

Dental Hygiene

Median National Salary: \$73,440

Median Indiana Salary: \$69,330

Minimum Education: Associate Degree

Education/Training Required: Requires a formal course of training of not less than two (2) years of eight (8) months

Regulatory Body: Indiana Professional Licensing Agency – Indiana State Board of Dentistry

Licensing Fees Every Two Years: \$100

Exam Source: One exam is regulated by the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination. The second exam is either an approved exam or by the Board. The third exam is a jurisprudence examination.

Exam Cost: \$415 (board exam) + ~\$1000 (clinical exam)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are there any provisions that specify reciprocity of certification with other states?

IC 25-13-1-17 License by reciprocity

Sec. 17. (a) The board may issue a license upon payment of the fee set by the board under section 5 of this chapter by an applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant:

(2) currently licensed in some other state that has licensing requirements substantially equal to those in effect in Indiana on the date of application;

2. Are there any provisions that specify transferability of certification for veterans, military spouses? Is military experience accepted in lieu of training and/or examination?

There is nothing within the dental practice act or rules regarding the transfer of licensure for veterans, military spouses or to use military experience in lieu of training and/or examination.

However there is specific language under IC 25-1-17 for individuals in the military and their training. This is also extends to their spouses.

3. Are there any provisions that provide assistance (example: reduced cost) to displaced/low-income workers?

There is no statute or rule that may provide assistance for fees/cost.

4. Is there a process in place for individual review of criminal record in lieu of automatic disqualification?

The board does not automatically deny/disqualify individuals with criminal records. They are reviewed on an individual basis. The Board will request the individual to present all records regarding the criminal matter and schedule a personal appearance before the full board before a decision is made.

Statutory Verbiage

IC 25-13-1-17 License by reciprocity

Sec. 17. (a) The board may issue a license upon payment of the fee set by the board under section 5 of this chapter by an applicant who furnishes satisfactory proof that the applicant:

- (1) is a dental hygienist;
- (2) is currently licensed in some other state that has licensing requirements substantially equal to those in effect in Indiana on the date of application;
- (3) has been in satisfactory practice for at least two (2) years out of the preceding five (5) years;
- (4) passes the law examination; and
- (5) has completed at least nineteen (19) hours of continuing education in the previous two (2) years.

However, all other requirements of this chapter must be met and the licensing requirements of the law and the board of the state from which such candidate comes may not be less than those prescribed in this chapter.

(b) An applicant who, before September 1, 1987, graduated from a school for dental hygienists that was recognized by the board at the time the degree was conferred and that required a course of training of only one (1) year, and who has completed:

- (1) one (1) year of internship in a dental clinic of an accepted hospital;
- (2) one (1) year of teaching, after graduation, in a school for dental hygienists; or
- (3) five (5) years of actual dental practice as a dental hygienist;

may apply for licensure under this section if all other requirements of this section are met.

828 IAC 1-3-1.5 Licensure to practice dental hygiene by endorsement; credentials

Authority: IC 4-1-8-1; IC 25-13-1-5; IC 25-14-1-13

Affected: IC 25-13-1-7; IC 25-13-1-17

Sec. 1.5. (a) Persons seeking licensure to practice dental hygiene by endorsement shall do the following:

- (1) File an application on a form supplied by the board.
- (2) Submit the fees required by 828 IAC 0.5-2-4.

(b) The applicant for a license shall provide the following:

- (1) Where the name on any document differs from the applicant's name, one (1) of the following:

- (A) A notarized or certified copy of a marriage certificate.
 - (B) Legal proof of a name change.
- (2) Two (2) recent passport-type photographs of the applicant, taken within eight (8) weeks before filing of the application.
- (3) An original transcript of the applicant's dental hygiene education, including the following:
- (A) The degree or degrees conferred.
 - (B) The date each degree was conferred.
- (4) If the applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense, excluding minor traffic violations, the applicant shall submit a notarized statement detailing all criminal offenses, excluding minor traffic violations, for which the applicant has been convicted. This notarized statement must include the following:
- (A) The offense of which the applicant was convicted.
 - (B) The court in which the applicant was convicted.
 - (C) The cause number under which the applicant was convicted.
 - (D) The penalty imposed by the court.
- (5) An applicant who is now, or has been, licensed to practice any health profession in another state must submit verification of license status. This information must be sent by the state that issued the license directly to the Indiana board.
- (6) The applicant shall submit the following:
- (A) A self-query form completed by the following:
 - (i) The National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).
 - (ii) The Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) data bank.
 - (B) Proof of completion of at least fourteen (14) hours of continuing dental hygiene education taken within the previous two (2) years. No more than two (2) hours of training in basic life support shall count toward this requirement.
- (7) All information on the application shall be submitted under oath or affirmation, subject to the penalties for perjury.
- (8) The applicant shall submit the following proof that the applicant:
- (A) Satisfactorily completed the following:
 - (i) The National Board Dental Hygiene Examination provided by the Joint Commission on Dental Examinations.
 - (ii) A national, regional, or state clinical licensing examination in any other state having and maintaining a standard of examination for licensure and laws regulating the practice of dental hygiene within that state or province

that is substantially equivalent to the examination and licensing requirements of Indiana.

(B) Has been engaged in the active practice of dental hygiene for not less than two (2) years out of the five (5) years immediately preceding the submission of the application.

(9) The applicant shall submit the following:

(A) Written statements from at least three (3) practicing dentists verifying the applicant's active, moral, and ethical practice of dental hygiene. The statements must:

(i) be originals; and

(ii) have been written not more than eight (8) weeks before the submission of the application.

(B) Proof that the applicant is currently certified in basic life support.

(c) An applicant who has previously failed an examination for licensure administered by the board is not eligible to apply for a license by endorsement until the applicant:

(1) has passed all portions of the examination in which he or she failed; or

(2) provides the board with proof that additional training has been received in the subjects of the failure.

(d) All applicants must submit the applicant's United States Social Security number in order to be eligible for licensure.

828 IAC 1-3-3 "Satisfactory practice of dental hygiene" defined

Authority: IC 25-13-1-5

Affected: IC 25-13-1-17

Sec. 3. (a) An applicant for a dental hygiene license under IC 25-13-1-17(a) must have engaged in the satisfactory practice of dental hygiene for at least two (2) years out of the preceding five (5) years.

(b) As used in this section, "satisfactory practice of dental hygiene" means that the applicant has actively engaged in practicing dental hygiene for at least an average of twenty (20) hours per week for two (2) years. A maximum of one (1) year of the two (2) year requirement may have been in post associate degree training in dental hygiene in a program approved by the board.