



**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING
January 28, 2022**

Council Members

Jeri Fowler, CDA, RDAEF, OA, Chair
Traci Reed-Espinoza, RDAEF, Vice Chair
Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS
Rosalinda Olague, RDA, BA
Joanne Pacheco, RDH, MAOB

**Action may be taken on any
item listed on the agenda.**

The Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) will meet by teleconference at:

10:00 a.m., Friday, January 28, 2022

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
Note: The Council may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this Public Comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11125 and 11125.7(a).)

3. Discussion and Possible Action on November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes **[4-9]**
4. Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics **[10-11]**
 - a. Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) General Written and Law and Ethics Examinations
 - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) General Written Examination
 - c. Orthodontic Assistant (OA) Written Examination
 - d. Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) Written Examination
5. Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics **[12-22]**
 - a. RDA License
 - b. RDAEF License
 - c. OA Permit
 - d. DSA Permit
6. Update Regarding RDAEF Licensure Requirements and Administration of New RDAEF Written Examination **[23-24]**
7. Update on Dental Assisting Educational Program and Course Applications and Re-Evaluations **[25-33]**
8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommendations of Council Working Group on RDAEF Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide **[34-41]**
9. Adjournment

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**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
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MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2021**

NOTE: In accordance with Government Code Section 11133, the Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met on November 18, 2021, via teleconference/WebEx Events, and no public locations or teleconference locations were provided.

Members Present:

Jeri Fowler, CDA, RDAEF, OA, Vice Chair
Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS
Rosalinda Olague, RDA, BA
Joanne Pacheco, RDH, MAOB
Traci Reed-Espinoza, RDAEF

Staff Present:

Karen M. Fischer, MPA, Executive Officer
Sarah Wallace, Assistant Executive Officer
Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager
Carlos Alvarez, Chief of Enforcement Field Offices
Bernal Vaba, Chief of Regulatory Compliance and Discipline
Kayla Surprenant, Dentistry Licensing and Examination Unit Manager
Emilia Zuloaga, Dental Assisting Program Manager
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney III, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

Council Vice Chair, Ms. Jeri Fowler, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.; five members of the Council were present, and a quorum was established.

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on August 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Reed-Espinoza) to approve the August 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Reed-Espinoza.

Nays: None.

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Abstentions: None.
Absent: None.
Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the minutes were approved. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 4: Update on Dental Assisting Educational Program and Course Applications and Re-Evaluations

Ms. Tina Vallery, Chief of Licensing and Administration, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. A re-evaluation update will be provided at the next Council meeting in 2022.

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 5: Update Regarding Council Member Vacancies and Recruitment

Ms. Karen Fischer, Executive Officer, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. Since the last Council meeting, two members, Ms. Melinda Cazares and Ms. Michele Jawad, resigned from the Council. Both members had other obligations that did not allow them to be able to participate in these meetings. The Board posted a recruitment on its website, and the stakeholder associations have put forth word that the Council is recutting for two registered dental assistants (RDA) employed clinically in a private dental practice or public safety net or dental health care clinic. In the event that the subcommittee of Ms. Olague and Ms. Pacheco are unable to find suitable candidates to bring before the Board at the February meeting, the Board will keep the recruitment notice open as a continuous recruitment until those two positions can be filled.

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 6: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

Ms. Vallery provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. Data for fiscal year (FY) 2021/2022 in relation to the Orthodontic Assistant (OA) Permit written examination is reported incorrectly in the memorandum. As mentioned at the previous Board meeting, the DCA Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) conducted an occupational analysis of OA practice, which resulted in an update being made to the OA Permit written examination. On September 1, 2021, the OA Permit written examination was modified to adjust the examination content. During the initial release of a new examination, exam scores are held pending evaluation and validation of the preliminary passing scores established. The OA permit written exam scores were released in late October and may not be reflected accurately in this present memorandum as it was prepared prior to the release of scores. Updated information will be provided at the next Council meeting.

