**20:43:03:10.  Application for license to practice as a dental hygienist -- Credential verification.** An applicant for a license to practice as a dental hygienist by credential verification shall submit to the State Board of Dentistry:

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

 (2)  A statement from a licensed doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine, physician assistant, or certified nurse practitioner attesting to the applicant's physical and mental condition;

 (3)  Verification of the applicant's passage of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination;

 (4)  Verification of the applicant's passage of a patient-based, simulation-based, or manikin-based clinical competency psychomotor examination that has been approved by the State Board of Dentistry or passage of a state examination that the board considers equivalent;

 (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;

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

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

 (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)  A recent photograph of the applicant.

 To be considered for a license to practice as a dental hygienist, 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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