

# **Occupational Licensing Study 50 State Comparison**

State Board of Dentistry

Dentist  
Dental Hygienist  
Dental Assistant  
Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner



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# Dentist

A licensed healthcare professional who diagnoses, treats, operates on, or prescribes for any disease, pain or injury, or regulates any deformity or physical condition, of the human teeth, jaws or associated structures.

# Dental Hygienist

Healthcare professional who is trained and licensed to clean teeth, take dental x-rays, and provide related dental services and care, under the supervision of a dentist.

# Dental Assistant

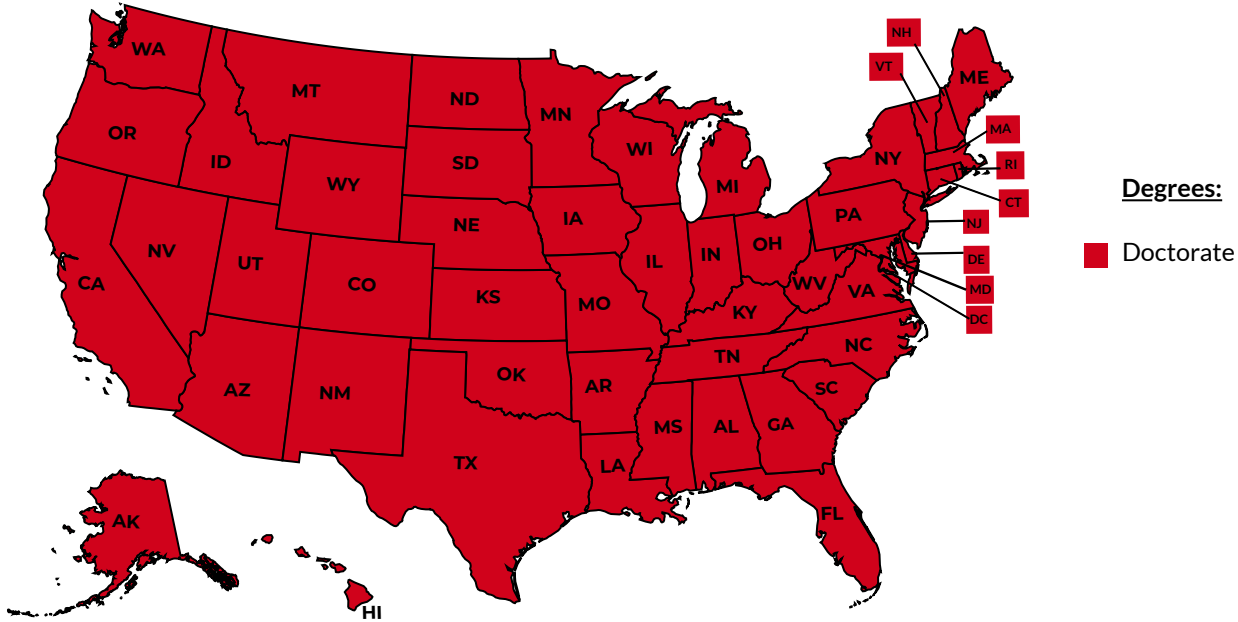
Healthcare professional who performs functions under the supervision of a licensed dentist, such as coronal polishing, placing and condensing amalgam restoration and other restorative materials, fluoride treatments, including fluoride varnish, placing and removing rubber dams among other functions.

# Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner

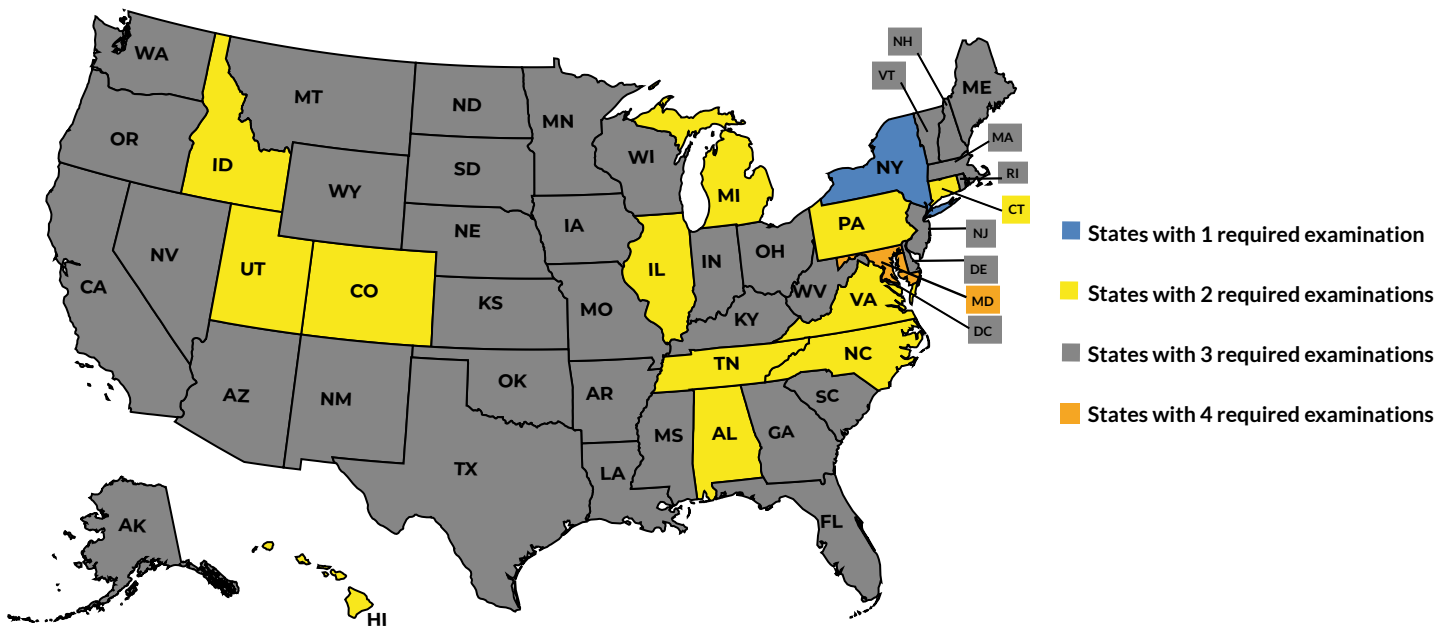
A licensed dental hygienist who may perform educational, preventive, therapeutic and intra-oral procedures which the hygienist is educated to perform and which require the hygienist's professional competence and skill but which do not require the professional competence and skill of a dentist without the authorization, assignment or examination of a dentist, and who is certified by the State Board of Dentistry as having satisfied the requirements.

# Dentist

## Degree Requirement



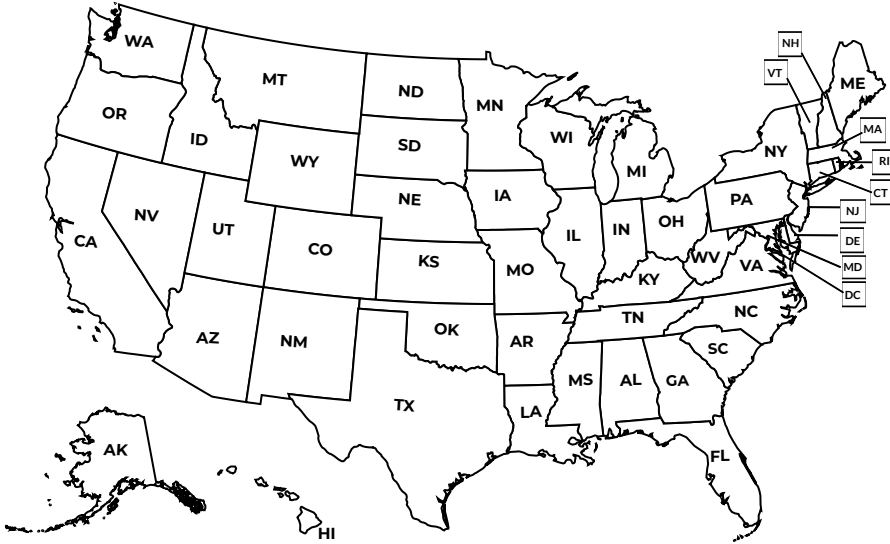
## Examination Requirement



\*AK: Must take the WREB examination unless applicant completed a 2 yr or more post graduate training program.  
 CT, OH, & WA: Must take a regional board exam unless the applicant has completed residency training

