



Dental Hygiene Initial Limited License Application Packet

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Important Social Security Number Information:

If you have a Social Security Number, the law requires you to disclose it on your application for a professional or occupational license. [42 U.S.C. § 666\(a\)\(13\)](#); [RCW 26.23.150](#). It will be used under the state’s child support enforcement program to locate individuals for purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing support obligations. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you are still eligible to apply for and obtain a credential if you meet the requirements. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you have questions.

In order to process your request:

Mail your application with initial documentation and your check or money order payable to:

Department of Health
P.O. Box 1099
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

Send other documents not sent with initial application to:

Dental Hygiene Credentialing
P.O. Box 47877
Olympia, WA 98504-7877

Contact us:

360-236-4700

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Application Instructions Checklist

You should complete this application to obtain an initial limited dental hygiene license if you have a license in another state or Canadian province with a similar scope of practice to the dental hygiene scope of practice in Washington State. To qualify for licensure you must meet the following requirements:

- Currently hold an active license in another state or Canadian province.
- Be actively practicing in another state or Canadian province. Actively practicing means that you have worked at least 560 hours within the preceding 24 months.
- Graduated from a CODA accredited dental hygiene program.
- Successfully completed the Dental Hygiene National Board Examination.
- Successfully completed the Washington State Drug and Law Jurisprudence Examination.
- Completed an approved 7 hour HIV/AIDS education program.

The following state is not equivalent to Washington State's scope of practice:

- Delaware

The initial limited license is valid for 18 months from the date that credential was issued. In order to renew, you must provide proof of successful completion of the following items:

- An approved dental hygiene patient evaluation/prophylaxis examination.
- An approved local anesthesia examination.
- Demonstration of didactic and clinical competency in the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia.

Note: It is recommended that you submit the renewal application, renewal fee and appropriate expanded functions verification documentation at least 90 days before your initial limited license expiration date.

Important background check information: Washington State law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint-based background checks for licensing purposes. This check may be through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This may be required if you have lived in another state or if you have a criminal record in Washington State. This would be at your own expense.

All information should be printed clearly in blue or black ink. It is your responsibility to submit the required forms.

Application Fee. This fee is non-refundable. You can check the online [fee page](#) for current fees.

Select if the following applies:
Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

1. Demographic Information:

Social Security Number: You must list your social security number on your application. You are not required to have or obtain a Social Security Number to apply for or obtain a license from the Department of Health. Please see the [Declaration of No Social Security Number Form](#). Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you do not have one.

National Provider Identifier Number (NPI): The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

Legal Name: List your full name: first, middle, and last.

Definition of legal name: “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have the legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this form, your application may be denied.

Birth date: Provide the month, day and year of birth.

Address: List the address we should use to send any information on your license. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county, and country. This will be your permanent address with the Department of Health until we have been notified of a change. See [WAC 246-12-310](#).

Phone, Fax and Cell Numbers: Enter your phone, fax and cell numbers, if you have them.

Email: Enter your email address, if you have one.

Other Name(s): Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See [WAC 246-12-300](#).

2. Personal Data Questions:

All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must also provide the documentation listed in the note after the question. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You can get copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.
- If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.
- Another jurisdiction means any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

3. Education:

List in date order, most recent to later, the professional education, including pre-

dental hygiene received for a degree in dental hygiene. All periods of time from graduation date to present must be listed whether or not engaged in activities related to the practice of dental hygiene. Continuing education courses do not need to be listed. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

Transcripts: Graduation from an American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) dental hygiene education program is the approved education for license. Have your school send official school transcripts directly to the Dental Hygiene Program.

4. Experience:

List in date order, most recent to later, your dental hygiene work experience from date of graduation to present. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

5. Examination:

Check all the dental hygiene examinations you have taken. The following examinations are the required examinations for initial limited license.

Dental Hygiene National Board exam and the Washington State Drug and Law exam administered by Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.

6. Other License, Certification, or Registration:

List all states, including Washington, where credentials are or were held. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space. You must also print the [Verification Form](#) and provide it to each state or jurisdiction that you have listed, requesting that they complete and submit the form directly to the Department of Health.

7. Applicant's Attestation:

You must sign and date this for us to process the application.

For Spouses and Registered Domestic Partners of Military Personnel Being Transferred or Stationed in Washington:

Under state law, if you are the spouse or state-registered domestic partner of a servicemember of any branch of the U.S. Military, to include Guard or Reserve, and are applying for a health care professional credential in this state, you may be eligible to have the processing of your application expedited to receive your credential more quickly.

Documents to submit with your application should include the following:

- A copy of your spouse's or registered domestic partner's military transfer orders to Washington State.
- One of the following:
 - A copy of your marriage certificate to show proof of marriage; or
 - A copy of a state's declaration or registration showing you are in a state registered domestic partnership with a member of the U.S. military.

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License Requirements

The following will only be accepted when received by the department directly from the source. These items should **not** be included with your application.

