**02 DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION**

**313 MAINE BOARD OF DENTAL PRACTICE**

**Chapter 5: QUALIFICATIONS FOR DENTURIST LICENSURE**

**Summary:** This chapter sets forth the requirements for initial licensure as a denturist.

**I. GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS; APPLICATION; FEES**

A. An applicant seeking licensure to practice under this chapter must submit an application with the appropriate fee, and any other materials required by the Board.

B. An applicant has 90 days after being notified of the materials needed to complete the application to submit those materials to the Board. Failure to complete the application within that 90-day period may result in a denial of the application.

C. Verification of passing the jurisprudence examination administered by the Board with a grade of 90 percent. Applicants who do not pass the jurisprudence examination in three attempts may be preliminarily denied licensure.

D. Verification of current certification in BLS. For purposes of meeting the BLS certification requirements under this chapter, online trainings are not accepted, unless the applicant can verify hands-on participation with the instructor as a component of the training.

**II. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR DENTURIST LICENSURE**

A. Verification of a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the Board;

B. Verification of a diploma from a Board-approved denturism postsecondary institution that meets or exceeds the International Federation of Denturists baseline competencies; and

C. Verification of passing all sections of a Board-approved examination administered by a third-party. Applicants who do not pass the Board-approved examination in three attempts within a year from the date of application may be preliminarily denied licensure.

**III. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR FACULTY LICENSURE**

A. Verification of an active denturist license in good standing issued under the laws of another jurisdiction;

B. Credentials, satisfactory to the Board, including:

 (1) A letter from the employing school of dentistry, dental hygiene or denturism indicating that the applicant satisfies the credentialing standards of the school and that the applicant will teach denturism in this State as part of a Board-approved clinical and didactic program for professional education for denturism students; and

(2) Previous employment experience relevant to the subject to be taught (including dates).

**IV. SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY LICENSURE**

A Verification of an active denturism license in good standing issued under the laws of another state and payment of applicable fees. The Board may waive the license fee if the purpose of the temporary license is to provide free dental care in conjunction with a charitable nonprofit organization.

B. The Board may waive the BLS and jurisprudence examination requirements set forth in Chapter 5(I)(C) and (D) above for good cause.

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