

## Chapter DE 2

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**Note:** Chapter DE 2 as it existed on February 28, 1982, was repealed and a new chapter DE 2 was created effective March 1, 1982.

**DE 2.005 Testing service requirements.** A dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene testing service may be approved if all the testing service's exams meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Test clinical knowledge.

(2) Include a practical component on application of the basic principles utilizing live human patients or simulated patients.

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**DE 2.01 Application for license.** (1) An applicant for license as a dentist shall submit all of the following to the board:

(a) An application on a form approved by the board.

(c) The fee authorized by s. 440.05 (1), Stats.

(d) Evidence of successful completion of an examination on the statutes and rules relating to dentistry.

(e) Evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental school.

(f) Verification from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or other board-approved professional testing services of successful completion of an examination.

(g) Verification from a board-approved testing service of successful completion of an examination taken within one year immediately preceding application.

(h) Evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

**Note:** Instructions for applications are available on the department of safety and professional services' website at <http://dsps.wi.gov> or by calling (608) 266-2112.

**(1m)** An applicant for a license as a dentist who is a graduate of a foreign dental school shall submit all of the following to the board:

(a) Evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from a foreign dental school.

(b) The information required in sub. (1) (a) to (d), (f) and (g).

(d) Evidence of one of the following:

1. Verification of having been awarded a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school.

2. Verification of having received a dental diploma, degree or certificate from a full time, undergraduate supplemental dental education program of at least two academic years at an accredited dental school. The program must provide didactic and clinical education to the level of a DDS or DMD graduate.

(e) Evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has cur-

rent proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

(2) An applicant for license as a dental hygienist shall meet requirements in sub. (1) (a) through (d) and shall also submit to the board:

(a) Verification from the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations or other board-approved professional testing service of successful completion of an examination on the basic principles of the practice of dental hygiene.

(b) Verification from a board-approved testing service of successful completion of an examination taken within one year immediately preceding application.

(c) Evidence satisfactory to the board of having graduated from an accredited dental hygiene school.

(d) Evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

(3) An applicant for license as a dental therapist shall meet the requirements in sub. (1) (a) and (c) and shall also submit to the board all of the following:

(a) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has graduated from an accredited dental therapy education program or has satisfied other requirements in s. 447.04 (1m) (c), Stats.

**Note:** For all acceptable education requirements, see s. 447.04 (1m) (c), Stats.

(b) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has passed a national board dental therapy examination and a dental therapy clinical examination administered by a regional testing service that has been approved by the board to administer clinical examinations for dental professionals. If a national board examination or a regional testing service examination for dental therapy does not exist, the board shall accept evidence of passing an alternative examination administered by another entity or testing service that is approved by the board.

(c) Evidence of successful completion of an examination administered by the board on the statutes and rules relating to dental therapy.

(d) Evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38), Stats., to provide such instruction.

(e) If applicable, information relating to the applicant's licensure in other jurisdictions as required by the board.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1982, No. 314, eff. 3-1-82; am. (1) (g), Register, May, 1984, No. 341, eff. 6-1-84; am. (1) (e), Register, March, 1988, No. 387, eff. 4-

1-88; am. (1) (e) and (2) (intro.), Register, June, 1995, No. 474, eff. 7-1-95; am. (1) (intro.), (a), (c), (e), (f) and r. (1) (b), Register, April, 1999, No. 520, eff. 5-1-99; am. (1) (g), Register, June, 2001, No. 546, eff. 7-1-01; CR 09-007: am. (1) (e), cr. (1m) Register October 2009 No. 646, eff. 11-1-09; CR 15-013: r. (1m) (c), cr. (1m) (d) Register October 2015 No. 717, eff. 10-1-15; CR 17-068: am. (1) (d), (f), (g), cr. (1) (h), (1m) (e), am. (2) (a), (b), cr. (2) (c), (d) Register August 2019 No. 764, eff. 9-1-19; **EmR2410: emerg. cr. (3), eff. 7-26-24; CR 24-094: cr. (3) Register July 2025 No. 835, eff. 8-1-25.**

**DE 2.013 Student supervision.** A dental student under s. 447.03 (3) (a), Stats., a dental therapy student under s. 447.03 (3) (am), Stats., or a dental hygiene student under s. 447.03 (3) (b), Stats., is required to practice under the supervision of a dentist who is present in the facility in which the practice occurs.

