

FAQs about how to obtain a local infiltration anesthesia certificate in Texas when applying by credentials from another state.

1. Q: What is the cost to apply for a local infiltration anesthesia (LIA) certificate?

A: An application for a LIA anesthesia certificate can be obtained from the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE). The cost is \$32.00.

2. Q: What do I need to submit with my application?

A: 1) pay application fee,
2) proof of BLS certification,
3) official proof of qualifying LIA course
4) and proof of clinical practice showing clinical practice for at least 3 out of the last 5 years. If the proof of clinical practice is coming from out of state, then the applicant would also need the Verification of Licensure from that state. *(This is for hygienists that hold an out-of-state LIA license/permit)*

3. Q: What documentation do you need to verify your employment over the last 3-5 years? (Only for hygienists that hold an out-of-state LIA license/permit)

A: A Texas licensed hygienist who holds a LIA permit in another state within the last year AND has practiced for 3 of the last 5 years (either in Texas or out of state)- should qualify for a LIA permit. TSBDE created a clinical affidavit that an employer can sign and have notarized to submit to the board OR your employer can submit a written letter containing the date of employment and job description on office letterhead. The link for the affidavit: https://tsbde.texas.gov/78i8ljhbj/Clinical-Affidavit_2023.pdf

4. Q: As a Texas hygienist can I go to another state to take my anesthesia course?

A: Yes, as long as the course is CODA-accredited and meets the minimum requirements of 20 hours of didactic and 12 hours of clinical education and training. The out-of-state course should be substantially equivalent.

5. Q: What if I took an anesthesia course in another state but have been practicing only in Texas?

A: TSBDE will review your official educational coursework documentation to verify that the LIA course is CODA-accredited and meets the minimum requirements provided in TAC rule 115.10.

6. Q: Where do I submit my additional documentation?

A: Refer to your licensure portal

For more details on the application process, visit the TSBDE website at <https://tsbde.texas.gov/administration-of-local-infiltration-anesthesia-for-dental-hygienists/>. Please note once the application is reviewed if TSBDE staff have questions or if we need additional documents, TSBDE will reach out to the applicant. TSBDE staff reserve the right to ask for additional information, pursuant to rule 103.1(f). We appreciate your patience!