- Verification of your Washington State Dental Hygiene Drug and Law Jurisprudence Examination. The examination includes questions on legend (prescription) drugs and dental hygiene and dental laws and rules for Washington State.
 - A minimum score of 90 percent is required.
 - Dental hygiene laws and rules are located in [RCW 18.29](#) and [WAC 246-815](#).
 - Dental laws and rules are located in [RCW 18.32](#) and [WAC 246-817](#).

Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. gives the exam. An application to apply for this exam is enclosed.

- Official dental hygiene school transcripts showing degree and date degree was conferred. The program must be currently accredited or received initial accreditation by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) on or before June 30, 2007 or from the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC).

- Verification of your passing Dental Hygiene National Board Examination. To obtain verification of your exam scores contact:

Joint Commission on National Dental Hygiene Examinations
211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 660
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2637
1-800-232-1694

- License certification form. A verification/certification from any state or Canadian province you have been credentialed in must be sent directly to the Dental Hygiene Program. An out of state credential verification form must be resubmitted if it has been over six months since it was last received. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

Note: The initial limited license allows for the following scope of practice:

- a. Oral inspection and measuring of periodontal pockets.
- b. Patient education in oral hygiene.
- c. Taking intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs.
- d. Applying topical preventive or prophylactic agents.
- e. Polishing and smoothing restorations.
- f. Oral prophylaxis and removal of deposits and stains from the surface of the teeth.
- g. Recording health histories.
- h. Taking and recording blood pressure and vital signs.
- i. Performing subgingival and supragingival scaling.
- j. Performing root planing.

Initial Limited license holders are **not** allowed to perform the following procedures:

- Restorative dentistry.
- Administration of local anesthetic.
- Administration of nitrous oxide analgesia.

Upon successful completion of an approved dental hygiene expanded functions local anesthesia course and examination, an applicant may request that the department add a local anesthesia endorsement to their credential.

Upon successful completion of an approved dental hygiene expanded functions nitrous oxide analgesia course, an applicant may request that the department add a nitrous oxide analgesia endorsement to their credential.

Note: Administration of nitrous oxide analgesia is not included with the local anesthesia endorsement.

Other Information

Thank you for applying for the initial limited dental hygienist license in Washington State.

The application is considered incomplete if requested information is left blank. Write N/A or place a line through section instead of leaving blank.

- The initial limited license will expire 18 months from the date of initial issue. When renewed, the limited license will expire on your birthday unless the renewal is issued within 90 days of your next birthday. See [WAC 246-12-020 \(3\)](#).
- A courtesy renewal notice will be mailed to your address on record. You must keep your address current with us. Any renewal postmarked or presented to the department after midnight on the expiration date is late.
- Information regarding the dental hygiene program is available on our [website](#).

Note: You cannot practice dental hygiene until your license is issued.

Date
Stamp
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Revenue: 0251040000

Dental Hygiene Initial Limited License Application

Please print clearly. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit or request all required supporting documents be submitted. Failure to do so could result in a delay in processing your application.

Initial Limited License
 Anesthetic Endorsement
 Nitrous Oxide Analgesia Endorsement

Select if the following applies: Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner of Military Personnel

1. Demographic Information

Social Security Number (SSN) (If you do not have a SSN, see instructions)	National Provider Identifier Number (NPI) (Enter 10 digit number)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer Not to Answer <input type="checkbox"/> X
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Name	First	Middle	Last
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Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Address

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

Phone (enter 10 digit #)	Fax (enter 10 digit #)	Cell (enter 10 digit #)
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Email address

Mailing address if different from above address of record

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

Note: The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the department.

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)? Yes No
 If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name? Yes No
 If yes, list name(s):

2. Personal Data Questions

Yes No

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.....

“Medical Condition” includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

If you answered yes to question 1, explain:

- 1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.
1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.

The licensing authority may require you to undergo one or more mental, physical or psychological examination(s). This would be at your own expense. By submitting this application, you give consent to such an examination(s). You also agree the examination report(s) may be provided to the licensing authority. You waive all claims based on confidentiality or privileged communication. If you do not submit to a required examination(s) or provide the report(s) to the licensing authority, your application may be denied.

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.....

“Currently” means within the past two years.

“Chemical substances” include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?.....

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?.....

“Currently” means within the past two years.

Illegal use of controlled substances is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.

5. Have you **ever** been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction? ...

Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.

If you have been granted certificate(s) of restoration of opportunity, please provide a certified copy of each certificate.

To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.

2. Personal Data Questions (cont.)

Yes No

6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:
- a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes?
 - b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs?
 - c. Violated any drug law?
 - d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself?
7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession? If "yes", please attach an explanation and provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements?
8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority?
10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession?
11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)?

3. Education

List in date order, most recent to later, your educational preparation. Attach additional pages if you need more space.

Schools Attended Full Name, City and State	Degree Earned	Attendance Dates	
		Start (mm/yyyy)	End (mm/yyyy)

4. Experience

I certify I hold an active license. I am currently in practice and have 560 hours of practice in the preceding 24 months.

