

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Information for Applicants for Dental Hygienist Examinations

1. Applicants are required to be at least 18 years of age, of good moral character, a citizen of the United States of America and hold a diploma from a recognized, accredited school of Dental Hygiene in the United States at the time of the examination. Applicants must present the following credentials with application: High school and college transcripts from each college attended, including transcript of dental hygiene school record.
2. Applicant must have notarized signatures of two citizens of the State of which she is a legal resident and of two legal residents of the State of Mississippi, one of whom must be a member of the American Dental Association. Signatures must not be those of anyone connected in any way with any institution of learning. ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ASK THE DENTISTS WHO SIGN HER APPLICATION TO WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.
3. Application must be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 remitted by check or money order payable to the Board. No fee will be returned after examination has been entered upon. Applicants who fail the examinations will not be issued a license, but may take the examinations again at the next regular meeting of the Board, at which time they will be considered as a new applicant. No temporary licenses are issued nor are any special examinations given.
4. Certification by the National Board of Dental Examiners is accepted in lieu of the written examinations. Written examinations are given in all subjects not passed on the National Board. All applicants are required to take the examination in Jurisprudence based on Mississippi Law, which is enclosed with this information sheet.
5. Each dental hygiene student will pay a clinic fee of \$5.00 at the orientation session at 8:00 A.M. on December 10, 1973, in cash or check, to the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry for materials needed for the examination, with the exception of handpieces, straight and prophylaxis, which must be furnished by student, as well as x-ray film holders.
6. Practical Examination:
 - A. Each applicant will be required to furnish a patient with sufficient calcareous deposits necessary to demonstrate their ability to perform a complete oral prophylaxies.
 - B. Each applicant will be required to expose, process, and mount a full mouth set of radiographs, including bite-wings.
 - C. Prescribe, as needed, specific oral hygiene aids and instruct patient in the use of these.
 - D. Make a brief retrospective determination of patient's dietary habits and prescribe, as needed, a guide for proper daily food selection to correct any faulty dietary habits.
 - E. Prescribe an optimum flouride program appropriate to this particular patient.
7. Completed applications, including all credentials must be received by the Secretary not later than thirty days prior to the examinations.

PLEASE SIGN YOUR APPLICATION