

INITIAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Bermuda Dental Board

This document outlines the criteria for registration as a dental hygienist with the Bermuda Dental Board.

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1. Introduction

This document outlines the requirements for registration with the Bermuda Dental Board as a registered dental hygienist. While this document provides an overview of the criteria for initial registration, each application will be independently assessed based on its own merits.

2. General Requirements

2.1. Application

All applicants must submit an electronic [Health Professional Initial Registration Application](#). All supplemental documentation should be uploaded and attached to the application, with the exception of the [Certificate of Professional Education Form](#) (COPE) and evidence of professional standing from all jurisdictions of licensure. Please review the [Dental Initial Registration Checklist](#) for a list of required documentation.

2.2. Fees

The fee for initial registration as a dental hygienist is \$205. Payment must be made via credit card after the submission of the electronic application.

2.3. Eligibility to Work

All applicants for initial registration must be eligible to work in Bermuda. Documentation showing eligibility to work must be attached to the application and can include:

- Bermuda or BOTC passport copy with stamp
- Letter of Employment/Job Offer Letter
- Spousal letter
- Valid Work Permit
- Permanent Residency Card

2.4. Proof of Identification

Proof of identification includes a **notarized** copy of a valid passport or birth certificate. If your name has changed and differs from the name on your supporting documentation, notarized name change certification documentation must be provided (i.e. marriage certificate).

2.5. Proof of True Likeness

A digital head shot photo must be attached to your application. You can take the photo yourself if the image of likeness is clear.

2.6. Resume/Curriculum Vitae

A copy of the applicant's resume, or C.V. must be attached to the application and reflect the most up-to-date information.

2.7. References

Two letters of professional reference are required and must be attached to your application for registration. All references must be current (dated within the last 12 months) and on an official letterhead.

2.8. CPR/First Aid

Evidence of current CPR & First Aid certification must be uploaded to the application.

2.9. Indemnity Insurance

All applicants must provide evidence of indemnity insurance, such as a letter or certificate from the insurer with policy details included.

2.10. Language of Submission

All documents submitted must be in English. If the original documents are not in English, a notarized copy of the translation must be provided by an independent third party. The Board does not provide translation services; therefore, documents that do not meet these requirements will be rejected.

3. Education Requirements

The academic training requirement for registration under the [Dental Practitioners Act 1950](#) (the "Act") is satisfied if the applicant possesses a degree in dental hygiene that at the time it was awarded meets the following criteria:

- I. The terminal degree and institution must be accredited or approved by a national organization of the country of training (e.g. Commission on Dental Accreditation in the US or Commissions on Dental Accreditation of Canada) or national body

governing the profession (e.g. General Dental Council in the UK), and as approved by the Council.

- II. If not accredited or approved by one of the above bodies (or by a similar national organization of the country of training or other national body governing the profession deemed by the Council to represent a comparable standard) or the standards are significantly different from the above, the Council will request that the applicant submit a UK ENIC Statement of Comparability and obtain a score of 6 or higher (enic.org.uk).

All applicants must have the institution where their professional qualifications were obtained complete the [Certificate of Professional Education Form](#) and email it directly to professions@healthcouncil.bm.

A **notarized** copy of the applicant's professional degree must also be attached to the application.

4. Examination Requirements

All applicants seeking registration as a dental hygienist are required to complete a written examination. Those who have successfully passed a licensing examination in the country of their qualification are exempt from the practical examination.

5. Overseas Licensure

Evidence pertaining to your professional standing in any jurisdiction in which you are licensed or registered is required. A letter or form attesting to your professional standing must be submitted directly to professions@healthcouncil.bm by the relevant statutory authority.