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**DE 2.015 Faculty license. (1)** The board shall grant a license to practice dentistry to an applicant who is licensed in good standing to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction approved by the board upon presentation of the license and who does all of the following:

- (a) Submits an application on a form provided by the board.
- (b) Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (2), Stats.
- (c) Submits a written certification from an accredited post-doctoral dental residency training program or accredited school of dentistry in this state that the applicant has been offered employment as a full-time faculty member in that program or at that school of dentistry.
- (d) Submits to any interview that the board may require that demonstrates, to the board's satisfaction, that the applicant is competent to practice dentistry.
- (e) Discloses all discipline which has ever been taken against the applicant in any jurisdiction.
- (f) Submits evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

**(2)** A license granted under sub. (1) authorizes the license holder to do all of the following:

- (a) Practice dentistry only within the primary educational facility affiliated with an accredited post-doctoral dental residency training program or accredited school of dentistry in this state.
- (b) Perform dental procedures that are incident to instruction while at a site affiliated with an accredited post-doctoral dental residency training program or accredited school of dentistry located in this state.

**(3)** A license granted under sub. (1) shall not be transferable to another accredited school of dentistry in this state or accredited post-doctoral dental residency training program without prior approval by the board.

**(4)** A license granted under sub. (1) is no longer in effect if the license holder ceases to be employed as a full-time faculty member at an accredited post-doctoral dental residency training program or accredited school of dentistry in this state. The license holder shall notify the board in writing within 30 days of the date on which his or her employment as a licensed faculty member under sub. (1) is terminated.

**Note:** Instructions for applications are available on the department of safety and professional services' website at <http://dps.wi.gov> or by calling (608) 266-2112.

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**DE 2.02 Duration of license. (1)** Every person granted

a license as a dentist shall be deemed licensed for the current biennial license period.

**(2)** Every person granted a license as a dental hygienist shall be deemed licensed for the current biennial license period.

**(2m)** Every person granted a license as a dental therapist shall be deemed licensed for the current biennial license period.

**(3)** Licensees shall qualify biennially for renewal of license.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1982, No. 314, eff. 3-1-82; am. (2), Register, June, 1995, No. 474, eff. 7-1-95; am. Register, April, 1999, No. 520, eff. 5-1-99; **EmR2410: emerg. cr. (2m), eff. 7-26-24; CR 24-094: cr. (2m) Register July 2025 No. 835, eff. 8-1-25.**

**DE 2.03 Biennial renewal. (1)** REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL; DENTISTS. To renew a license a dentist shall, by October 1 of the odd-numbered year following initial licensure and every 2 years thereafter, file with the board all of the following:

(a) An application for renewal on a form prescribed by the department.

(b) The fee authorized by s. 440.08 (2), Stats.

(c) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator, achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

(d) Except as provided in sub. (4), evidence satisfactory to the board of successful completion of the continuing education credit hours required under ch. DE 13.

(e) For licensees who hold any sedation permit under ch. DE 11, evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Pediatric Advanced Life Support is required if treating pediatric patients and is a sufficient certification by itself if the licensee is treating both pediatric and adult patients.

**(2)** REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL; DENTAL HYGIENISTS. A dental hygienist shall by October 1 of the odd-numbered year following initial licensure and every 2 years thereafter, meet the requirements for renewal specified in sub. (1) (a) to (d).

**(2m)** REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL; DENTAL THERAPISTS. A dental therapist shall, by October 1 of the odd-numbered year following initial licensure and every 2 years thereafter, meet the requirements for renewal specified in sub. (1) (a) to (d).

**(3)** FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS. A dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist who fails to meet the requirements under subs. (1) (a) to (d), (2), and (2m) by the renewal date shall cease and desist from dental, dental therapy, or dental hygiene practice.

**(4)** NEW LICENSEES. Dentists, dental therapists, and dental hygienists are not required to satisfy the continuing education requirements under sub. (1) (d) for the first renewal period following the issuance of their initial licenses.

**(5)** REQUIREMENTS FOR LATE RENEWAL. (a) A dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist who files an application for renewal of a license within 5 years after the renewal date may renew the license by filing with the board all of the following:

1. An application for renewal on a form prescribed by the department.

2. The fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., plus the applicable late renewal fee authorized by s. 440.08 (3), Stats.

3. Evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator, achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution

of higher education approved by the department of health services.

4. Except as provided under sub. (4), evidence satisfactory to the board of successful completion of the continuing education credit hours required under ch. DE 13.

5. For licensees who hold any sedation permit under ch. DE 11, evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Pediatric Advanced Life Support is required if treating pediatric patients and is a sufficient certification by itself if the licensee is treating both pediatric and adult patients.

(b) This paragraph does not apply to dentists, dental therapists, or dental hygienists who have unmet disciplinary requirements. A dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist renewing the license after 5 years shall do all of the following:

1. Pay the renewal fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., and the late renewal fee.

2. Submit evidence satisfactory to the board the applicant has current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

3. Provide evidence of one of the following:

a. An active license in good standing in another state.

b. If a dentist or dental therapist, successful completion of a board approved testing service examination within one year of renewal.

c. If a dental hygienist, successful completion of a board approved testing service examination within one year of renewal.

d. Completion of a one year general practice residency within one year of renewal.

e. Completion of a clinical education program approved by the board.

