

## Obtaining Licensure

To obtain your dental licensure, all states typically require applicants to:

- Graduate from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental school, earning a DMD or DDS.
- Pass the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE).

*Please refer to the ADA website for the policies, timelines and fees for the Boards. The INBDE is a computer-based exams and requires submissions of an on-line application and an appointment at a testing center to take the actual exam.*

- The INBDE is accepted in all U.S. states and territories as fulfilling all or part of the written examination requirements for licensure. Refer to the [INBDE Candidate Guide](#) for more information
- Pass a simulated clinical exam administered by the testing agency where you plan to practice.

### Attain Your State License

Once educational, written examination, and simulated clinical examination requirements are met, candidates can apply for a dental license in the state they wish to practice. Below are links to some state licensing authorities:

- [Connecticut](#)
- [Maine](#)
- [Massachusetts](#)
- [New Hampshire](#)
- [New Jersey](#)
- [New York](#)
- [North Carolina](#)
- [Pennsylvania](#)
- [Rhode Island](#)
- [Vermont](#)
- [Virginia](#)

### Attain Your DEA License – Form 224

In addition to a state license, dentists must obtain [federal and state DEA licenses](#) to prescribe controlled substances. Renewals occur every three years.

[FAQs for registering for the DEA license](#)

[DEA Forms and Registration](#)

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