

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

CLINICAL COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE, REACTIVATION, OR REINSTATEMENT

I. Dentists

A. Unrestricted License by Examination Applicants

18VAC60-21-210(A)(3) states that applicants who successfully completed a clinical competency examination five or more years prior to the date of receipt of their applications for licensure by this board may be required to retake an examination or complete clinical training as required by the board unless the applicant demonstrates that the applicant has maintained clinical, ethical, and legal practice in another jurisdiction of the United States or in federal civil or military service for 48 of the past 60 months immediately prior to submission of an application for licensure.

- The Board will only consider training that is 75% hands-on clinical courses to satisfy 18VAC60-21-210(A)(3). The amount of hours needed will be decided on a case by case basis.

Clinical training for unrestricted license by examination applicants:

- Must be a minimum of 8 hours for every year the applicant has not clinically practiced, not to exceed 24 hours;
- Must be a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association (“CODA”); and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the training was clinical hands-on.

B. Reactivation of an Inactive License

For reactivation of an inactive license pursuant to 18VAC60-21-220(B):

- The Board will only consider courses that are 75% hands-on clinical courses to satisfy the requirements of 18VAC60-21-220(B)(i). The amount of hours needed will be decided on a case by case basis, in accordance with the regulation.
 - Continuing education hours equal to the requirement for the number of years in which the licensee has not been active, not to exceed a total of 45 hours, must be included with the application. Of the required hours, at least 15 must be earned in the most recent 12 months and the remainder within the 36 months immediately preceding the application for activation. *See* 18VAC60-21-

220(B)(1).

- The Board will also consider refresher courses offered by a CODA-accredited program to demonstrate clinical competence pursuant to 18VAC60-21-220(B)(v).

Refresher courses for reactivation of an inactive license:

- Must be a minimum of 8 hours for every year the licensee has not been clinically practicing, not to exceed 24 hours;
- Must be a CODA-accredited program; and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the refresher course was clinical hands-on.

C. Reinstatement of a License

For reinstatement of a license pursuant to 18VAC60-21-240(F):

- The Board will only consider courses that are 75% hands-on clinical courses for 18VAC60-21-240(F)(2)(i). The amount of hours needed will be decided on a case by case basis and dependent on the amount of time the license has lapsed, the practitioner has been inactive, and any other circumstances related to reinstatement.
 - Completion of continuing education hours equal to the requirement for the number of years in which the license has been expired, revoked, or suspended, not to exceed a total of 45 hours. Of the required hours, at least 15 must be earned in the most recent 12 months and the remainder within the 36 months immediately preceding the application for reinstatement. 18VAC60-21-240(F)(2)(a)
- The Board will also consider refresher courses offered by a CODA-accredited program to demonstrate clinical competence pursuant to 18VAC60-21-240(F)(2)(v).

Refresher courses for reinstatement of a license:

- Must be a minimum of 8 hours for every year the applicant has not been clinically practicing, not to exceed 24 hours;
- Must be a CODA-accredited program; and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the refresher course was clinical hands-on.

II. Dental Hygienists

A. Unrestricted License by Examination Applicants

18VAC60-25-140(C) states that applicants who successfully completed a clinical competency examination five or more years prior to the date of receipt of their applications for licensure by this board may be required to retake an examination or take continuing education that meets the requirements of 18VAC60-25-190.

- The Board will only consider courses that are 75% hands-on clinical courses to satisfy 18VAC60-25-140(C). The amount of hours needed will be decided on a case by case basis and dependent on the amount of time the practitioner has not been clinically practicing.
- In the alternative, an applicant may take a refresher course offered by a CODA-accredited program.

Refresher courses for unrestricted license by examination applicants:

- Must be a minimum of 4 hours for every year the licensee has not been clinically practicing, not to exceed 12 hours;
- Must be a CODA-accredited program; and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the refresher course was clinical hands-on.

B. Reactivation of an Inactive License

For reactivation of an inactive license pursuant to 18VAC60-25-220(B):

- The Board will only consider the following to determine clinical competency:
 - (i) documentation of active practice in another state or in federal service,
 - (ii) recent passage of a clinical competency examination accepted by the board, or
 - (iii) completion of a clinical, hands-on refresher program offered by a CODA accredited program.
- The Board will only consider courses that are 75% hands-on refresher program offered by a CODA accredited program to satisfy the requirements of 18VAC60-25-210(B)(2)(iii). The amount of hours needed will be decided on a case by case basis and dependent on the amount of time the practitioner has not been clinically practicing.

Refresher courses for reactivation of an inactive license:

- Must be a minimum of 4 hours for every year the licensee has not clinically practice not to exceed 12 hours;
- Must be a CODA-accredited program; and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the refresher course was clinical hands-on.

C. Reinstatement of a License

For reinstatement of a license pursuant to 18VAC60-25-210:

- 18VAC60-25-210(A)(3) requires an applicant for reinstatement to provide evidence of continuing competence.
 - An applicant for reinstatement shall submit evidence of completion of continuing education that meets the requirements of 18VAC60-25-190 and is equal to the requirement for the number of years in which the applicant's license has not been active in Virginia, not to exceed a total of 45 hours. Of the required hours, at least 15 must be earned in the most recent 12 months and the remainder within the 36 months preceding an application for reinstatement.
 - The Board will on consider the following to determine clinical competence:
 - documentation of active practice in another state or in federal service;
 - recent passage of a clinical competency examination accepted by the board; or
 - completion of a clinical, hands-on refresher program offered by a CODA accredited program.
- The Board will consider refresher courses offered by a CODA-accredited program to demonstrate clinical competence pursuant to 18VAC60-25-210(A)(3)(iii).

Refresher courses for reinstatement of a license:

- Must be a minimum of 4 hours for every year the applicant has not clinically practiced, not to exceed 12 hours;
- Must be a CODA-accredited program; and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the refresher course was clinical hands-on.

III. Dental Assistants

A. Reactivation of an Inactive Registration

For reactivation of an inactive registration pursuant to 18VAC60-30-160(B)(ii), an applicant may take a refresher course offered by a CODA-accredited program.

- An inactive registration may be reactivated upon submission of evidence of current certification from the Dental Assisting National Board or a national credentialing organization recognized by the American Dental Association.
- The Board will only consider the following for clinical competency:
 - documentation of active practice in another state or in federal service; or
 - a refresher course offered by a CODA accredited educational program.

Refresher courses for reactivation of inactive registrations:

- Must be a minimum of 2 hours for every year the license has been inactive, not to exceed 6 hours;
- Must be a CODA-accredited program; and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the refresher course was clinical hands-on.

B. Reinstatement of a Registration

For reinstatement of a registration pursuant to 18VAC60-30-170(D)(2), an applicant may take a refresher course offered by a CODA-accredited program.

- A dental assistant II who has allowed dental assistant II registration to lapse or who has had such registration suspended or revoked must submit evidence of current certification from the Dental Assisting National Board or a credentialing organization recognized by the American Dental Association to reinstate registration.
- The Board will only consider the following for clinical competency:
 - documentation of active practice in another state or in federal service; or
 - a refresher course offered by a CODA-accredited educational program.

Refresher courses for reinstatement of registrations:

- Must be a minimum of 2 hours for every year the license has been inactive, not to exceed 6 hours;

- Must be a CODA-accredited program; and
- Must have a certificate of completion that states 75% of the refresher course was clinical hands-on.