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**Requirements for licensure for dental hygienists.**

(A) Applicants for licensure to practice dental hygiene as provided in section 4715.21 of the Revised Code, shall furnish satisfactory proof of the following on a form prescribed and provided by the state dental board:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years of age; and
- (2) Be of good moral character; and
- (3) Be a graduate of an accredited school of dental hygiene; and
- (4) Have successfully passed all parts of the examination given by the joint commission on national dental examinations; and
- (5) Provides evidence of successfully passing all components based on a conjunctive scoring method of one of the following regional board examinations: the north east regional board of dental examiners, inc. (NERB), the central regional dental testing service, inc. (CRDTS), the southern regional testing agency, inc. (SRTA), or the western regional examining board (WREB).

(B) Applicants for licensure to practice dental hygiene as provided in section 4715.27 of the Revised Code, shall furnish satisfactory proof of the following on a form prescribed and provided by the state dental board:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years of age; and
- (2) Be of good moral character; and
- (3) Be a graduate of an accredited school of dental hygiene; and
- (4) Has successfully passed all parts of the examination given by the joint commission on national dental examinations; and
- (5) Holds a license in good standing from another state and has actively engaged in the legal and reputable practice of dental hygiene in another state or in the armed forces of the United States, the United States public health service, or the United States department of veterans' affairs for five years immediately preceding application; and
- (6) Proves to the satisfaction of the board the intention to practice dental hygiene in this state.

- (C) Each applicant for licensure to practice dental hygiene shall successfully pass a jurisprudence examination approved by the state dental board on the statute and rules governing the practice of dental hygiene in the state of Ohio.

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