

**TITLE 20—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
AND INSURANCE  
Division 2110—Missouri Dental Board  
Chapter 2—General Rules**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**20 CSR 2110-2.010 Licensure by Examination—Dentists.** The board is amending sections (2) and (3).

*PURPOSE: This proposed rule change clarifies when an applicant for licensure who fails a clinical competency exam may need remediation and creates a requirement that applicants undergo a criminal background check to qualify for licensure.*

(2) To apply for a certificate of registration and a license to practice, each applicant shall submit the following:

- (A) A completed application form provided by the board; *[and]*
- (B) A nonrefundable application/examination fee payable to the Missouri Dental Board; and
- (C) A two-inch by three-inch (2" × 3") photograph or passport photograph taken no more than six (6) months prior to the application date; *[and]*
- (D) An official copy of his/her educational transcript from an accredited dental school as defined in 332.011, RSMo. Transcripts must be sent directly to the board from the accredited dental school; *[and]*
- (E) A copy of his/her current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BLS) or an equivalent certification approved by the Missouri Dental Board; *[and]*
- (F) Certification of passage of the National Board Examination sent directly to the board from the sponsoring body; *[and]*
- (G) A copy of his/her competency examination scores sent directly to the board from the testing agent(s); *[and]*
- (H) A form provided by the board verifying licensure in other state(s), if applicable. Verification forms must be sent directly to the board from the licensure board(s) from which the applicant currently holds or has ever held a dental license; *[and]*
- (I) A completed Missouri State Highway Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint background check. Proof shall consist of any documentation acceptable to the board. Any fees due shall be paid by the applicant directly to the Missouri State Highway Patrol or its approved vendor; and**

***[(I)](J)*** Each application form and documentation must be completed within one (1) year from the date of submission to the board, including the taking and passing of the jurisprudence examination. If not completed within one (1) year, an application becomes invalid and a new application process must begin.

(3) Should an applicant fail ***[a]*** any individual section of a clinical competency examination twice, the board may require the applicant to complete remedial instruction in the deficient area(s) from an accredited dental school before further re-examination. **After failing an individual section of a clinical competency examination twice, the candidate/applicant shall contact the board for permission to take the examination again.** If the applicant fails a third

examination, the board may deny the application pursuant to section 332.321.2(5), RSMo. Before entering a program of remedial instruction, the applicant shall—

*AUTHORITY: sections 332.031, 332.141, and 332.151, RSMo 2016 and sections 43.543, 332.181 RSMo Supp. 2024.\* This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 110-2.010. Original rule filed Dec. 12, 1975, effective Jan. 12, 1976. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Amended: Filed Nov. 1, 2024.*

*PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.*

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Dental Board, PO Box 1367, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by facsimile at (573) 751-8216, or via email at dental@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*