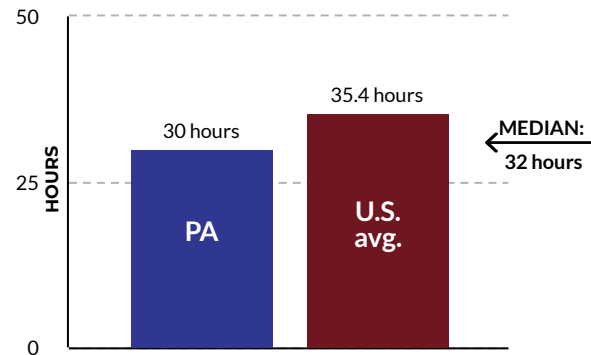
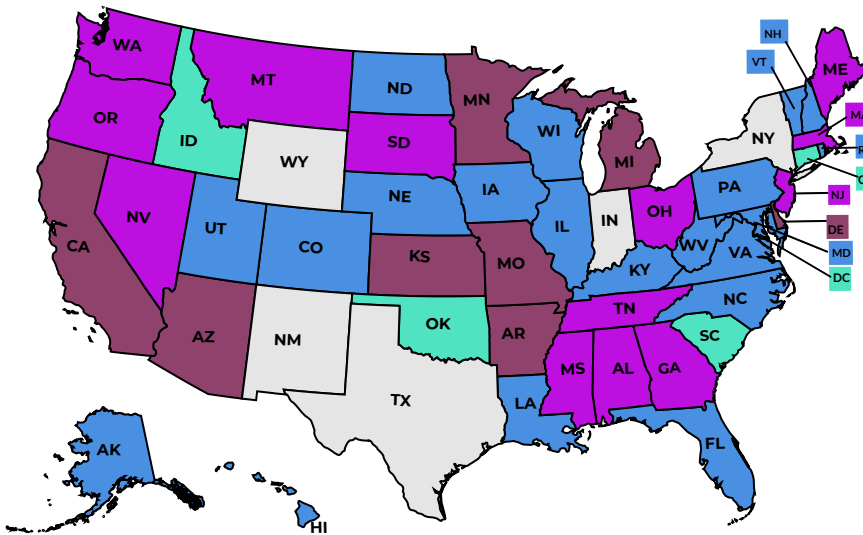
# Dentist

## Training / Experience Requirement



\*Experience requirement for dentists is satisfied through the completion of an approved Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) program

## Continuing Education Requirement

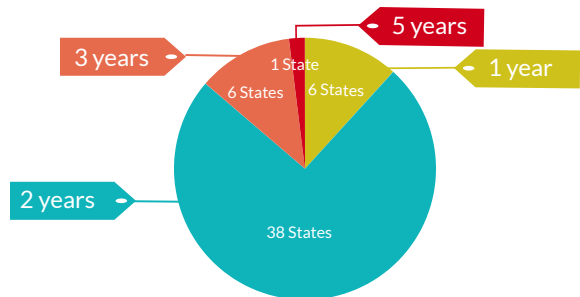


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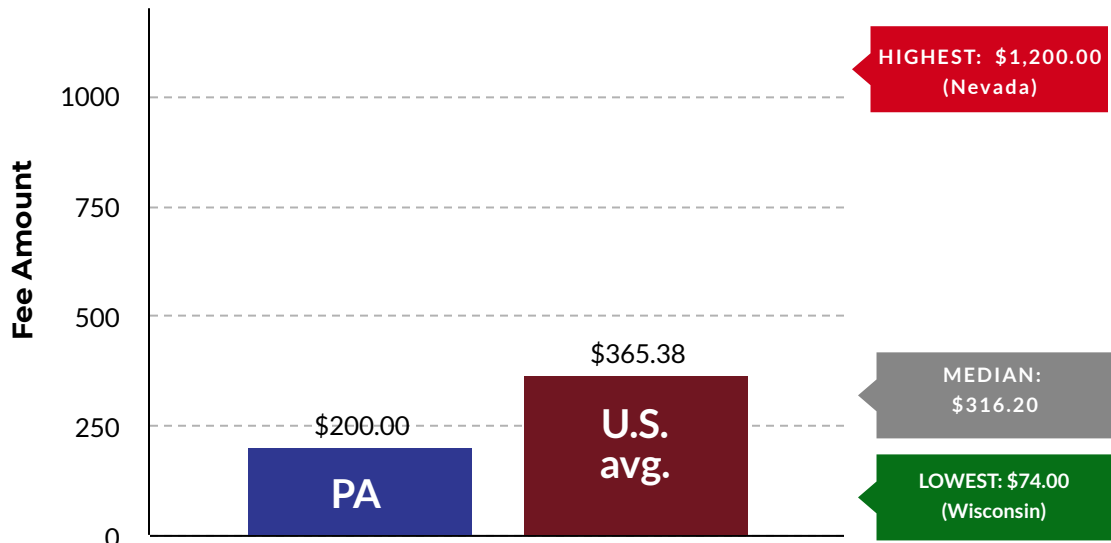
- 0 - 25 CE hours/2 years
- 25 - 30 CE hours/2 years
- 30 - 38 CE hours/2 years
- 38 - 47 CE hours/2 years
- > 47 CE hours/2 years

