board's discovery of the lack of disclosure upon a background investigation will act as evidence of poor moral character and will be grounds for licensure denial.

Required Disclosures: Medical History

Applicants selecting "Yes" to any questions as they relate to drug/alcohol use and treatment, and/ or physical and mental health conditions, must provide the following:

- Signed HIPAA and Nevada Consumer Health Data Privacy Law release form.
- Written Explanation of history of substance abuse or health/medical condition.
- List the treating provider or rehabilitation program (if none, state there is no treatment or rehabilitation provider).
- Date ranges in which you experienced substance abuse or the health/medical condition. (if you are still experiencing the issue, state "to present")
- Official medical records relating to the affirmative response (i.e. medical history).

To authorize the release of your medical history, please contact your provider to complete a HIPAA Authorization Form and request to submit your records digitally to nsbde@dental.nv.gov .

Background Checks

A background check is required for all applicants. The results of the background check must be received by the Board before an application can be reviewed for approval. Once your application begins initial processing, a fingerprint packet will be mailed to you; however, applicants **may request a packet in advance** by emailing nsbde@dental.nv.gov.

Please note: Background check results **are only valid for 90 days from the fingerprint submission date**. While early fingerprint submission is encouraged, all applicants should plan to complete and submit all application items within that timeframe to avoid the expiration of their background results. If results have expired, new fingerprints will be required at the applicant's expense.

Out-of-State Applicants: Out-of-state residents will receive two fingerprint cards by mail with instructions. Fingerprints may be inked or digitally captured onto the provided cards. Electronic submissions (Live Scan) cannot be accepted for out-of-state applicants. Processing can take **3–4 weeks**.

Nevada Residents: Nevada residents will receive a Live Scan Fingerprint Packet for electronic submission to the Nevada Department of Public Safety. Applicants who prefer ink fingerprinting may request fingerprint cards by emailing nsbde@dental.nv.gov.

Self-Query Report

All applicants are required to submit a self-query report through the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). When reports are submitted to the board office, these reports are **only valid for 90 days** from the date received. We will request a current report if the initial report is expired.

To order a self-query report go to www.npdb.hrsa.gov/SQ . Video instructions are provided on the NPDB website to assist first-time users.

Federal law requires self-query results to be provided directly to you first as the applicant/practitioner. You will have the option to submit a digital copy (accessible online) or a paper copy (by mail) of your report to the requesting licensing board.

Submit your self-query report using **one** of the options below:

- Mail the sealed original report to the board office
- Email the certified digital report to nsbde@dental.nv.gov

Please note: Board staff are unable to view information submitted using Apple specific applications such as Pages, Numbers, or Key.

If you have any questions regarding self-query reports, you may contact the NPDB Customer Service <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/topNavigation/contactUS.jsp> .

Verification Letters

Verification letters must be sent from each dental board before which you have been granted a license to practice, even if the license is currently not active. The Board will accept verification letters by mail or by email directly from the external dental board.

If you choose to have the verification letter mailed to you first, please ensure that the letter remains sealed and unopened. Emailed copies **will not** be accepted by the applicant. As policy, verification letters are **only valid for 90 days** from the date received. This is to ensure we have current reports of your licensure history.

Official Transcripts

All applicants are required to submit an official transcript directly from the accredited school or program. **The graduation date must be posted on the transcript.** Early submissions that do not have a graduation date and unofficial transcripts are not valid. The Board must receive official transcripts by mail in a sealed envelope (unopened) **or** emailed directly from the educational institution.

Dental Hygienists: Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Permits.

Dental hygienists that will administer local anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide must complete the items below to obtain a permit:

1. Request from the educational institution where you received training to complete the *Certification of Proficiency* form. **Click here to download:** [Certification of Proficiency form](#)
2. Submit permit application and fees. All fees are non-refundable.
Click here to download: [LA/NO Permit Application](#)
3. As applicable, submit a course syllabus **only** if training was completed after graduating from the dental hygiene program.
4. Obtain approval for a dental hygiene license by the Nevada Board of Dental Examiners.