Council Member, Ms. Cara Miyasaki, mentioned that goal 1.3 of the Board's Strategic Plan states that there is a workforce shortage among dental assistants. She believes the

low licensure pass rate for the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) written exam could be contributing to the shortage. Regarding goal 1.4 of the Strategic Plan, she asked whether it needs to be addressed by the Council before it is addressed by the Board. Since the Strategic Plan was not agendaized on the Council's agenda, Ms. Fischer replied that Board staff would take note of Ms. Miyasaki's comments and follow up. Vice Chair Fowler thanked Ms. Vallery for pointing out the OA permit information as being incorrect and looked forward to the 2022 meeting when the Council could discuss the statistics further.

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 7: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

Ms. Vallery provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

The Council received public comment. Claudia Pohl pointed out that the "License Type" for Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) on page 21 of the meeting materials showed that for FY 2018/2019, there were 1,167 active DSAs, followed by 36, 38, and 38 for the following years. Ms. Pohl questioned whether the statistics were accurate and if they were not, she requested that the Council provide updated statistics on the numbers.

Agenda Item 8: Presentation by Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) Regarding RDAEF Occupational Analysis

Ms. Karen Okicich, M.A., Research Data Supervisor II, from OPES, provided an overview of the RDAEF Occupational Analysis report, which is available in the meeting materials. In California, licensing boards are required to adhere to Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 139. Ms. Okicich provided an overview of the factors that go into establishing validity and the cycle of examination development. She noted that the occupational analysis is an important and foundational part of examination development and provided an in-depth description of the process. Based on the results of the occupational analysis in conjunction with other analyses that OPES has performed regarding incorporating information from the clinical and practical exams into the written examination, OPES made two recommendations to the Board. The first recommendation was to adjust the content of the written examination by increasing the number of items in order to be able to assess those competencies from the written and practical examinations. The second recommendation that was provided was to increase the time that candidates are allowed to take the exam.

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 9: Update Regarding RDAEF Licensure Requirements and Administration of New RDAEF Written Examination

Ms. Sarah Wallace, Assistant Executive Officer, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 10: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code Sections 1750.2, 1750.4, and 1752.1 to Specify

Time Limits for Acceptance of Course Certifications for OA Permit and DSA Permit Applications and Clarify Board-Approved Course Requirements for RDA Applicants

Ms. Wallace provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. Board staff suggested the Council consider whether a recommendation should be forwarded to the Board to amend BPC sections 1750.2, 1750.4, and 1752.1 to specify a time frame within which these courses should be successfully completed prior to applying to the Board for an OA or DSA permit. Additionally, the Council may wish to consider whether BPC section 1752.1 should be amended to specify that it is a two-hour course in the DPA and an eight-hour course in infection control that is required for licensure as an RDA. Ms. Wallace verbalized that if the Council wished to move forward with this recommendation, Board staff recommended that it be forwarded to the Board as a legislative proposal to be included as a new issue in the Board's Sunset Review Report, which is expected to be submitted next year. Ms. Welch clarified to Ms. Fowler that the motion should recommend to the Board a legislative proposal to amend BPC sections 1750.2, 1750.4, and 1752.1 to clarify the RDA, OA, and DSA course completion requirements for license and permit application.

(M/S/C) (Fowler/Miyasaki) to move to recommend to the Board a legislative proposal to amend BPC sections 1750.2, 1750.4, and 1752.1 to clarify the RDA, OA, and DSA course completion requirements for license and permit application.

Ayes: Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Reed-Espinoza.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed. The Council received public comment. Claudia Pohl, representing California Dental Assistants Association (CDAA), thanked Board staff for bringing this issue forward. On behalf of the CDAA, she noted that they are in favor of this proposal.

Agenda Item 11: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding RDAEF Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide

Ms. Wallace provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Vice Chair Fowler proposed that the Council form a two-member committee to create relevant survey questions. She indicated that there are questions regarding procedure efficiency that need to be addressed that relate to the administration of local anesthesia. Vice Chair Fowler stated this issue is a very worthy topic that the Council needs to discuss further. She voiced that she would like to be a member of the committee. Council Member, Ms. Traci Reed-Espinoza, agreed with Vice Chair Fowler's comments and requested to put her name on the committee.