4. For licensees who hold any sedation permit under ch. DE 11, evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support or Pediatric Advanced Life Support. Pediatric Advanced Life Support is required if treating pediatric patients and is a sufficient certification by itself if the licensee is treating both pediatric and adult patients.

(6) **REINSTATEMENT.** A dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist who has unmet disciplinary requirements and failed to renew the license within 5 years or whose license has been denied at renewal, surrendered, or revoked may apply to have the license reinstated following submission of all of the following:

(a) Evidence of completion of the requirements in sub. (5) (b) if the license has not been active within 5 years.

(b) Evidence of completion of the disciplinary requirements, if applicable.

(c) Evidence of rehabilitation or change in circumstances that indicates reinstatement to practice will not constitute a danger to the public or a patient.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1982, No. 314, eff. 3-1-82; correction in (6) (b) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, April, 1986, No. 364; am. (1) (intro.), (b), (2), (5) (a) (intro.), 2., (b), (6) (intro.) and (7), r. (4), Register, June, 1995, No. 474, eff. 7-1-95; am. (1) (intro.), (2), Register, June, 1996, No. 486, eff. 7-1-96; am. (1) (b), (5) (a) 2. and (6) (b), Register, April, 1999, No. 520, eff. 5-1-99; CR 11-033: am. (1) (intro.), (a), cr. (1) (d), am. (2), (3), cr. (4), am. (5) (a) (intro.), 1., cr. (5) (a) 4. Register July 2012 No. 679, eff. 8-1-12.; CR 11-035: am. (1) (intro.), (a), cr. (1) (c), am. (5) (a) (intro.), 1., cr. (5) (a) 3. Register July 2012 No. 679, eff. 8-1-12; CR 17-068: am. (5) (title), (a) 2., r. and recr. (5) (b), (6), r. (7) Register August 2019 No. 764, eff. 9-1-19; correction in (5) (b) 1., (6) (a) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register August 2019 No. 764; CR 23-041: cr. (1) (e), (5) (a) 5., (b) 4. Register April 2024 No. 820, eff. 5-1-24; **EmR2410: emerg. cr. (2m), am. (3), (4), (5) (a) (intro.), (b) (intro.), 3. b., (6) (intro.), eff. 7-26-24; CR 24-094: cr. (2m), am. (3), (4), (5) (a) (intro.), (b) (intro.), 3. b., (6) (intro.) Register July 2025 No. 835, eff. 8-1-25; correction in (2m) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register July 2025 No. 835.**

**DE 2.035 Application procedure for service members, former service members, and their spouses. (1)** In this section:

(a) “Former service member” has the meaning given in s. 440.09 (1) (a), Stats.

(b) “Service member” has the meaning given in s. 440.09 (1) (b), Stats.

(c) “Spouse” has the meaning given in s. 440.09 (1) (c), Stats.

(2) Each applicant for reciprocal licensure as a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist shall submit all of the following:

(a) A completed application form with the signature of the applicant and date of signature.

**Note:** An application form is available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services by calling (608) 266-2112, or online at <https://dps.wi.gov>.

(b) Fees as determined by the department under s. 440.05 (2), Stats.

(c) A statement that the applicant resides in this state.

(d) Documentation that the applicant is a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member. If an applicant is unable to provide the documentation, the applicant may submit an affidavit to the board stating that the applicant is a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member.

(e) Evidence that the applicant is in good standing with the governmental authorities in every jurisdiction outside this state that have granted the applicant a license, certification, registration, or permit that qualifies the individual to perform acts authorized under a dentist, dental therapist, or dental hygienist license granted by the board.

(3) A license granted under this section expires on the renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., except that if the first renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., after the date on which the license is granted is within 180 days of the date on which the license is granted, the license expires on the 2nd renewal date specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a), Stats., after the date on which the license is granted.

**History:** CR 21-032: cr. Register January 2022 No. 793, eff. 2-1-22; correction in (2) (e) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register January 2022 No. 793; **EmR2410: emerg. am. (2) (intro.), (e), eff. 7-26-24; CR 24-094: am. (2) (intro.), (e) Register July 2025 No. 835, eff. 8-1-25.**

**DE 2.04 Endorsement. (1)** The board may grant a license as a dentist to an applicant who holds a valid license in good standing issued by the proper authorities of any other jurisdiction of the United States or Canada upon payment of the fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., and submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant has graduated from an accredited school of dentistry or the applicant has graduated from a foreign dental school and holds one of the following:

1. A DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school.

2. A dental diploma, degree or certificate from a full-time, undergraduate supplemental dental education program of at least 2 academic years at an accredited dental school. The program shall provide didactic and clinical education to the level of a DDS or DMD degree.

