

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

Vermont law provides that for an applicant to be eligible for licensure as a dentist by examination the applicant shall have attained the age of majority and:

(2) *be a graduate of:*

(B) *a program of foreign dental training and a postgraduate program accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association **that is acceptable to the Board.** (emphasis added)*

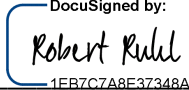
26 V.S.A. § 601(2)(B)

The Board clarifies that it interprets the language “that is acceptable to the Board” as follows:

CODA-accredited programs are presumptively “acceptable to the Board,” except those that:

- (1) have no in-person component, or
- (2) have graduated Bachelor of Dental Science graduates who present without accounting for at least six years of postsecondary training with clinical experience.

If an applicant’s program of foreign dental training and/or postgraduate program is not deemed acceptable to the Board, the applicant is invited to apply through the [Administrative Rules for Assessment of Professional Credentials Obtained Outside the United States](#). To minimize expense to applicants, the Board will accept third-party credential verification assessments prepared for admission, if the same can be obtained from the source or the registrar of the CODA-accredited program from which the applicant graduated.

Signed:  _____, Chair
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