(M/S/C) (Fowler/Reed-Espinoza) for Vice Chair Fowler and Ms. Reed-Espinoza to establish a two-member working group to discuss the specific issues to be studied,

create relevant survey questions, and return to the Council with a list of the specific issues to be studied and survey questions.

Ayes: Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Reed-Espinoza.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 12: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Administration of Written Examinations in Different Languages

Ms. Wallace and Dr. Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Division Chief of Programs and Policy Review for DCA, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. Dr. Montez explained that to adapt a licensing exam into a language other than English, OPES takes an examination that is in English and brings in subject matter experts (SMEs), who are licensees, active and in good standing in the respected profession, to go through the exam items individually and translate them to the best of their ability in the desired language. Afterwards, the exam is translated back into English with another set of SMEs to determine whether the true intent of the question was captured. Dr. Montez communicated that it is extremely costly to bring in SMEs to examine or translate exam forms each time they are rotated. This results in an important consideration when faced with the decision of whether to adapt an examination.

Ms. Miyasaki thanked Dr. Montez for the presentation and inquired how other languages for the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (BBC), such as Vietnamese and Korean, are doing, if there are statistics for those languages, and if the pass rates are comparable. Dr. Montez suggested that this information can be found on the BBC website. Dr. Montez replied that the BBC exams appear to be reasonable as they have not been a concern to the BBC; the BBC has been really focused on Spanish. At the moment, the BBC uses a national vendor to develop their exams.

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 13: Election of 2022 Council Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Fischer facilitated the election. She opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Ms. Olague nominated Vice Chair Fowler. Vice Chair Fowler accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations.

Ayes: Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Reed-Espinoza.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

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Absent: None.
Recusals: None.

The vote passed. Vice Chair Fowler was elected Chair.

Ms. Fischer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Council.

Vice Chair Fowler nominated Ms. Traci Reed-Espinoza. Ms. Reed-Espinoza accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations.

Ayes: Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Reed-Espinoza.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
Absent: None.
Recusals: None.

The vote passed. Ms. Reed-Espinoza was elected Vice Chair.

Agenda Item 14: Adjournment

Vice Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 10, 2021
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Associate Governmental Program Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 4: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

Background:

The following table provides the examination statistics for candidates who took dental assisting examinations in the past three fiscal years (FYs). The data captured for FY 2021/2022 is July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

License Type		RDA	OA	DSA	RDAEF		
		Written	Written	Written	Clinical	Practical	Written
FY 2021/22	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	935	76	2	54	58	98
	1st Time Candidates Pass	641	49	2	37	46	81
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	69%	64%	100%	69%	79%	83%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	294	27	N/A	17	12	17
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	31%	36%	N/A	31%	21%	17%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	546	78	N/A	14	19	41
	Repeat Candidates Pass	210	33	N/A	9	12	22
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	38%	42%	N/A	64%	63%	54%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	336	45	N/A	5	7	19
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	62%	58%	N/A	36%	37%	46%
	Total Candidates Tested	1481	154	2	68	77	139
	Total Candidates Passed	851	82	2	46	58	103
	Total Candidates Pass %	57%	53%	100%	68%	75%	76%
	Total Candidates Failed	630	72	N/A	22	19	36
Total Candidates Fail %	43%	47%	N/A	32%	25%	26%	
FY 2020/21	Total 1 st Time Candidates Tested	1665	162	3	N/A	N/A	156
	1 st Time Candidates Pass	1285	82	2	N/A	N/A	133
	1 st Time Candidates Pass %	77%	51%	67%	N/A	N/A	%
	1 st Time Candidates Fail	380	80	1	N/A	N/A	23
	1 st Time Candidates Fail %	23%	49%	33%	N/A	N/A	%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	854	184	2	N/A	N/A	28
	Repeat Candidates Pass	368	51	1	N/A	N/A	20
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	43%	28%	50%	N/A	N/A	71%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	486	133	1	N/A	N/A	8
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	57%	72%	50%	N/A	N/A	29%
	Total Candidates Tested	2519	346	5	N/A	N/A	184
	Total Candidates Passed	1653	133	3	N/A	N/A	153
	Total Candidates Pass %	66%	38%	60%	N/A	N/A	83%