### CE Reporting Cycles



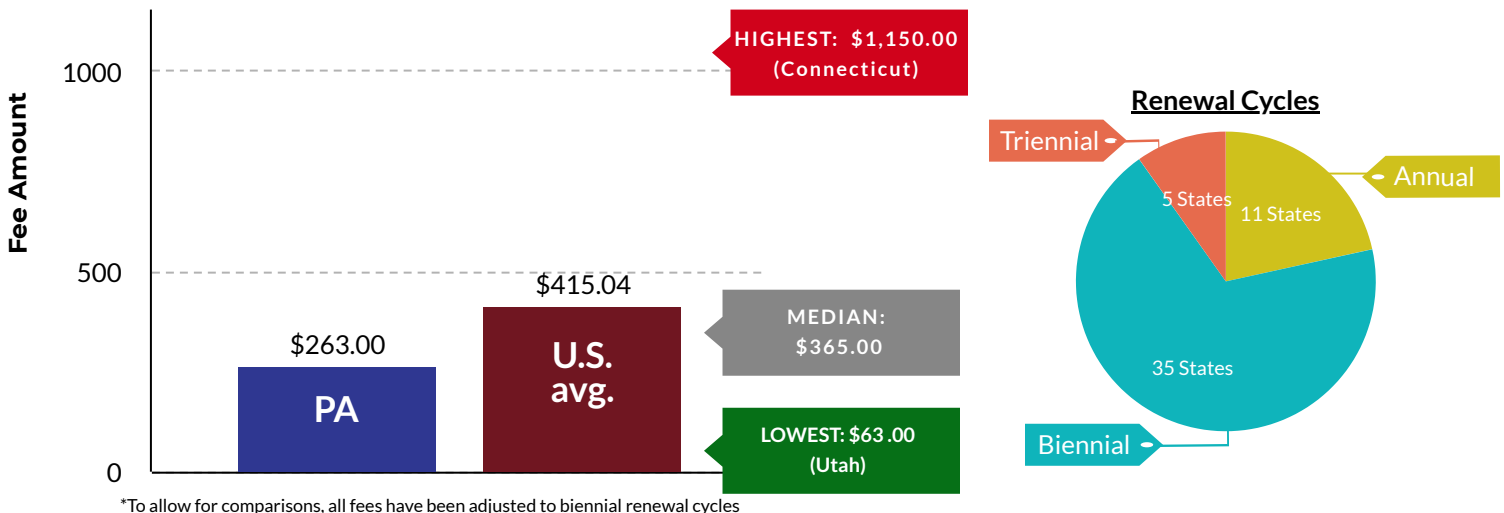
# Dentist

## Initial Licensing Fee



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## Renewal Fees



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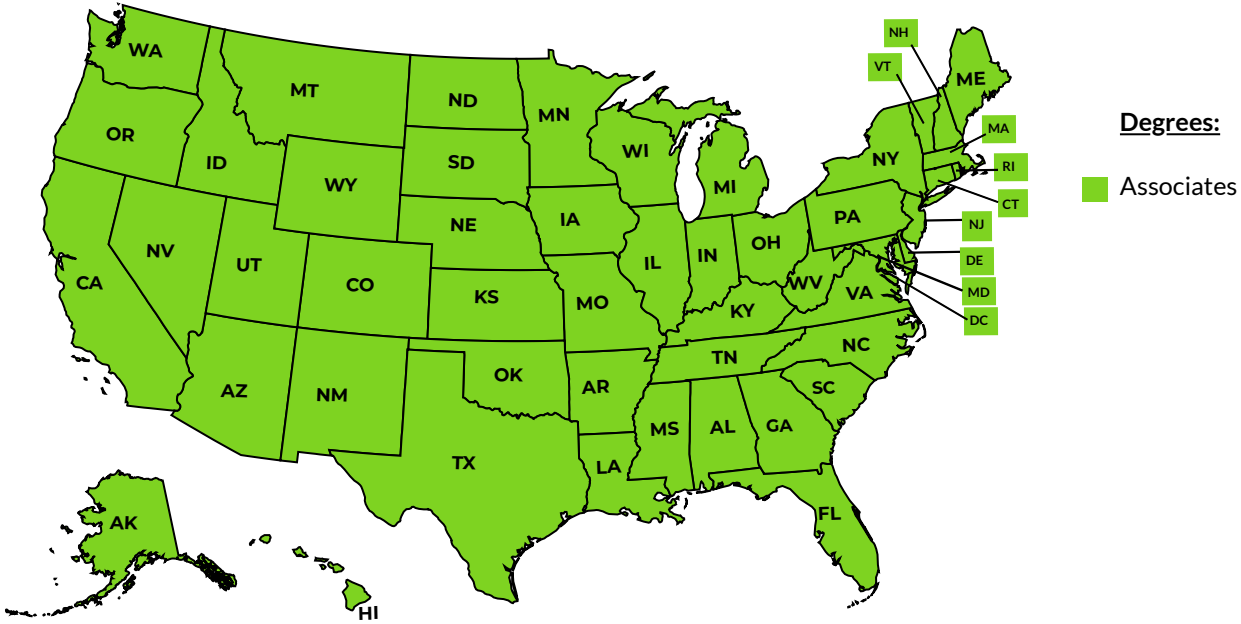
# Dentist

## States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

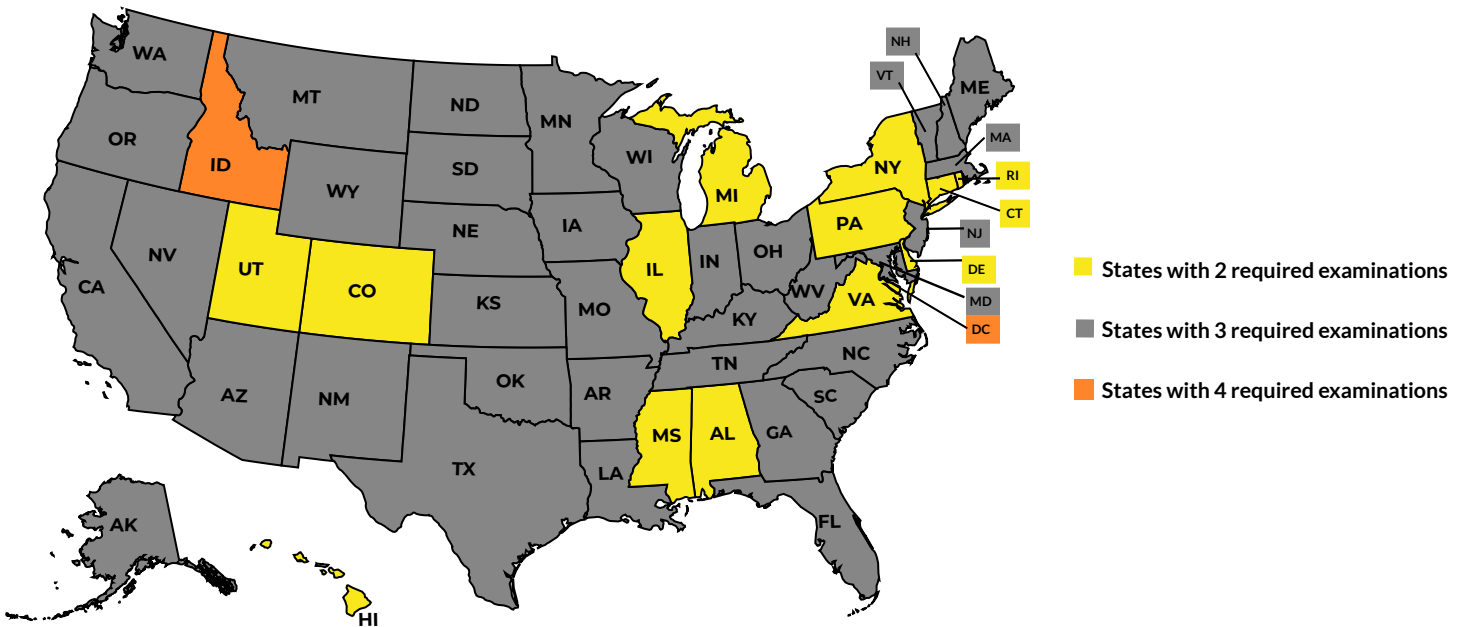
<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>By Credentials</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Colorado	Delaware	Alabama	Hawaii
Connecticut	Maine	Alaska	
District of Columbia	Nebraska	Arizona	
Florida	Ohio	Arkansas	
Idaho	Tennessee	California	
Illinois		Georgia	
Indiana		Iowa	
Michigan		Kansas	
Nevada		Kentucky	
New Hampshire		Louisiana	
New Jersey		Maryland	
New Mexico		Massachusetts	
New York		Minnesota	
Rhode Island		Mississippi	
Utah		Missouri	
Vermont		Montana	
Wisconsin		North Carolina	
Wyoming		North Dakota	
		Oklahoma	
		Oregon	
		Pennsylvania**	
		South Carolina	
		South Dakota	
		Texas	
		Virginia	
		Washington	
		West Virginia	

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# Dental Hygienist Degree Requirement

