WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-4-10

§30-4-10. License to practice dental hygiene.

(a) The board shall issue a dental hygienist license to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

(1) Is at least 18 years of age;

(2) Does not have any criminal convictions which would bar the applicant's licensure pursuant to §30-1-24 of this code;

(3) Is a graduate with a degree in dental hygiene from an approved dental hygiene program of a college, school, or dental department of a university;

(4) Has passed a national board examination as given by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and passed a board-approved examination designed to determine the applicant's level of clinical skills;

(5) Has not been found guilty of cheating, deception, or fraud in the examination or any part of the application;

(6) Has paid the application fee specified by rule;

(7) Is not an alcohol or drug abuser, as those terms are defined in §27-1A-11 of this code: *Provided*, That an applicant in an active recovery process, which may, in the discretion of the board, be evidenced by participation in a 12-step program or other similar group or process, may be considered; and

(8) Meets the other requirements specified by rule.

(b) A dental hygienist license issued by the board and in good standing on the effective date of the amendments to this section shall for all purposes be considered a dental hygienist license issued under this section: *Provided*, That a person holding a dental hygienist license shall renew the license.

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