

## Dental Licensing Jurisdictions: Clinical Examinations Accepted for Initial Licensure

Listed below are the jurisdictions in the U.S. that license dentists. Each state has its own criteria for clinical examination(s) that will be accepted for initial dental licensure. The information contained in this chart was obtained directly from the state boards of dentistry. **THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE – for the most up-to-date, accurate information contact the individual state board of dentistry.** Contact information can be located on the Internet at [www.aadexam.org](http://www.aadexam.org): Choose “State Boards,” then “Administrators.” In states accepting results of more than one state or regional examination, it is important to check with the state boards to determine if the date you took an exam meets the qualification for licensure. For example, Montana (A WREB Member) accepts the CRDTS Exam ONLY if taken AFTER January 1, 2002.

JURISDICTION AND REGIONAL TESTING AGENCY MEMBERSHIP	OWN STATE'S EXAM	OTHER STATE'S EXAM	CRDTS*	NERB*	SRTA*	WREB*
Alabama	X					
Alaska (WREB)			X			X
Arizona (WREB)						X
Arkansas (SRTA)					X	
California <sup>2</sup>	X					
Colorado (CRDTS)		X	X	X	X	X
Connecticut <sup>1</sup> (NERB)			X	X	X	X
Delaware	X					
D.C. (NERB)				X		
Florida	X					
Georgia (SRTA)					X	
Hawaii <sup>2</sup>			X	X	X	X
Idaho (WREB)			X			X
Illinois (NERB, CRDTS)			X	X	X	X
Indiana	X					
Iowa (CRDTS)			X			X
Kansas (CRDTS)		X	X	X	X	X
Kentucky (SRTA)			X	X	X	X
Louisiana	X					
Maine (NERB)				X		
Maryland (NERB)				X		
Massachusetts <sup>5</sup> (NERB)			X	X	X	X
Michigan (NERB)				X		
Minnesota <sup>8</sup> (CRDTS)			X	X	X	X
Mississippi	X					
Missouri (CRDTS)		X	X	X	X	X
Montana (WREB)			X			X
Nebraska <sup>6</sup> (CRDTS)		Possibly	X	Possibly	Possibly	X
Nevada	X					X
New Hampshire <sup>3</sup> (NERB)		Possibly	X	X	X	X
New Jersey (NERB)				X		
New Mexico (WREB)			X			X
New York <sup>8</sup> (NERB)				X		
North Carolina	X					

JURISDICTION AND REGIONAL TESTING AGENCY MEMBERSHIP	OWN STATE 'S EXAM	OTHER STATE'S EXAM	CRDTS*	NERB*	SRTA*	WREB*
<b>North Dakota (CRDTS)</b>		<b>Possibly</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Ohio<sup>4</sup> (NERB)</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Oklahoma (WREB)</b>			<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Oregon (WREB)</b>			<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Pennsylvania (NERB)</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Rhode Island (NERB)</b>				<b>X</b>		
<b>South Carolina (SRTA)</b>					<b>X</b>	
<b>South Dakota (CRDTS)</b>			<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Tennessee<sup>7</sup> (SRTA)</b>		<b>Possibly</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Texas<sup>9</sup> (WREB)</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Utah (WREB)</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Vermont<sup>5</sup> (NERB)</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Virginia<sup>9</sup> (SRTA)</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Virgin Islands</b>	<b>X</b>					
<b>Washington (WREB, CRDTS dental only)</b>			<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>West Virginia (NERB, SRTA)</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Wisconsin (CRDTS)</b>			<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>Wyoming (WREB, CRDTS)</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>TOTAL STATES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>

<sup>1</sup> Effective October 1, 2004, candidates in **CT** must successfully complete ALL components of a regional board examination; an overall passing score is not acceptable. Candidates must also pass the NERB Dental Simulated Clinical Examination (DSCE).

<sup>2</sup> **CA** is in the process of considering accepting the WREB examination. **HI** is temporarily not administering its own exam and accepts the four regional examinations. Contact the state dental boards for further information.

<sup>3</sup> **NH** accepts all regional exams if the candidate passes each part of the exam taken with a score of 75% or higher. Candidate must also have passed the NERB Dental Simulated Clinical Examination (DSCE). State exams accepted on a case-by-case basis.

<sup>4</sup> **OH** accepts other regional exams if candidate passes all parts of the specific taken.

<sup>5</sup> **MA** and **VT** accept all regional exams but candidates must also pass the NERB Dental Simulated Clinical Examination (DSCE).

<sup>6</sup> **NE** will accept other state and regional boards if comparable to CRDTS

<sup>7</sup> **TN** has authority to accept other state exams if criteria outlined in statutes and rules are met and other state exams are approved by the state dental board. Applicants for Limited license must only complete National Boards Examination and specialty examination if practicing as a specialist.

<sup>8</sup> **NY** and **MN** accept completion of an ADA accredited advanced education program of at least one year in length in lieu of a clinical examination for initial licensure. As of 2007, **NY** will no longer require a clinical examination. Completion of a postgraduate program will be mandatory for initial licensure in NY.

<sup>9</sup> **TX** will accept results of NERB and SRTA examinations taken after January 1, 2005. **VA** will accept results of NERB, CRDTS and WREB examinations taken after January 1, 2005.

**CRDTS**-Central Regional Dental Testing Service; **NERB**-Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners; **SRTA**-Southern Regional Testing Agency; **WREB**-Western Regional Examining Board

American Dental Association ♦ Council on Dental Education and Licensure ♦ 211 E. Chicago Avenue ♦ Chicago, IL.