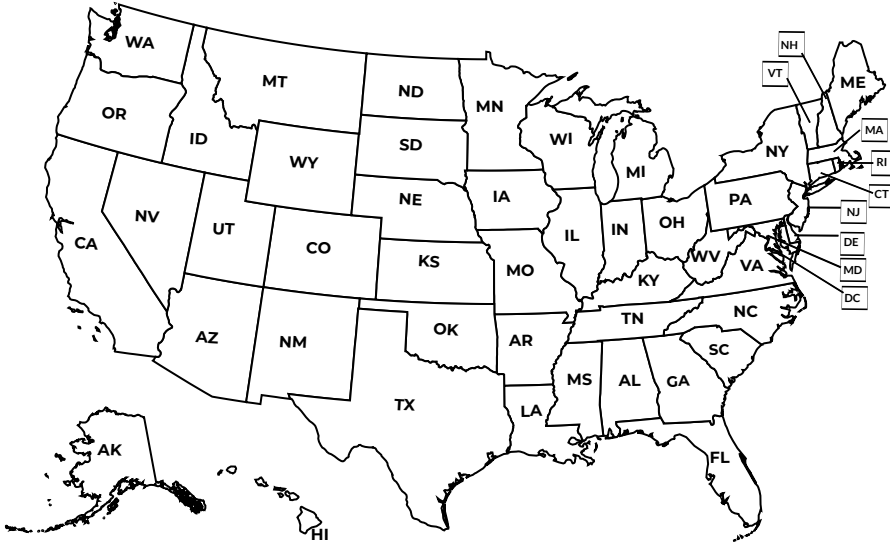


# Examination Requirement



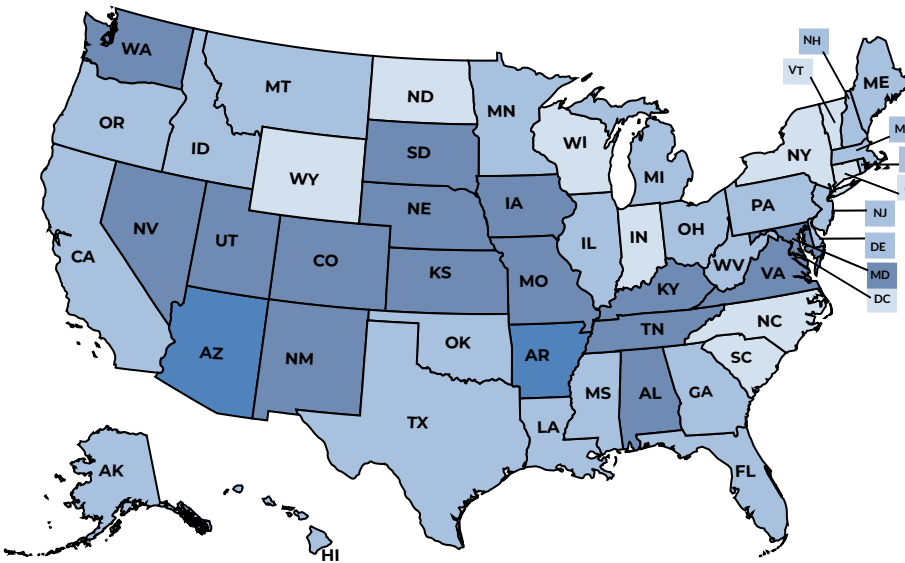
# Dental Hygienist

## Training / Experience Requirement



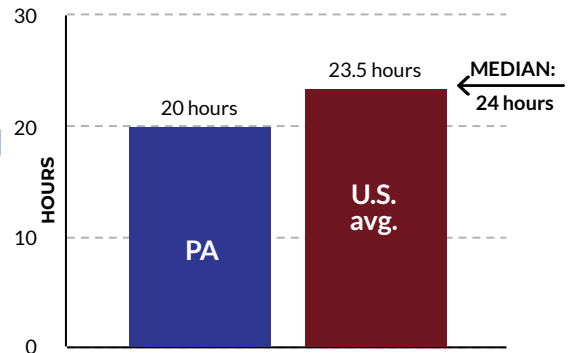
**\*All dental hygienists complete the training and experience requirement during the completion of their associate's degree.**

## Continuing Education Requirement

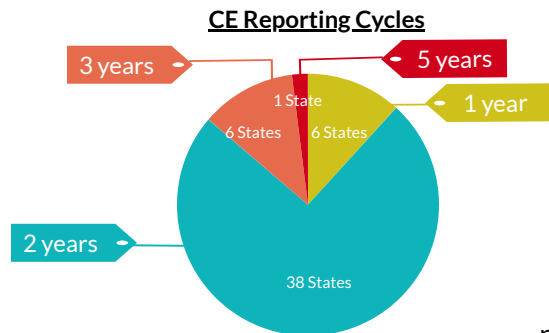


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- 12 - 18 CE hours/ 2 years
- 19 - 25 CE hours/2 years
- 26 - 32 CE Hours/2 years
- 33 - 40 CE Hours/2 years



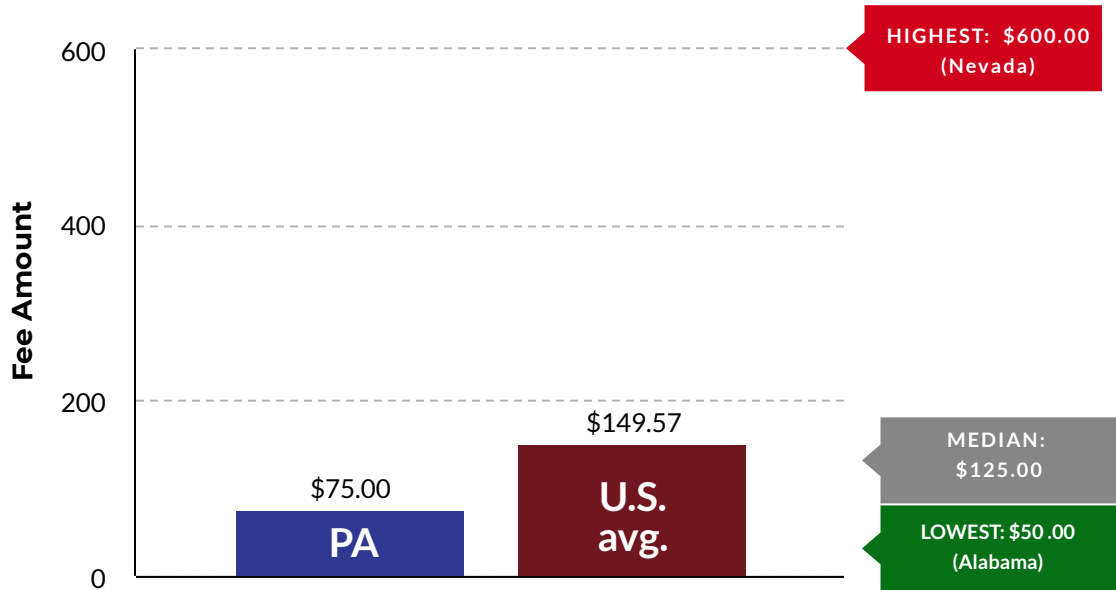
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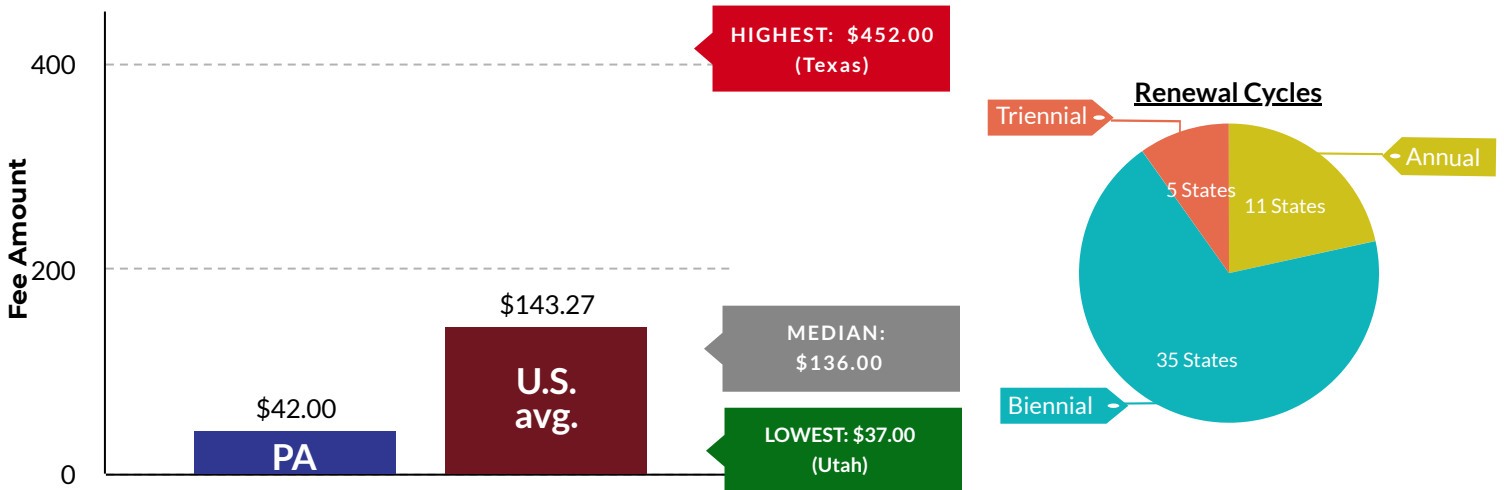
# Dental Hygienist

