

65-1426. Application for license; temporary license; qualifications of applicants; approval of dental schools or colleges. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) or subsection (d), every person who desires to practice dentistry in this state shall file with the executive director of the board a written application for a license, and furnish satisfactory proof that the applicant is at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and a graduate of a dental school or college approved by the board. Such application shall be upon the form prescribed and furnished by the board and verified by the oath of the applicant and shall be accompanied by the required fee and a recent unmounted, autographed photograph of the applicant.

(b) The board shall approve only those dental schools or colleges which require the study of dentistry and dental surgery and which the board determines have standards of education not less than that required for accreditation by the commission on dental accreditation of the American dental association or its equivalent.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the board shall consider an application of: Any graduate of a dental school which has not been approved by the board if the applicant successfully completes a course of remedial or refresher instruction offered by a dental school or college where both the course and the school have been approved by the board.

(d) Any graduate of an accredited dental school, dental college or dental department of a college or university, who: (1) Has a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree and is otherwise qualified; (2) is not licensed to practice dentistry in Kansas; and (3) holds a license to practice in the state from which they are applying, upon application, may be issued a temporary license of not more than 14 calendar days to provide dental services under subsection (f)(4) of K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

(e) The board is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such further rules in regard to the qualifications of applicants for licensure, not in conflict with this section, as it from time to time may deem necessary and proper.

(f) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which a school shall satisfy in meeting the standards of education established under subsection (b). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the school meets the requirements of subsection (b) and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the school to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about schools. In entering such contracts the authority to approve schools shall remain solely with the board.

History: L. 1943, ch. 221, § 9; L. 1978, ch. 237, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 246, § 1; L. 1983, ch. 209, § 1; L. 1988, ch. 243, § 4; L. 2002, ch. 38, § 1; L. 2003, ch. 82, § 1; July 1.