

Licensure By Examination Frequently Asked Questions

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What clinical examinations are accepted by the Board for candidates applying for licensure by examination?

ADEX (as of 1/1/2012)

What dental and dental hygiene clinical examinations are administered by the Board?

As of 2/3/2012, the Board voted to begin administering the dental and dental hygiene clinical examinations developed by the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) beginning with the 2013 testing season.

What components of the ADEX dental and dental hygiene clinical examinations does the Board require to obtain licensure by examination?

At its 5/18/2012 meeting, The Board determined that it would require successful completion of ALL current components of the ADEX dental and dental hygiene clinical examinations to obtain licensure by examination in Mississippi. This will allow candidates participating in these examinations in Mississippi to have full mobility within those states accepting the ADEX clinical examinations. The five (5) current components of the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) are: Manikin-based Prosthodontic examination; Manikin-based Endodontic examination; Patient-based Restorative examination; Patient-based Periodontal examination; and Computerized Diagnostic Skills Examination (DSE). The two current components of the American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX) are: Computer Simulated Clinical Examination (CSCE); and Patient Treatment Clinical Examination (PTCE).

Please note: The Board reserves the right to alter the above components during exam season due to unforeseen National or State Emergencies. i.e., pandemic restrictions, etc. For questions, please call the Board office.

If I am a graduate of a foreign country dental or dental hygiene school, do I qualify to participate in the Mississippi licensure examination?

A dentist who has graduated from a foreign country dental school must successfully complete a minimum of two (2) years of full-time post-doctoral dental education at a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association. A dental hygienist who is a graduate of a foreign dental hygiene school must complete a minimum of one (1) year

of full-time post graduate clinical education in a dental hygiene school accredited by the American Dental Association. Furthermore, foreign licensure candidates must meet additional criteria as prescribed by law. Refer to Miss. Code Ann. 73-9-23.

As a dental candidate, what are the steps for me to acquire a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number once I receive my license?

You must request an application for registration through DEA by visiting DEA.gov.

What is the time limit for applying for licensure by examination upon successful completion of a Board-recognized licensure examination?

Candidates who successfully complete a Board-recognized licensure examination shall have a maximum of five (5) years from the date of successful completion of a Board-recognized licensure examination to make application for licensure by examination in the State of Mississippi. Furthermore, after the expiration of one (1) year from the date of successful completion of a Board-recognized licensure examination, candidates shall be required to show proof of actively practicing their profession for a minimum of ninety (90) days per year prior to making application for licensure by examination. Refer to Board Regulation 14.

Do I need to take a jurisprudence examination to obtain licensure by examination, and, if so, what is the time limit for taking the examination?

Yes, a candidate must successfully complete the Board's jurisprudence examination with a score of 75% or higher. The jurisprudence exam must be completed within ninety (90) days from the date the candidate makes application. The Mississippi jurisprudence exam is based upon The Mississippi Dental Practice Act and regulations adopted by the Board. No license shall be issued who does not successfully complete the Mississippi jurisprudence examination. Refer to Board Regulation 14.

What does my application fee cover when I submit my application for licensure by examination?

The fee you submit via portal with your application for licensure by examination ONLY is an application fee; as such, this fee strictly covers the Board's time and resources involved in processing your application in a timely manner. Once you have been issued a license, you will be REQUIRED to renew that license within sixty (60) days from receipt of your license. This renewal fee allows your license to be placed on the correct biennial renewal cycle for future renewals. Therefore, you should consider this "renewal" fee as a license activation fee. In other words, to obtain licensure by examination, your fees will be two-fold: (a) the initial licensure processing fee you submit with application;

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and (b) the subsequent renewal fee you submit once you have been issued a license.
Refer to Board Regulation 37.