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## Renewal Fees



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# Dental Hygienist

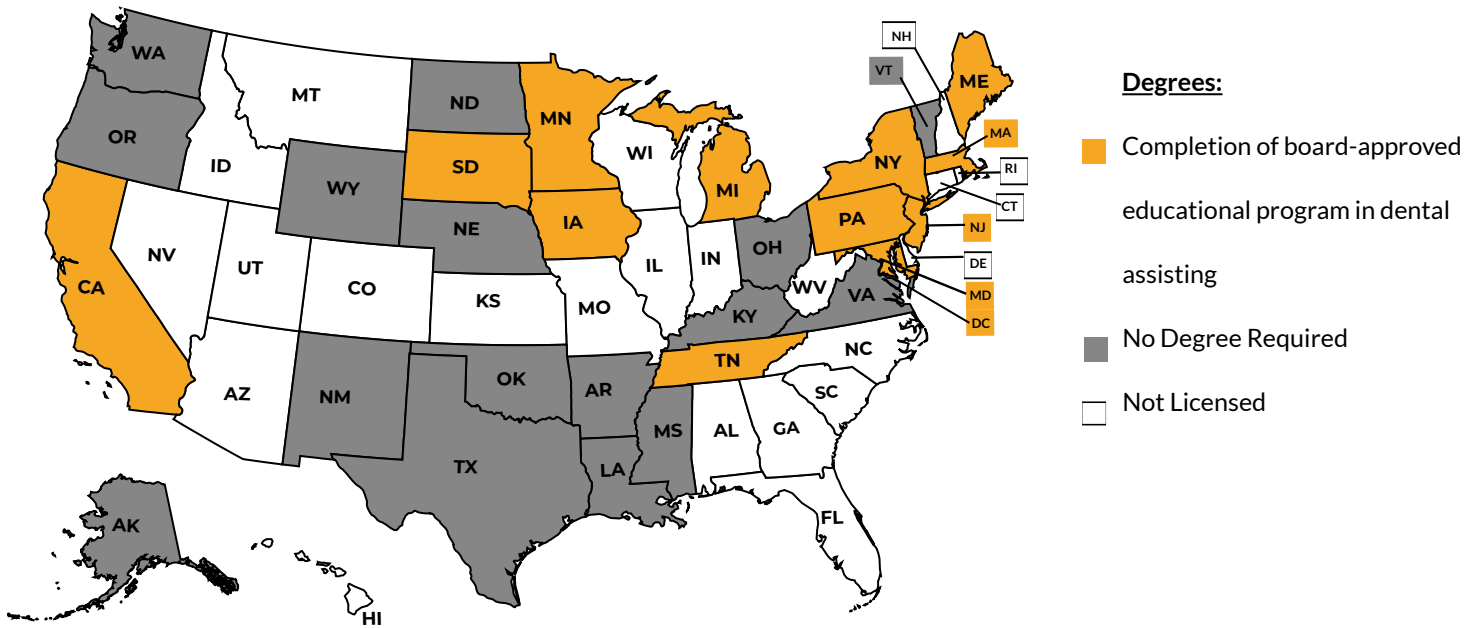
## States with Reciprocity or Endorsement

<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>By Credentials</u>		<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Colorado	Delaware	Alabama	Mississippi	Florida
District of Columbia	Nebraska	Alaska	Missouri	
Illinois	New Jersey	Arizona	Montana	Hawaii
Indiana	Tennessee	Arkansas	New Mexico	
Maine		California	North Carolina	
Michigan		Connecticut	North Dakota	
Nevada		Georgia	Ohio	
New Hampshire		Idaho	Oklahoma	
New York		Iowa	Oregon	
Rhode Island		Kansas	Pennsylvania**	
Utah		Kentucky	South Carolina	
Vermont		Louisiana	South Dakota	
Washington		Maryland	Texas	
Wisconsin		Massachusetts	Virginia	
Wyoming		Minnesota	West Virginia	

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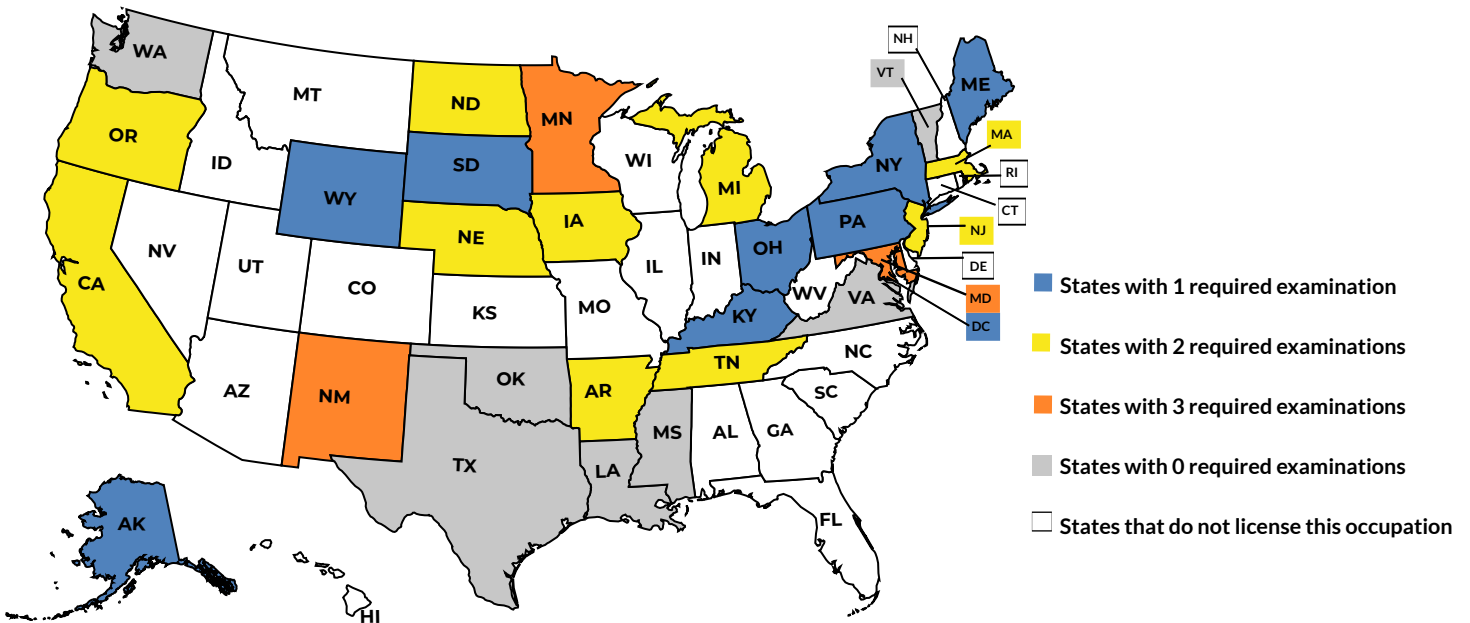
# Dental Assistant