Applicant's Initials	Date

Dates		# Hours per week	Name and address of place of practice	Type of experience or specialty
From (mm/dd/yyyy)	To (mm/dd/yyyy)			

5. Examination

The examinations listed below are the approved examinations for licensure. Check all that you have taken.

- Dental Hygiene National Board examination.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- Washington State Drug and Law exam (administered by Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.).
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- WREB Patient Evaluation/Prophylaxis if passed after May 8, 1992.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- CRDTS Patient Evaluation/Prophylaxis if passed after November 1, 2001.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- CDCA (formerly NERB) Patient Evaluation/Prophylaxis if passed between January 1, 2001 and August 21, 2009, or if passed after March 16, 2018.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- WREB Anesthesia examination if passed after May 8, 1992.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- WREB Restorative examination if passed after May 8, 1992.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- CRDTS Anesthesia examination if passed after October 13, 2017.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)
- CRDTS Restorative examination if passed after March 7, 2016.
Date of exam: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

6. Other License, Certification or Registration

List all states, including Washington and Canadian provinces, where credentials are or were held. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space.

State	Profession	Certificate		Permanent or Temporary	Currently in force
		Year issued	Number		
					<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
					<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
					<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
					<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

7. Applicant's Attestation

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of
(Print applicant name clearly)
the state of Washington the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read [RCW 18.130.170](#) and [RCW 18.130.180](#) of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read all laws and rules related to my profession.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state, local, or foreign government agencies.

I understand I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated _____ at _____
(mm/dd/yyyy) (City, state)

By: _____
(Signature of applicant)

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Dental Hygiene Expanded Functions Education Information

Applicants interested in taking approved expanded function courses in preparation for Washington State Dental Hygiene License, may contact the schools listed below for courses and availability.

Eastern Washington University - Cheney, WA

(NO CLASSES FOR 2022)

Contact phone: (509-828-1300

<https://www.ewu.edu/chsph/dental-hygiene/continuing-education/>

<https://www.ewu.edu/>

Restorative

Lake Washington Institute of Technology - Kirkland, WA

Contact the Dental Hygiene Department:

Beth Davis at (425) 739-8386 or Monta Frost, Director at (425) 739-8404

Anesthetic and Nitrous Oxide

Oregon Health & Science University - Portland, OR

Contact Debbie Reaume, Continuing Education Program (503) 494-8857

Nitrous Oxide

Phoenix College - Phoenix, AZ

Contact Nan Reif, Director, Center for Health Professions (602) 285-7331

Anesthetic and Nitrous Oxide

Pierce College at Fort Steilacoom - Lakewood, WA

(NO CLASSES FOR 2022)

Contact Phone: (253) 964-6248

Contact email: vm-dentalinstitute@pierce.ctc.edu

www.pierce.ctc.edu

Anesthetic, Nitrous Oxide and Restorative

Portland Community College Institute for Health Professionals - Portland, OR

Contact Stacy Bone (971) 722-6629

Contact email—stacy.bone@pcc.edu

www.pcc.edu/climb/health/

Restorative

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Dental Hygiene Credentialing
 P.O. Box 47877
 Olympia, WA 98504-7877
 360-236-4700

Dental Hygiene Education Verification

Note: this form must be submitted directly from the Dental Hygiene program.

Applicant Information:

Name	First	Middle	Last	Date of Birth
Address				
City			State	Zip Code

To be completed by the dental hygiene program:

The student listed above has graduated or successfully demonstrated the following at

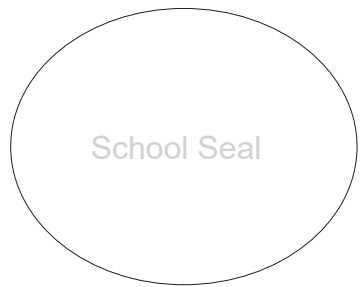
_____ on _____
Name of program (mm/dd/yyyy)

which is a dental hygiene program accredited or approved by the following:

- Expanded functions education program approved by the Secretary of the Department of Health.
- The American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation for dental hygiene.
- The Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) for dental hygiene.

Please check the answers applicable to this student. Please note clinical competency means on live patients.

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| Yes | No | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Didactic and clinical competency in the administration of injections of local anesthetic, which includes infiltration: ASA, MSA, Nasopalatine, greater palatine. Block: Long buccal, mental, inferior alveolar, and PSA; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Didactic and clinical competency in the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. Didactic and clinical competency in the placement of restorations into cavities prepared by a dentist; and |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Didactic and clinical competency in the carving, contouring, and adjusting contacts and occlusions of restorations. |



 Program Director Name (Please print)

 Signature of Program Director

 Date

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RCW/WAC and Online Web Site Links

RCW/WAC Links

[Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130](#)

[Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05](#)

[Administrative procedures and requirements, WAC 246-12](#)

[Dental Hygienist Laws, RCW 18.29](#)

[Dental Hygienist Rules, WAC 246-815](#)

[Dentistry Laws, RCW 18.32](#)

Online

[Dental Hygiene Examining Committee Web page](#)