**20:43:03:01.  Application for license to practice as a dentist -- Requirements.** An applicant for a license to practice as a dentist shall submit to the State Board of Dentistry:

(1)  A completed application form and a fee of two hundred dollars;

(2)  Certified transcripts or, when approved by the State Board of Dentistry, a certified letter from a dental school official verifying that the applicant has graduated from a United States dental school accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, having obtained a doctor of dental medicine or a doctor of dental surgery degree;

(3)  Verification of the applicant's passage of the National Board Dental Examination Parts I and II or the Integrated National Board Dental Examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations;

(4)  Verification of the applicant's passage, within five years preceding the date of application, of a patient-based, simulation-based, or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination approved by the State Board of Dentistry pursuant to § 20:43:03:02. An applicant who fails any combination of State Board of Dentistry-approved clinical competency examinations three times is not eligible for licensure in this state;

(5)  Verification of the license and status of the license from the board of dentistry in each state in which the applicant is or has been licensed, if applicable;

(6)  A copy of the applicant's birth certificate or equivalent documentation;

(7)  A recent photograph of the applicant;

(8)  A copy of the applicant's current cardiopulmonary resuscitation card from the American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider, the American Red Cross for the Professional Rescuer, or an equivalent program approved by the State Board of Dentistry; and

(9)  Completed fingerprint cards necessary to conduct a state and federal criminal background check on the applicant.

To be considered for a license to practice as a dentist, an applicant must pass a written examination administered by the State Board of Dentistry on the relevant administrative rules and statutes with a cut score of at least seventy percent.

For the State Board of Dentistry to consider an application at a meeting of the board, a complete application, fee, and all supporting documentation must be received by the board at least thirty days before the board meeting. If requested by the State Board of Dentistry, an applicant must appear for a personal interview conducted by the board on a date set by the board.

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