## Degree Requirement



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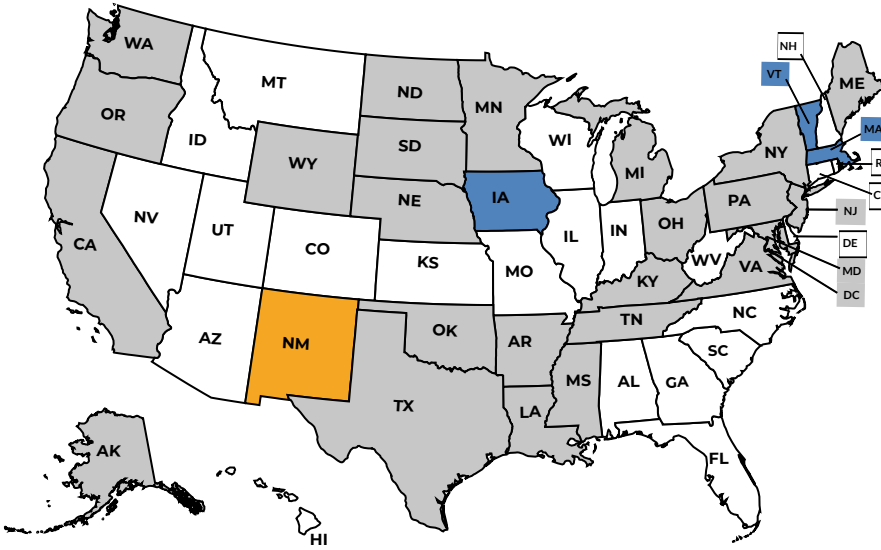
## Examination Requirement



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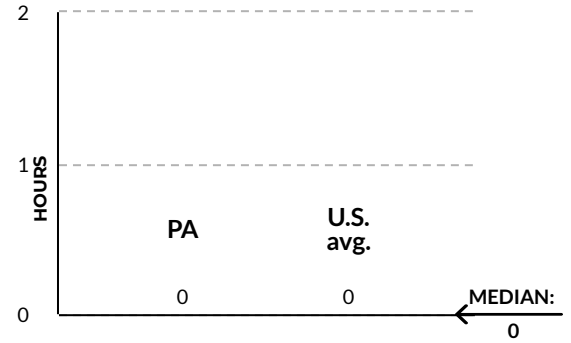
# Dental Assistant

## Training / Experience Requirement



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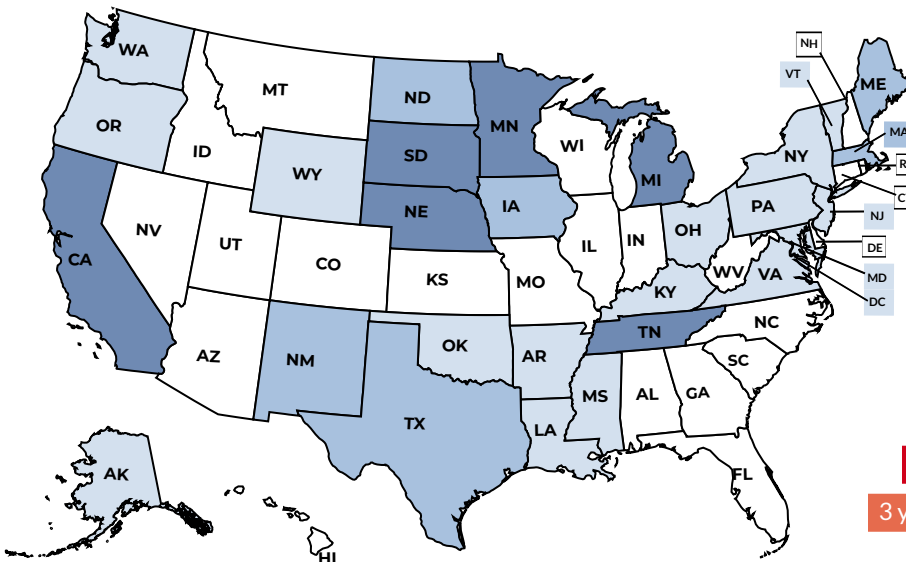
- 6 months
- 2,080 hours
- States that do not mention an experience requirement
- States that do not license this occupation



\*CA and NJ require training if the applicant does not have any dental education. The other states that license this occupation require the applicant to obtain training during their education.

\*MD and KY do not license this occupation, but it is registered by the state government.

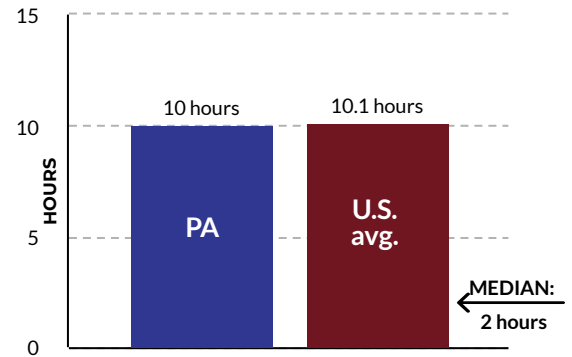
## Continuing Education Requirement



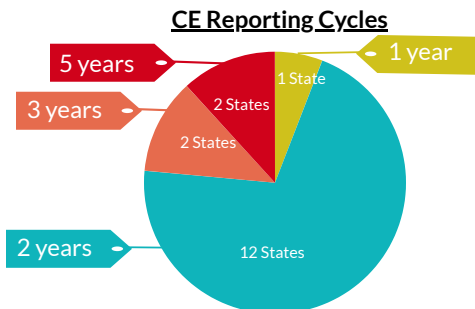
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- 0-10 CE hours/2 years
- 11-20 CE hours/2 years
- 21-30 CE hours/2 years
- States that do not license this occupation



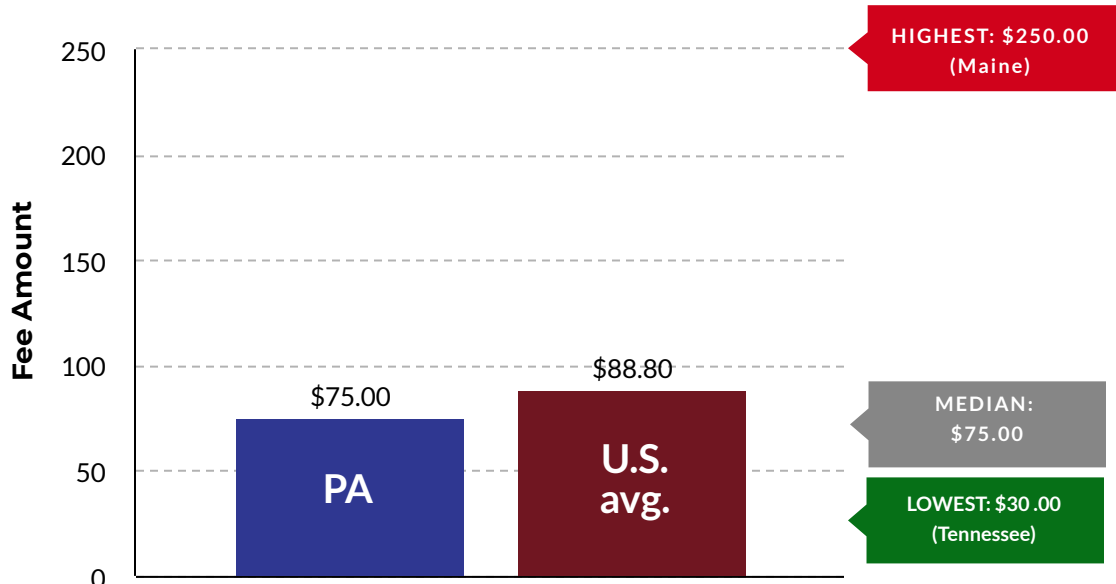
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\*12 states do not require CE, and 22 states do not license this occupation.

