

Dental Therapist License in Washington State (Update)

The Dental Therapy Committee and Department are busy implementing Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1678 which passed in 2023. Rule writing is in progress, and the committee is currently taking on clinical exam and educational program approvals.

Once the rules are completed, the Department will begin creating application forms and working with the committee to develop a jurisprudence (JP) exam. Dental Therapists must take the JP exam for initial licensure.

The Department's [webpage](#) includes links to the dental therapy laws. Rule writing will also be available on this page once it's completed.

Dental Therapy licensure will require completion of a CODA accredited dental therapy program, a clinical exam, and completion of the JP exam. Before practicing, Dental Therapists must submit their completed practice plan agreement and proof of liability insurance to the Secretary of Health.

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