(b) The applicant submits a certificate from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed stating that no disciplinary action is pending against the applicant or the license, and detailing all discipline, if any, which has ever been imposed against the applicant or the license.

(c) The applicant has successfully completed a licensing examination that, in the board’s judgment, is substantially equivalent

lent to an examination administered by a board-approved testing service, or, alternatively, has successfully completed a board specialty certification examination in a dental specialty recognized by the American Dental Association.

(f) The applicant has successfully completed a jurisprudence examination on the provisions of Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules relating to dentistry and dental hygiene.

(g) The applicant possesses a current certificate of current proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, including the use of an automated external defibrillator, achieved through instruction provided by an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

(h) The applicant has disclosed all discipline which has ever been taken against the applicant in any jurisdiction shown in reports from the national practitioner data bank and the American Association of Dental Boards.

(i) The applicant has presented satisfactory responses during any personal interview with the board which may be required to resolve conflicts between the licensing standards and the applicant's application.

(2) The board may grant a license as a dental hygienist to an applicant who holds a license in good standing issued by the proper authorities of any other jurisdiction of the United States or Canada upon payment of the fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., and submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant has graduated from a school of dental hygiene accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

(b) The applicant submits a license from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed stating that no disciplinary action is pending against the applicant or the license, and detailing all discipline, if any, which has ever been imposed against the applicant or the license.

(d) The applicant has successfully completed an examination that, in the board's judgment, is substantially equivalent to an examination administered by a board approved testing service.

(e) The applicant has successfully completed a jurisprudence examination on the provisions of Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules relating to dentistry and dental hygiene.

(g) The applicant possesses a current certificate of proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation from a course provider approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

(h) The applicant has disclosed all discipline which has ever been taken against the applicant in any jurisdiction shown in reports from the national practitioner data bank and the American Association of Dental Boards.

(i) The applicant has presented satisfactory responses during any personal interview with the board which may be required to resolve conflicts between the licensing standards and the applicant's application.

(3) The board may grant a license as a dental therapist to an applicant who holds a valid license in good standing issued by the proper authorities of any other jurisdiction of the United States or Canada upon payment of the fee as determined by the department under s. 440.03 (9) (a), Stats., and submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant has graduated from an accredited dental therapy education program.

(b) The applicant submits a certificate from each jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has ever been licensed stating that no disciplinary action is pending against the applicant or the license, and detailing all discipline, if any, which has ever been imposed against the applicant or the license.

(c) The applicant has successfully completed a licensing examination that, in the board's judgment, is substantially equivalent to an examination administered by a board approved testing service.

(d) The applicant has successfully completed a jurisprudence examination on the provisions of Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules relating to dental therapy.

(e) The applicant possesses a current certificate of proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation from a course provider approved by the Wisconsin department of health services.

(f) The applicant has disclosed all discipline which has ever been taken against the applicant in any jurisdiction shown in reports from the national practitioner data bank and the American Association of Dental Boards.

(g) The applicant has presented satisfactory responses during any personal interview with the board which may be required to resolve conflicts between the licensing standards and the applicant's application.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1982, No. 314, eff. 3-1-82; renun. (1) (c) and (d), (2) (c) and (d) to be (1) (d) and (f), (2) (d) and (e) and am. (1) (f), (2) (d) and (e), am. (1) (e), cr. (1) (c) and (2) (c), Register, August, 1987, No. 380, 9-1-87; am. (1) and (2), cr. (1) (g) to (i) and (2) (f) to (i), Register, August, 1991, No. 428, eff. 9-1-91; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (ed), eff. 3-18-97; am. (1) (intro.), (c) (e), (2) (intro.), (c) and (d), Register, April, 1999, No. 520, eff. 5-1-99; CR 09-007: am. (1) (a) Register October 2009 No. 646, eff. 11-1-09; CR 11-034: am. (1) (e) Register July 2012 No. 679, eff. 8-1-12; CR 11-035: am. (1) (g), (h), (2) (a), (g), (h) Register July 2012 No. 679, eff. 8-1-12; CR 17-068: am. (1) (intro.), r. and recr. (1) (a), r. (1) (c), (d), am. (1) (e), (g), (2) (intro.), r. (2) (c), am. (2) (d), r. (2) (f) Register August 2019 No. 764, eff. 9-1-19; correction in (1) (a) 2., (e), (2) (d) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register August 2019 No. 764; **EmR2410: emerg. cr. (3), eff. 7-26-24; CR 24-094: cr. (3) Register July 2025 No. 835, eff. 8-1-25.**

**DE 2.05 Examination passing score.** The score required to pass an examination shall be the recommended passing score of the examination provider.

**History:** Cr. Register, April, 1999, No. 520, eff. 5-1-99; CR 17-068: am. Register August 2019 No. 764, eff. 9-1-19.