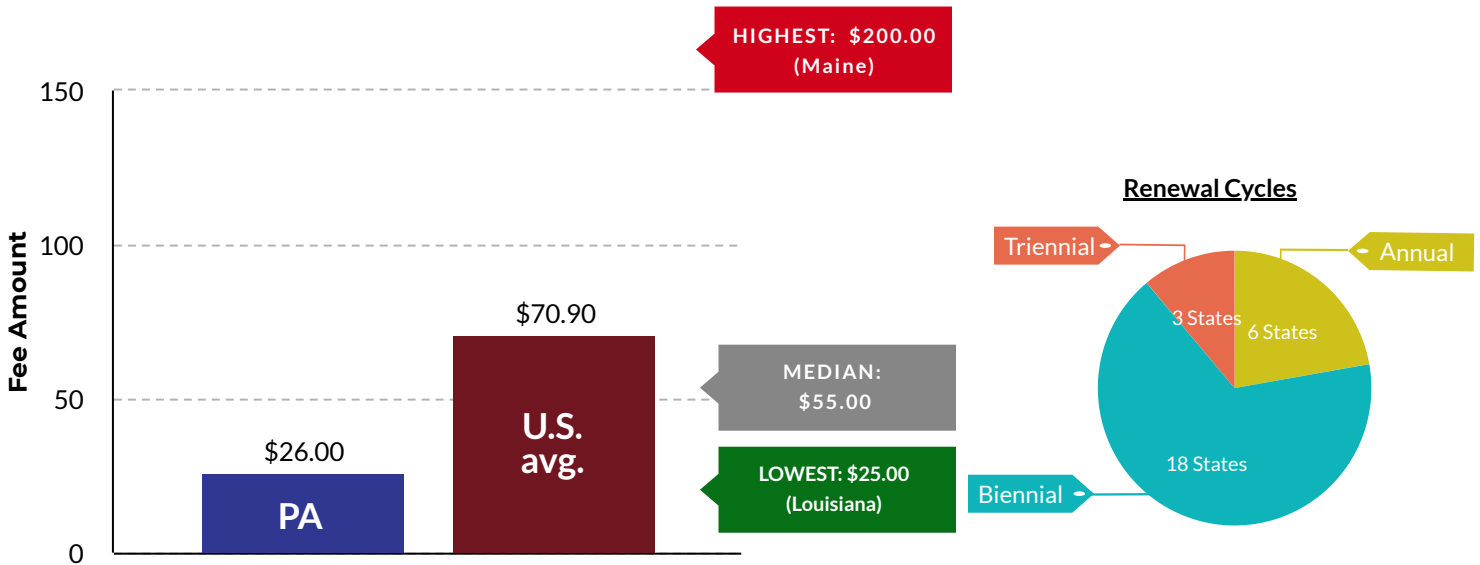
# Dental Assistant

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## Renewal Fees



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\*NE is included in the renewal cycle pie chart but is not included in the calculation of average and median because the fee is not available.

# Dental Assistant

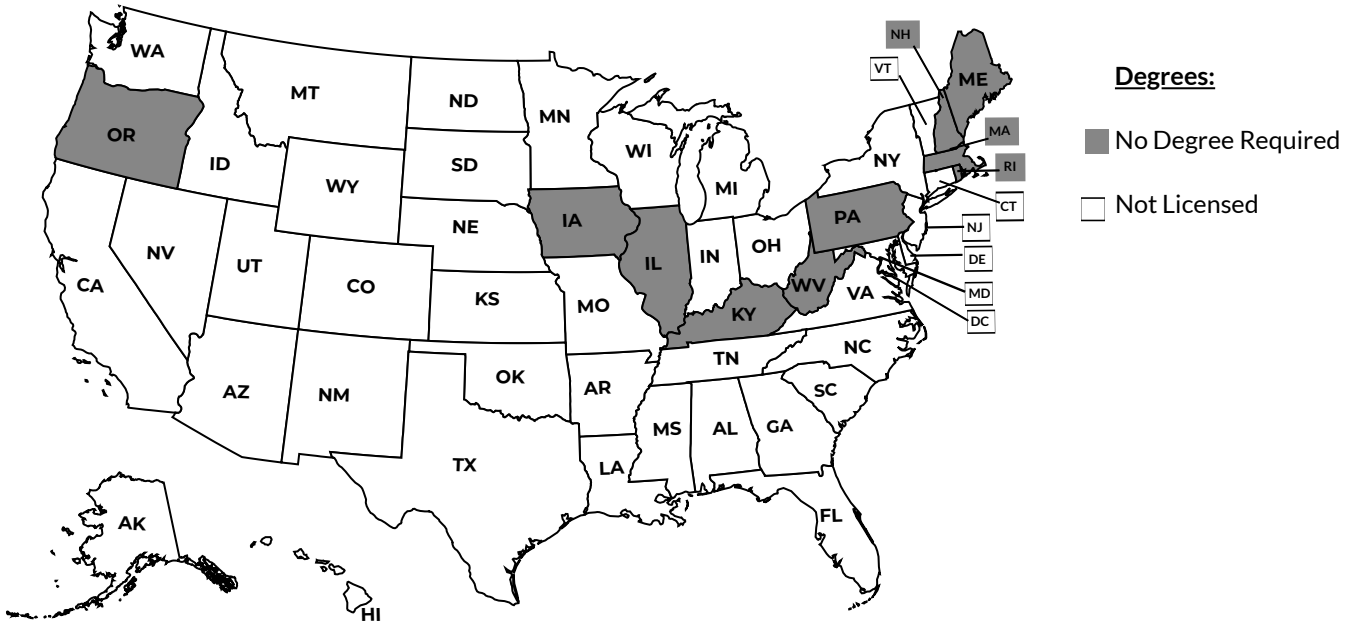
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<u>Endorsement</u>	<u>Reciprocity</u>	<u>By Credentials</u>	<u>Not Specified in Legislation</u>
Alaska District of Columbia Maine North Dakota Vermont Virginia Washington	Nebraska	Massachusetts Ohio Oregon Pennsylvania** Tennessee	Arkansas California Iowa Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Michigan Minnesota Mississippi New Jersey New Mexico New York Oklahoma South Dakota Texas Wyoming

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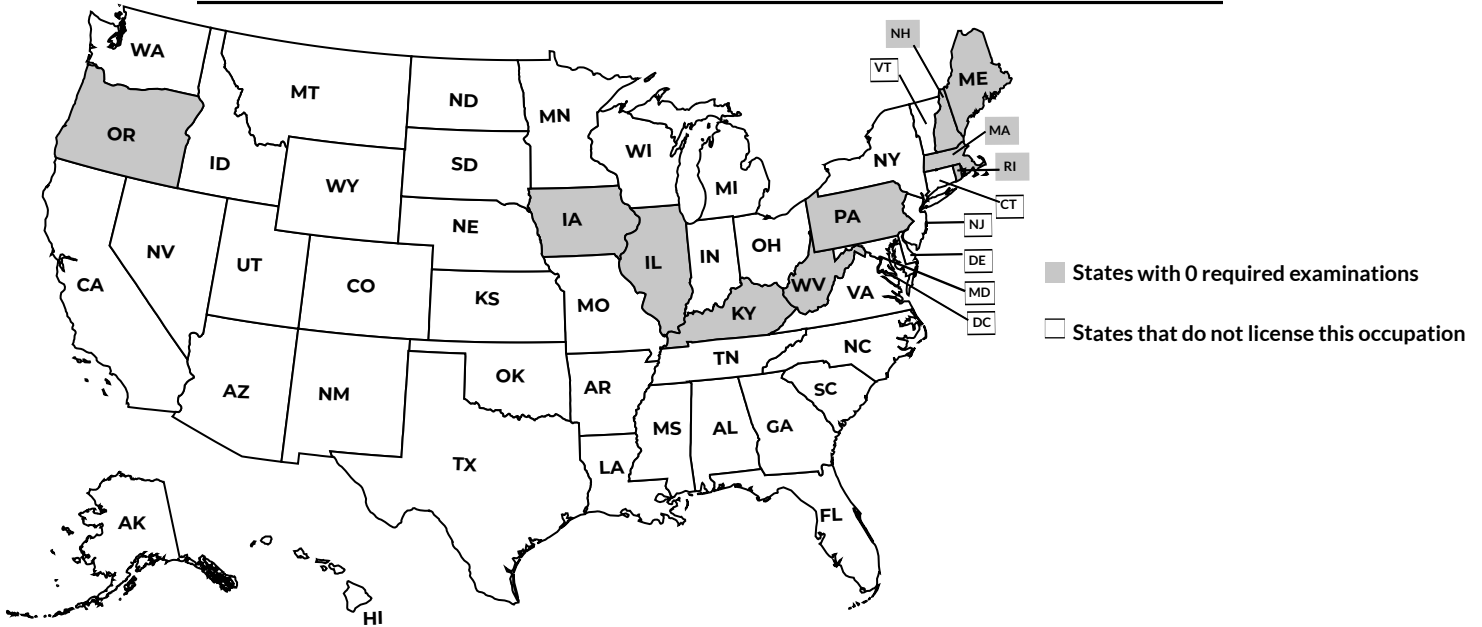
# Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner

## Degree Requirement



\*No additional degree is required for this occupation, but the applicant must first become a dental hygienist so he/she must have an associate's degree.

