

3. **Primary Practice** address where drugs will be dispensed.

Facility Name and Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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4. **Additional Practice** address(es) where drugs will be dispensed.

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Please read and initial the space on the left of each lettered paragraph as your acknowledgment and agreement.

_____ A. I am thoroughly familiar with and will comply with all statutes and regulations which govern a dentist's dispensing of prescription drugs.

_____ B. I understand that I must follow the requirements regarding dispensing, labeling, and record keeping, in order to receive and maintain a permit to dispense.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Laws: Health Occupations - Dentists With Permits to Dispense Dental Products-Exclusion From Maryland Pharmacy Act, Senate Bill 413, Chapter 496, Laws of Maryland 2014; and Health Occupations – Licensed Dentists Who Dispense Antibiotics – Exclusion From Maryland Pharmacy Act, House Bill 303, Chapter 593, Laws of Maryland 2014

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Under what circumstances is a dentist required to hold a Limited Drug Dispensing Permit?**
Licensed dentists are required to obtain a Limited Drug Dispensing Permit if they dispense only the following prescription strength drugs: home fluoride products, dentin/enamel remineralizing products, or antimicrobial rinse. A Limited Drug Dispensing Permit is not required if the dentist dispenses “samples” or a “starter dosage” of any drug. A starter dosage is defined as an amount, sufficient to begin therapy, of short duration of 72 hours or less. Applications are submitted to the Dental Board.
- 2. I wish to dispense prescription strength drugs that are not home fluoride products, dentin/enamel remineralizing products, and antimicrobial rinse. Do I need a permit?**
Yes. You will need a Full Drug Dispensing Permit. Over the course of the 5-year permit there will be 2 inspections performed by the Department of Health, Office of Controlled Substances Administration as well as additional continuing education requirements for renewal of the permit. The present cost for a Full Drug Dispensing Permit is \$1075. Of that amount, the Board retains \$75 and the remaining \$1000 is passed through to the State of Maryland’s General Fund to cover the costs of the periodic inspections. Applications are submitted to the Dental Board.
- 3. Are there any exceptions to the permit laws?**
Yes. A dentist who dispenses a full course of antibiotics to a patient for infection control does not require a permit of any kind if the patient is receiving pro bono dental care and there is no charge for the antibiotics. If the patient is paying for the dental services themselves, or if the dental services are being paid for in whole or in part by a third party, or if there is a charge for the antibiotics, the dentist must obtain a Full Drug Dispensing Permit.
- 4. What is the difference between administering and dispensing?**
Administering is treating the patient in the dentist’s office with the prescription drug. Dispensing is giving the prescription drug to the patient to take home. As noted above, giving samples and starter doses to patients to take home does not require a dispensing permit. Administering a prescription drug of any kind in the dentist’s office does not require a drug dispensing permit. Giving a patient an antibiotic in the dental office before treatment does not require a drug dispensing permit.
- 5. Are there labeling and record keeping requirements?**
Yes. A dentist must affix a label on the product or rinse container that includes: the name of the patient, and unless already printed on the container, the expiration date of the product or rinse, and instructions for using the product or rinse. The dentist must also enter an appropriate record in the patient’s chart that the product or rinse was dispensed to the patient. In addition, if a dentist dispenses a full course of antibiotics at no charge to a pro bono patient for infection control, the dentist must affix a label on the antibiotic container that includes: the name of the patient, and unless already printed on the container, the expiration date of the antibiotic, and the instructions for taking the antibiotic. The dentist must also enter an appropriate record of the treatment in the patient’s chart.

- 6. Is a dispensing permit required for each location where prescription drugs are dispensed?**
No. However, if prescriptions will be dispensed in more than one location, a copy of the dispensing permit is required to be displayed at each location where prescription drugs are dispensed.
- 7. How does a dentist apply for a dispensing permit?**
A dentist applies for a Limited Drug Dispensing Permit by submitting a completed application and the appropriate fee to the Dental Board.
- 8. Will I be required to complete additional continuing education in order to renew a Limited Drug Dispensing Permit?**
No. Other than the 30 hours of continuing education that you are required to complete to renew your dental license, at the present time there is no additional continuing education required to renew a Limited Drug Dispensing Permit.
- 9. What happens if a dentist fails to comply with the dispensing laws and regulations?**
A dentist who fails to comply with the requirements governing dispensing of prescription drugs may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 10. What is the fee for a Limited Drug Dispensing Permit?**
A Limited Drug Dispensing Permit costs \$75 and is good for 5 years. A Full Drug Dispensing Permit costs \$1075 and is also good for 5 years. The Board retains \$75 and \$1000 is passed through to the State's General Fund to cover the cost of 2 inspections to be performed by the Department of Health, Office of Controlled Substances Administration.

The dental laws and regulations change over time. Please keep apprised of the latest developments.

If you have any questions you are urged to contact Ms. Deborah Welch, Licensing Coordinator at 410-402-8511 or Mrs. Sandra Sage at 410-402-8510.