

MICHIGAN DENTIST SPECIALTY LICENSING 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, or Discover credit or debit card.):

The dentist specialty certification (Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Pathology, Orthodontics, Pediatrics, Periodontics or Prosthodontics) 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 – \$45.90
- 13-24 months – \$66.30
- 25-36 months – \$86.70

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 official transcripts to be sent directly to this office confirming graduation from an American Dental Association (ADA) accredited postgraduate training program of dentistry OR a completed Certification of Specialty Program form.
- 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 and oral clinical examination.
 - Prosthodontics – American College of Prosthodontics (ACP) written examination.
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology – American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology specialty certification examination.

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- 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 Board of Oral Medicine (ABOM) written examination, or petition the Board of Dentistry for a review of your credentials.
- Orofacial Pain – American Board of Orofacial Pain (ABOP) 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/certification must be submitted directly to this office by the licensing agency of any state or territory of the United States in which you hold a current license or have ever held a dentistry license. Verification includes, but is not limited to, showing proof of any disciplinary action taken or pending disciplinary action imposed. 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.

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, or Discover credit or debit card.)
Dentist Specialty Renewal Application Fee: \$61.20
- 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

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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 outlined in Rule 338.11701.
- 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](#).