

**DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST**

**PRACTICE ACT AMENDMENTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill eliminates foreign accreditations for dentists and hygienists to obtain a license in Utah.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► repeals the authorization allowing licensure of dentist and dental hygienists who received degrees outside the United States.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-69-302**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 206

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-69-302** is amended to read:

**58-69-302. Qualifications for licensure.**

(1) An applicant for licensure as a dentist, except as set forth in Subsection (2), shall:



- 28 (a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;
- 29 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department under Section 63-38-3.2;
- 30 (c) be of good moral character;
- 31 (d) provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed a program of
- 32 professional education preparing an individual as a dentist as evidenced by having received an
- 33 earned doctor's degree in dentistry from~~[(i)]~~ a dental school accredited by the Commission on
- 34 Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; ~~[or]~~
- 35 ~~[(ii) a dental school located outside of the United States or its jurisdictions which, at~~
- 36 ~~the time the applicant graduated from the dental school, met standards for accreditation by the~~
- 37 ~~Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;]~~
- 38 (e) pass the National Board Dental Examinations as administered by the Joint
- 39 Commission on National Dental Examinations of the American Dental Association;
- 40 (f) pass any one of the regional dental clinical licensure examinations unless the
- 41 division, in collaboration with the board, determines that:
- 42 (i) the examination is clearly inferior to the Western Regional Examination Board; and
- 43 (ii) reliance upon the examination poses an unjustifiable threat to public health and
- 44 safety;
- 45 (g) pass any other examinations regarding applicable law, rules, or ethics as established
- 46 by division rule made in collaboration with the board;
- 47 (h) be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language
- 48 and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board if requested by the board; and
- 49 (i) meet with the board if requested by the board or division for the purpose of
- 50 examining the applicant's qualifications for licensure.
- 51 (2) An applicant for licensure as a dentist qualifying under the endorsement provision
- 52 of Section 58-1-302 shall:
- 53 (a) be currently licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction set forth in Section
- 54 58-1-302;
- 55 (b) (i) document having met all requirements for licensure under Subsection (1) except,
- 56 an applicant having received licensure in another state or jurisdiction prior to the year when the
- 57 National Board Dental Examinations were first administered, shall document having passed a
- 58 state administered examination acceptable to the division in collaboration with the board; or

59 (ii) document having obtained licensure in another state or jurisdiction upon which  
60 licensure by endorsement is based by meeting requirements which were equal to licensure  
61 requirements in Utah at the time the applicant obtained licensure in the other state or  
62 jurisdiction; and

63 (c) document having been successfully engaged in practice as a dentist for not less than  
64 6,000 hours in the five years immediately preceding the date of application for licensure.

65 (3) An applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist, except as set forth in Subsection  
66 (4), shall:

67 (a) submit an application in a form as prescribed by the division;

68 (b) pay a fee as determined by the department pursuant to Section 63-38-3.2;

69 (c) be of good moral character;

70 (d) be a graduate holding a certificate or degree in dental hygiene from~~[-(†)]~~ a school  
71 accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;  
72 ~~[or]~~

73 ~~[(ii) a dental hygiene school located outside of the United States or its jurisdictions~~  
74 ~~which, at the time the applicant graduated from or received certification from the school, met~~  
75 ~~standards for accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental~~  
76 ~~Association;]~~

77 (e) pass the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination as administered by the Joint  
78 Commission on National Dental Examinations of the American Dental Association;

79 (f) pass an examination consisting of practical demonstrations in the practice of dental  
80 hygiene and written or oral examination in the theory and practice of dental hygiene as  
81 established by division rule made in collaboration with the board;

82 (g) pass any other examinations regarding applicable law, rules, and ethics as  
83 established by rule by division rule made in collaboration with the board;

84 (h) be able to read, write, speak, understand, and be understood in the English language  
85 and demonstrate proficiency to the satisfaction of the board if requested by the board; and

86 (i) meet with the board if requested by the board or division for the purpose of  
87 examining the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

88 (4) An applicant for licensure as a dental hygienist qualifying under the endorsement  
89 provision of Section 58-1-302 shall:

90           (a) be currently licensed in another jurisdiction set forth in Section 58-1-302;  
91           (b) (i) document having met all requirements for licensure under Subsection (3) except,  
92 an applicant having received licensure in another state or jurisdiction prior to 1962, the year  
93 when the National Board Dental Hygiene Examinations were first administered, shall  
94 document having passed a state administered examination acceptable to the division in  
95 collaboration with the board; or  
96           (ii) document having obtained licensure in another state or jurisdiction upon which  
97 licensure by endorsement is based by meeting requirements which were equal to licensure  
98 requirements in Utah at the time the applicant obtained licensure in the other state or  
99 jurisdiction; and  
100           (c) document having been successfully engaged in practice as a dental hygienist for not  
101 less than 2,000 hours in the two years immediately preceding the date of application for  
102 licensure.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**S.B. 174 - Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act Amendments**

**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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