Please note: The Certification of Proficiency Form must be completed and returned to the board office **by the educational institution only** – This form WILL NOT be accepted from the applicant.

Local anesthesia or nitrous oxide permits from other states are not transferable. You must apply for a permit and meet the requirements of this state.

If the local anesthesia or nitrous oxide course was completed **outside of the dental hygiene program**, applicants are required to submit a copy of the course syllabus from the course provider with their permit application.

Permit approval WILL NOT be provided if any of the items listed above are not complete.

License Renewals: Know the deadlines

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners conducts annual and biennial license renewals based on the type of license you are granted. Annual licenses are valid for one year after the original date of issuance. Biennial licenses are on a reoccurring renewal cycle, and these licenses will always expire on June 30th.

The biennial license renewal cycle begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th **every two years**. Those who are approved for a biennial license will be entering into the current renewal period. It is important to know that, regardless of when you obtain a license, the expiration date will remain the same (June 30th).

See the table on the next page.

License Expirations	
Biennial Licenses	Annual licenses
Expire on <u>ODD</u> years by June 30th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ General Dentist ➤ Specialty Dentist ➤ Restricted Geographical Dentists 	Valid for <u>one year</u> after issuance date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All Limited Licenses ➤ Restricted License
Expire on <u>EVEN</u> years by June 30th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dental Hygienists ➤ Restricted Geographical Hygienist ➤ Dental Therapists ➤ EFDAs 	
<i>*Biennial licenses: It is important to know that, when you obtain a license, you will be entering into the current renewal cycle.</i>	

Biennial-Renewal Schedule	
Dentists, Specialist, and Restricted Geographical Dentists	Registered Dental Hygienists, Dental Therapists, EFDAs, and Restricted Geographical Hygienist
July 1, 2025- June 30, 2027	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2026
July 1, 2027- June 30, 2029	July 1, 2026- June 30, 2028
July 1, 2029- June 30, 2031	July 1, 2028- June 30, 2030
July 1, 2031- June 30, 2033	July 1, 2030- June 30, 2032
July 1, 2033- June 30, 2035	July 1, 2032- June 30, 2034

Resources

**1. Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
(DEA license inquiries)**

Website: <https://bop.nv.gov/>

Main email: pharmacy@pharmacy.nv.gov

Phone number: 775.850.1440

2. CDCA WREB CITA

Website: <https://adextesting.org/>

Phone number: 301.563.3300

**3. Joint Commission on National Dental
Examinations (JCNDE)**

Website: <https://jcnde.ada.org/>

Phone number: 800.232.1694

4. National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)

Website: <https://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>

Email: help@npdb.hrsa.gov

Phone number: 1.800.767.6732

5. SilverFlume- Nevada Business License

Website: <https://www.nvsilverflume.gov/home>

Email: support@nvsilverflume.gov

Phone number: 775.684.5708

6. Nevada System of Higher Education

Website: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/>

Phone number (North): 775.784.4901

Phone number (South): 775.889.8426

7. Nevada Legislature

Website: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/>

8. Nevada Governing Laws

NRS 631: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-631.html>

NAC 631: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/nac-631.html>

Dental Associations/Societies

9. American Dental Association (ADA)

Website: <https://www.ada.org/contact-us>

Email: msc@ada.org

Phone: 312.440.2500

10. Nevada Dental Association

Website: <https://www.nvda.org/>

Email: <https://www.nvda.org/contact-us>

Phone number: 775.558.9404

11. Nevada Dental Hygienist Association

Website: <https://nvdha.com/>

Email: NEVADADENTALHYGIENE@GMAIL.COM

Phone number: 775.453.0605

12. Northeastern Nevada Dental Society

Website: <https://www.nvda.org/contact-us>

13. Northern Nevada Dental Society

Website: <https://www.nndental.org/>

Email: nnds@nndental.org

Phone number: 775.337.0296

14. Southern Nevada Dental Society

Website: <http://sndsonline.org/>

Email: info@sndsonline.org

Phone number: 775.558.9404