MAINE BOARD OF DENTAL PRACTICE – June 2025
Examination Chart for Dental Hygiene Licensure and Practice Authorities

NATIONAL EXAMINATION	TESTING AGENCY	LIST OF MODULES EXAMINED
RDH Licensure		
National Dental Hygiene Board Examination (NDHBE) • **Standard-length or Short form examination accepted**	**Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE)** (Note: The JCNDE will transition to the Standard-length examination beginning October 8, 2021.)	**Didactic** – all sections required • Discipline based 200/85 items – long/short form • Scientific Basis for practice 61/25 items – long/short form • Clinical dental hygiene services 115/50 items – long/short form • Community health/research 24/10 items – long/short form • Case based 150/70 items – long/short form
REGIONAL EXAMINATION	**TESTING AGENCY**	**LIST OF MODULES EXAMINED**
RDH Licensure		
American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX); or	**CDCA – WREB - CITA** Note: Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) combined in 2021. In August of 2022, The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) joined.	**Didactic** – CSCE – OSCE (Computer Simulated Clinical Examination - Objective Structured Clinical Examination); and **Clinical Skills** - Simulated Patient Treatment Clinical Examination (SPTCE)* *Board approved the manikin-based examination as an alternative to the live patient cases. Effective 6/12/2020.

REGIONAL EXAMINATION	TESTING AGENCY	LIST OF MODULES EXAMINED
RDH Licensure		
Central Regional Dental Testing Service/Southern Regional Testing Agency (CRDTS/SRTA)	**CRDTS** Note: As of January 2025, operating as CRDTS + SRTA under the structure of the CRDTS Governing Articles and Bylaws.	**Didactic** – Extra/Intra Oral Assessment – Written OSCE **Clinical Skills** - • Calculus Detection • Scaling/Subgingival Calculus Removal • Periodontal Probing * Board approved Simulated Patient examination as an alternative to the live patient cases. Effective 6/13/2025.
Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)	**WREB** (WREB examination will continue to be administered through 2022.)	**Didactic** -Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) **Clinical Skills** -all sections required • Patient based clinical* *Board approved the manikin-based examination as an alternative to the live patient cases. Effective 5/14/2021.
STATE APPROVED EXAMINATIONS	**STATE BOARD**	**LIST OF MODULES EXAMINED**
RDH Licensure		
Clinical - Dental Hygiene	**Texas State Board** **California State Board**	• Board previously approved.

OTHER EXAMINATIONS	TESTING AGENCY	LIST OF MODULES EXAMINED
Dental Therapy and Provisional Dental Therapy - Practice Authority		
American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX)	**CDCA-WREB-CITA**	**Didactic** - Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) **Clinical Skills** - all sections required • Patient based clinical examination* *Board approved the manikin-based examination as an alternative to the live patient cases. Effective 8/18/2023.
Local Anesthesia – Practice Authority		
American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX)	**CDCA-WREB-CITA**	**Didactic** – Computer based examination

OTHER EXAMINATIONS	TESTING AGENCY	LIST OF MODULES EXAMINED
Nitrous Oxide Analgesia		
American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX)	**CDCA-WREB-CITA**	**Didactic** – Computer based examination