



## **Dental Hygiene Sealant/Fluoride Varnish Endorsement Application Packet**

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### **Important Social Security Number Information:**

You are required by state and federal law to provide a social security number with your application. If you do not have a social security number at the time you send in this application, please read, complete, and return this [form](#) with your application.

A U.S. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or a Canadian Social Insurance Number (SIN) cannot be substituted.

### **In order to process your request:**

**Mail your application with initial  
documentation and your check  
or money order payable to:**

Department of Health  
P.O. Box 1099  
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

**Send other documents not sent  
with initial application to:**

Dental Hygiene Credentialing  
P.O. Box 47877  
Olympia, WA 98504-7877

### **Contact us:**

360-236-4700

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## Application Instructions Checklist

**Important background check Information:** Washington State law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint-based background checks for licensing purposes. This check may be through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This may be required if you have lived in another state or if you have a criminal record in Washington State. This would be at your own expense.

All information should be printed clearly in blue or black ink. It is your responsibility to submit the required forms.

**Application Fee.** This fee is non-refundable. You can check the online [fee page](#) for current fees.

**1: Demographic Information:**

**Social Security Number:** You must list your social security number on your application. Please call the Customer Service Center at 360-236-4700 if you do not have one.

**National Provider Identifier Number (NPI):** The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

**Legal Name:** List your full name: first, middle, and last.

**Definition of legal name:** “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have the legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this form, your application may be denied.

**Birth date:** Provide the month, day, and year of your birth.

**Birth place:** Provide the city, state and country where you were born.

**Address:** List the address we should use to send any information about your license. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county, and country. This will be your permanent address with the Department of Health until we have been notified of a change. See [WAC 246-12-310](#).

**Phone, Fax and Cell Numbers:** Enter your phone, fax and cell numbers, if you have them.

**Email:** Enter your email address, if you have one.

**Other Name(s):** Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See [WAC 246-12-300](#).

**2: Personal Data Questions:**

All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must also provide the documentation listed in the note after the question. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You can get copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.
- Another jurisdiction means any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

**3: Training:**

Provide proof of the completion of training as contained in the Washington State Department of Health sealant/fluoride varnish program guidelines. Guidelines can be located [online](#). Training can be met by any of the following if they have incorporated the sealant/fluoride varnish program guidelines:

1. Graduation from a dental assisting, dental hygiene or dental education program.
2. A continuing education course.
3. A dentist licensed in Washington.

**4: Applicant’s Attestation:**

You must sign and date this for us to process the application.

## Purpose

The dental hygiene sealant/fluoride varnish endorsement program is intended to improve access to dental care for low-income, rural, and other at-risk children by enhancing the authority of dental hygienists to provide dental sealant and fluoride varnish treatments in school based programs, [RCW 43.70.650](#). The dental hygienist must have coordination with local public health jurisdictions and local oral health coalitions. This can be done without the supervision of a licensed dentist.

Dental hygienists licensed on or before April 19, 2001, were automatically given the endorsement without having to attend the Department of Health’s school sealant program.

Dental hygienists licensed after April 19, 2001 must obtain an endorsement to provide services under this chapter. Applicants must meet the additional requirements in [RCW 18.29.220](#) and must submit:

- a. An application for endorsement;
- b. Fee;
- c. Information of having a valid Washington State dental hygiene license for reference; and
- d. Proof of the completion of training that has incorporated the Washington State Department of Health sealant/fluoride varnish program guidelines as described in [WAC 246-814-040\(3\)](#).

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## Dental Hygiene Sealant/Fluoride Varnish Endorsement Application

Please print clearly. Follow the instructions provided. It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit or request all required supporting documents be submitted. Failure to do so may result in a delay in processing your application.

### 1. Demographic Information

<b>Social Security Number (SSN)</b> (If you do not have a SSN, see instructions)	<b>National Provider Identifier Number (NPI)</b> (Enter 10 digit number)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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Name	First	Middle	Last
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Birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)	<b>Place of birth</b>		
	City	State	Country

Address

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

Phone (enter 10 digit #)	Fax (enter 10 digit #)	Cell (enter 10 digit #)
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Email address

Mailing address if different from above address of record

City	State	Zip Code	County
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Country

**Note:** The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the department.

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list name(s):

## 2. Personal Data Questions

Yes No

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.....

**“Medical Condition”** includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

If you answered yes to question 1, explain:

- 1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.
- 1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

**Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.**

**The licensing authority may require you to undergo one or more mental, physical or psychological examination(s). This would be at your own expense. By submitting this application, you give consent to such an examination(s). You also agree the examination report(s) may be provided to the licensing authority. You waive all claims based on confidentiality or privileged communication. If you do not submit to a required examination(s) or provide the report(s) to the licensing authority, your application may be denied.**

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.....

**“Currently”** means within the past two years.

**“Chemical substances”** include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?.....

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?.....

**“Currently”** means within the past two years.

**Illegal use of controlled substances** is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

**Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.**

5. Have you **ever** been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction? ...

**Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.**

**To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.**

## 2. Personal Data Questions (cont.)

Yes No

6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:
- a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes? .....
  - b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs? .....
  - c. Violated any drug law? .....
  - d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself? .....
7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession? If "yes", please attach an explanation and provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements? .....
8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .....
9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .....
10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession? .....
11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)? .....

## 3. Training Affidavit

Please have the applicable training provider sign and date the training method listed below to verify how you obtained the training contained in the Washington State Department of Health sealant/fluoride varnish program guidelines.

- a. Graduation from a dental assisting, dental hygiene or dental educational program, accredited by the American Dental Association, which has incorporated the Washington State Department of Health sealant/fluoride varnish program guidelines.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Continuing education courses which taught the Washington State Department of Health sealant/fluoride varnish program guidelines.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Individual training provided by a Washington licensed dentist, which has incorporated the Washington State Department of Health sealant/fluoride varnish program guidelines.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Applicant's Attestation

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of  
(Print applicant name clearly)  
the state of Washington the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read [RCW 18.130.170](#) and [RCW 18.130.180](#) of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I have read all laws and rules related to my profession.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state local or foreign government agencies.

I understand I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy) (City, state)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of applicant)

## **RCW/WAC and Online Website Links**

### **RCW/WAC Links**

[Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130](#)

[Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05](#)

[Administrative Procedures and Requirements, WAC 246-12](#)

[Dental Hygienist Laws, RCW 18.29](#)

[Dental Hygienist Rules, WAC 246-815](#)

[Dentistry Laws, RCW 18.32](#)

### **On-Line**

[AIDS Training Resources, Reference Page](#)

[Sealant/Fluoride Varnish Program Guidelines, Web Page](#)

[Dental Hygiene Examining Committee, Web page](#)

### **Continuing Education (CE)**

[Dental Hygienists Continuing Education, WAC 246-815-140](#)

Hours of training: 15 hours/annually