

MISSOURI DENTAL BOARD: Exhibit submitted by Chalres R. Mendlick not sufficient to qualify him to take examination.

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Hon. Geo. E. Haigh, Secretary,
Missouri Dental Board,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This department is in receipt of your request for an opinion on the following set of facts:

"Please find enclosed copy of a communication I received from Mr. Charles R. Mendlick of Kansas City, Missouri. This party is presenting same to the Dental Board in lieu of a diploma from a reputable Dental College. I will appreciate an opinion from your department as to whether you would consider him eligible to take the Missouri Dental Board examination."

The communication received from Mr. Charles R. Mendlick as attached to your letter is as follows:

" Berlin, N.W. 10
September 1933

To whom it may concern:

We here undersigned, will varyfy the fact, that Doctor Charles R. Mendlick has studied dental science at the Kaiser Friedrich Wilhelm Universitat in Berlin and as to our memory has finished same school and granted a Degree of M.R. DR. The dates are faint to memory, but will say, that the time of his studies has been at the Universitat four years ending in A.D. 1913. We can say, that he has not missed any schooling from childhood until he graduated.

We are very sorry to lose him from our country and we hope that his wellfare is

is well founded in the new world. We hope this will be sufficient to grant Doctor Charles R. Mendlick all the consideration towards his future as he is well worth the effort.

Signed,

(6 signatures) "

This document is signed by six gentlemen, but there is nothing in the exhibit showing any connection of these gentlemen with the University in Berlin. They have merely signed their names.

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Qualifications of applicants
necessary to take examination.

Sec. 13560, R.S. Mo. 1929 provides in part as follows:

*Each applicant must be at least twenty-one years of age, of good moral character and reputation, and must show that he or she is a graduate and has a diploma from a reputable dental college, or the dental department of some reputable school or university which maintains a required course of study equal to that required under this chapter and requires for entrance in said dental department a high school diploma from an accredited high school or credits which are approved by the registrar of the state university of Missouri, so that said students could be admitted to the state university as bona fide student and a candidate for a degree without conditions. A graduate from a foreign dental school or dental department of a foreign university shall satisfy the state board of examiners that he is a graduate of an accredited high school or has the equivalent to a number of credits and that he has attended an American dental school for one or two years as the board may deem essential to give them training equivalent to that offered by other applicants who are graduates of American dental schools.

From a consideration of the above statute it is apparent that a graduate from a foreign dental school or the dental department of a foreign university must satisfy the State Board of Examiners (1) that he is a graduate of an accredited high school or has the equivalent to a number of credits; and (2) that he has attended an American Dental School for one or two years, as the Board may deem essential.

CONCLUSION

From a consideration of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this department that the communication received from Mr. Charles R. Mendlick, as set out in this opinion, is not sufficient to qualify him to take the examination given by the State Board of Dental Examiners. This communication is merely a statement signed by six gentlemen that Charles R. Mendlick studied dental science in the Kaiser Friedrich Wilhelm Universitat in Berlin. There is nothing officially connecting the communication with the University.

In addition the applicant has not furnished any evidence that he is a graduate of an accredited high school, nor is there any evidence that he has attended an American Dental School, all of which is required by Sec. 13560, R.S. Mo. 1929.

Respectfully submitted,

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