

MICHIGAN DENTIST SPECIALTY LICENSING GUIDE

OVERVIEW:

The dentist specialty license type allows a licensee to engage in the practice of dentistry in the specialized field of Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Dental Anesthesiology, Dental Public Health, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral Medicine, or Orofacial Pain.

NOTE: The content contained below is a general overview of licensing requirements. Links to access the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules for this profession can be found at the end of this guide.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

(Listed below are the minimum requirements needed to obtain a dentist specialty certification.)

APPLICATION AND FEES

- Online Application For a Dentist Specialty License - Complete all fields, answer all questions, and upload any supporting documentation.
- Online applications can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus.
- Application Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit or debit card):
 The dentist specialty certification (Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral and maxillofacial pathology, Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, Pediatric dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Dental anesthesiology, Dental public health, Oral and maxillofacial radiology, Oral medicine, Orofacial pain) runs concurrently with your dentist license. The appropriate fee will be applied based on the next expiration date of your dentist license.

 0-12 months – \$46.80
 13-24 months – \$67.60
 25-36 months – \$88.40

 Note: The same fee schedule applies to both a new and recertification specialty application.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL APPLICANTS (EXCEPT RENEWAL)

NOTE: You must be issued your dentist license prior to applying for any dental specialty.

- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking a license.
- Arrange for final, official transcripts to be sent directly to this office confirming graduation from an American Dental Association (ADA) CODA-approved dental specialty program OR a completed Certification of Specialty Program form.

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- Arrange for certification to be submitted directly to this office from the examination agency confirming the successful passing of the specific examination requirements for each specialty listed below, as applicable.
 - Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics – American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) written examination.
 - Endodontics – American Board of Endodontists (ABE) written examination.
 - Pediatric Dentistry – American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) qualifying examination.
 - Prosthodontics – American College of Prosthodontics (ACP) written examination.
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology – American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology specialty certification examination.
 - Dental Anesthesiology – American Board of Dental Anesthesiology (ADBA) written examination or petition the Board of Dentistry for a review of your credentials.
 - Dental Public Health – American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) written examination.
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology – American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR) written examination or petition the Board of Dentistry for a review of your credentials.
 - Oral Medicine – American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM) written examination or petition the Board of Dentistry for a review of your credentials.
 - Orofacial Pain – American Academy of Orofacial Pain (AAOP) written examination or petition the Board of Dentistry for a review of your credentials.

Note: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Periodontics applicants are not required to submit written examination scores.

- Verification of Licensure – Verification of licensure must be sent directly to our office by the licensing agency of any state of the United States or country in which you hold or ever held a license. The verification must show that disciplinary proceedings are not pending against the applicant and sanctions are not in force at the time of application. Verification can be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.
- English Language Proficiency – An individual applying for licensure is required to demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language. This can be established if the required health professional educational program was taught in English, the applicants transcript establishes that they earned not less than 60 college level credits from an English-speaking graduate or undergraduate school or pass an approved English proficiency exam as established by the department in R 338.7002b of the Public Health Code – General Rules.

FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE LICENSED AS A DENTAL SPECIALIST FROM A PROVINCE IN CANADA

An applicant who currently holds a license as a dental specialist in endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral and maxillofacial pathology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, periodontics, prosthodontics, dental public health, or oral and maxillofacial radiology from a province in Canada, must provide proof of all the following:

- Hold a current license to practice dentistry in this state.
- Arrange for official transcripts to be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 4809 confirming both of the following:

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- Successful completion of a master's degree in Canada from a dental institution that is accredited by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) in one of the following specialties: endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral and maxillofacial pathology, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, periodontics, prosthodontics, dental public health, or oral and maxillofacial radiology.
 - Graduated from a specialty program recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) with all training completed in Canada.
- Arrange for the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) and NDSE certification to be emailed to bpldata@michigan.gov or mailed to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR RECERTIFICATION

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus, select **MiPLUS Login**, select **"Modification"** next to your license number.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Online Application For a Dentist Specialty Renewal – Can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus.
- Renewal Application Fee (Must be paid by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express credit or debit card):
- Dentist Specialty Renewal Application Fee: \$62.40
- Renewal Cycle: 3 years
- Good Moral Character Questions – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to either question to show at the current time you have the ability to, and are likely to, serve the public in a fair, honest and open manner, that you are rehabilitated, or that the substance of the former offense is not reasonably related to the occupation or profession for which you are seeking license renewal.
- Disciplinary Question – Documentation will be required if you answer “yes” to having sanctions imposed against you by a similar licensure, registration, certification, or disciplinary board of another state or country you have not previously reported to the department.
- Accept Renewal Attestation - By accepting the renewal attestation you as the licensee are certifying that you have met the following continuing education requirements during the 3-year period immediately preceding the application for renewal.
- A minimum of 20 hours of the required 60 hours of continuing education in the dental specialty field in which you are certified as outline in Rule 338.11701.

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- Additional information regarding continuing education can be found by accessing the [Administrative Rules for Dentistry](#).

HELPFUL RESOURCES AND FORMS

- By visiting www.michigan.gov/healthlicense and clicking on the dentistry link you can access the following helpful resources and forms.

Resources:

- [Michigan Public Health Code](#)
 - [Administrative Rules for Dentistry](#)
- Track continuing education using CE Broker - The Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) has partnered with CE Broker to help licensed professionals keep track of their continuing education (CE) credits. Additional information can be found on our [website](#).