## Examination Requirement



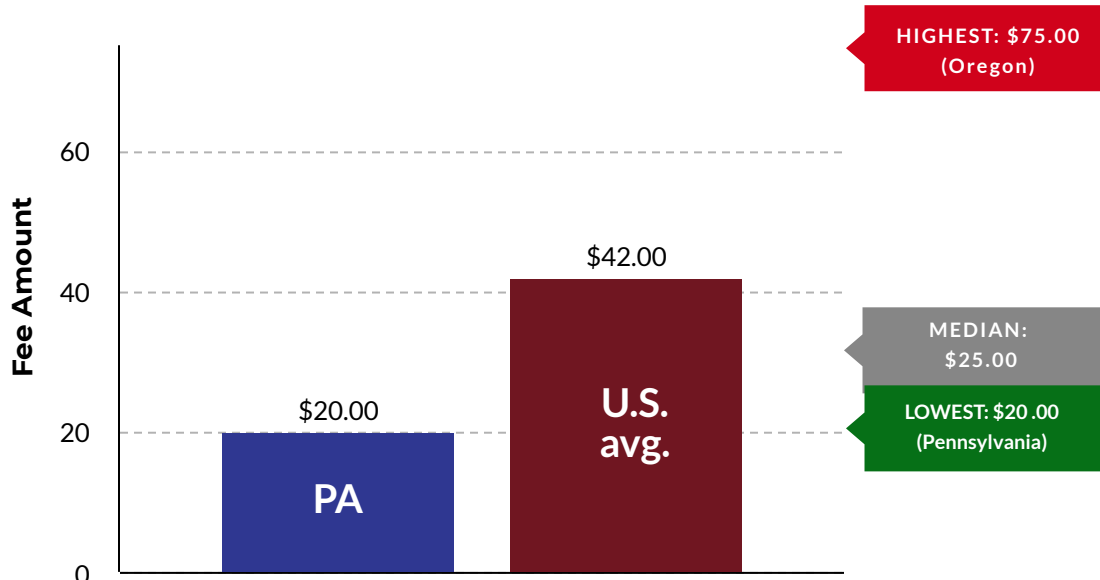
\*No additional examinations are required besides the exams to become a dental hygienist.





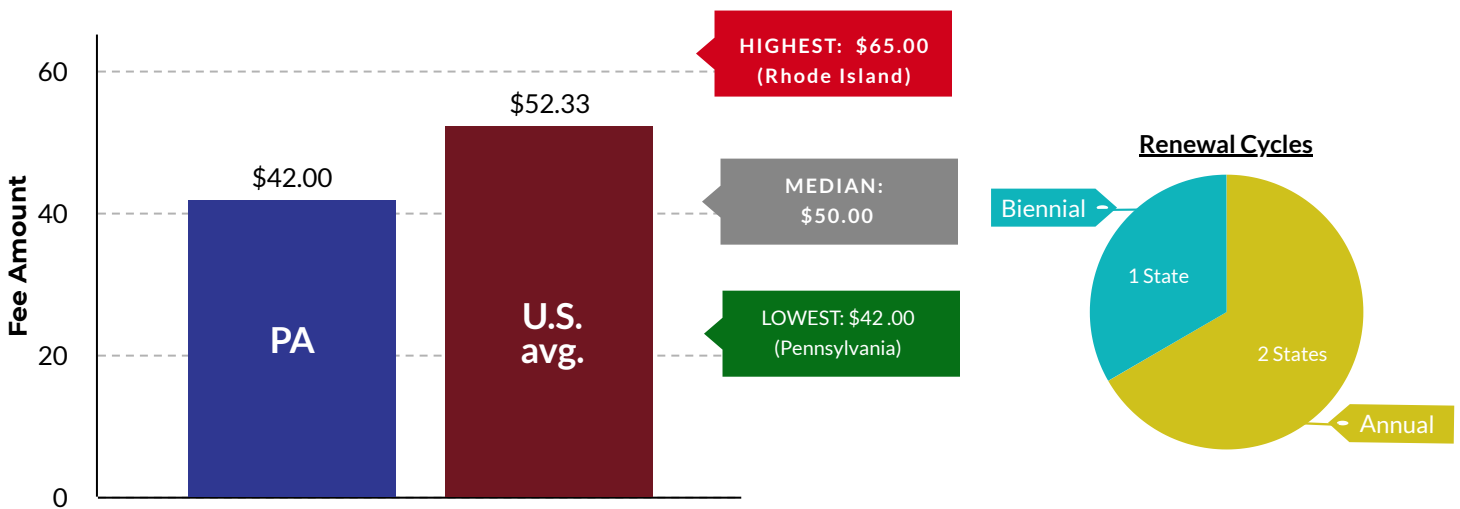
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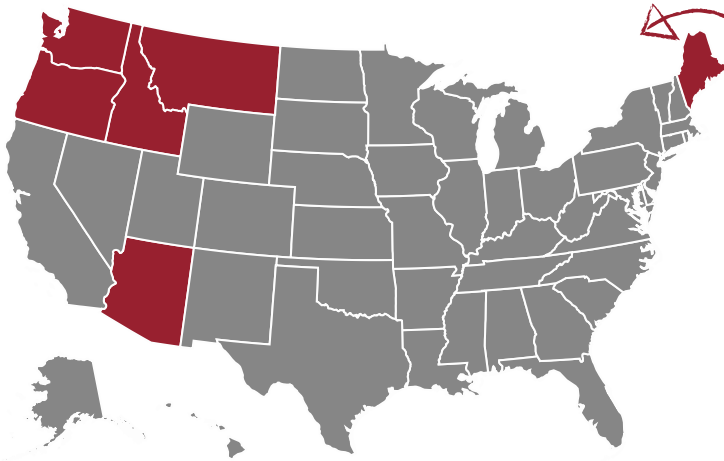
# Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner

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		Pennsylvania** Rhode Island	Illinois Iowa Kentucky Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire Oregon West Virginia

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# Observation Section



## States that license **Denturists**

- Arizona
- Idaho
- Maine
- Montana
- Oregon
- Washington

## Dentists Continuing Education (CE) Outliers

- South Dakota is the only state with a 5 year CE cycle
- Kansas requires the highest amount of CE with 60 hours every 2 years
- Indiana, New Mexico, New York, and Wyoming require the least amount of CE with 20 hours every 2 years.

## Dental Hygienists Continuing Education (CE) Outliers

- South Dakota is the only state with a 5 year CE cycle
- Arkansas requires the highest amount of CE with 40 hours every 2 years
- North Carolina and Wisconsin require the least amount of CE with 12 hours every 2 years.

## Dental Assistants Continuing Education (CE) Outliers

- South Dakota is the only state with a 5 year CE cycle
- Nebraska requires the highest amount of CE with 30 hours every 2 years
- Alaska, D.C, Kentucky, Louisiana Mississippi, New York, Oregon, Vermont Virginia Washington and Wyoming require 0 CE.

## Public Health Dental Hygienists Continuing Education (CE) Outliers

- West Virginia requires the highest amount of CE with 6 hours every 2 years
- Kentucky and Pennsylvania require the least CE, with 5 hours every 2 years

# Sources: State Licensing Boards

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