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Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation

Qualifications for Licensure:

Dental Hygienist License (020)

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Important:

- The qualifications for an Illinois dental hygienist license are provided in 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1220.200 and 1220.410. Part 1220 may be referred to as the dental rules. Links to the act and rules are available online at <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/dentist.html> under Laws and Rules.

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Successful completion of 2 academic years from a dental hygiene program approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.
- Successful completion of the National Dental Hygienist Board examination.
- Successful completion of an examination in accordance with 68 IAC 1220.120 (a).
- Current certification in BLS from the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or the American Safety and Health Institute.
- Individuals applying for a license by endorsement must be actively licensed to practice as a dental hygienist in another state or jurisdiction of the United States.

Please apply for licensure with the Division of Professional Regulation using the CORE licensing system online at <https://idfpr.illinois.gov/core.html>.