	Total Candidates Failed	866	213	2	N/A	N/A	31
	Total Candidates Fail %	34%	62%	40%	N/A	N/A	17%
FY 2019/20	Total 1 st Time Candidates Tested	2122	213	6	56	64	96
	1 st Time Candidates Pass	1416	110	6	29	35	71
	1 st Time Candidates Pass %	67%	52%	100%	52%	55%	74%
	1 st Time Candidates Fail	706	103	N/A	27	29	25
	1 st Time Candidates Fail %	33%	48%	N/A	48%	45%	26%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	1481	225	N/A	24	21	53
	Repeat Candidates Pass	635	91	N/A	11	7	30
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	43%	40%	N/A	46%	33%	57%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	846	134	N/A	13	14	23
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	57%	60%	N/A	54%	67%	43%
	Total Candidates Tested	3603	438	6	80	85	149
	Total Candidates Passed	2051	201	6	40	42	101
	Total Candidates Pass %	57%	46%	100%	50%	49%	68%
	Total Candidates Failed	1552	237	N/A	40	43	48
	Total Candidates Fail %	43%	54%	N/A	50%	51%	32%

The Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) monitors the passing rates for the dental assistant examinations. OPES works with subject matter experts (i.e., actively practicing licensees who are in good standing) to build a bank of quality questions that adhere to professional guidelines and technical standards for use on occupational licensing examinations. OPES believes the passing rates are consistent with expectations for the current phase of development for the examinations.

Additional information regarding written examination statistics for the RDA General and Law and Ethics Written Examination, the RDAEF Written Examination, the Orthodontic Assistant Permit Written Examination, and the Dental Sedation Assistant Permit Written Examination are available on the Board's website located here: https://dbc.ca.gov/applicants/rda_written_exam_stats_2021.shtml

Action Requested:

Informational only. No action required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 6, 2022
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Nguyet Tran, Staff Services Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 5: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

Dental Assistant License Application Statistics

The following tables provide monthly dental assistant application statistics for fiscal years (FY) 18/19, 19/20, 20/21 and 21/22. The data provided for FY 21/22 is through December 31, 2021.

Dental Assistant Applications Received by Month													
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 18/19	234	299	179	156	133	178	150	203	254	267	222	449	2,724
RDA 19/20	325	204	320	328	131	326	204	153	273	47	42	100	2,453
RDA 20/21	128	120	288	409	134	210	263	120	215	239	195	340	2,661
RDA 21/22	212	220	246	256	176	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,284
RDAEF 18/19	19	29	2	3	0	2	0	1	35	42	19	1	153
RDAEF 19/20	9	11	11	1	0	5	45	1	69	6	1	3	162
RDAEF 20/21	3	13	17	2	4	0	1	11	12	36	13	14	126
RDAEF 21/22	4	7	27	14	21	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
OA 18/19	44	26	27	12	16	31	15	43	50	32	28	27	351
OA 19/20	20	31	31	47	14	42	19	18	17	6	2	11	258
OA 20/21	14	16	15	21	9	25	10	15	28	21	23	29	226
OA 21/22	14	24	26	25	30	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	147
DSA 18/19	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	5
DSA 19/20	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	12
DSA 20/21	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	7
DSA 21/22	0	0	1	5	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Dental Assistant Applications Approved by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 18/19	259	242	204	226	202	166	122	162	181	182	131	161	2,238
RDA 19/20	339	316	213	235	195	216	126	239	80	209	106	105	2,379
RDA 20/21	65	47	248	188	69	89	261	239	219	244	146	92	1,907
RDA 21/22	225	273	225	209	176	108	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,216

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Dental Assistant Applications Approved by Month – Cont'd

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDAEF 18/19	7	21	13	13	7	1	0	0	33	41	17	0	153
RDAEF 19/20	2	0	11	20	2	1	17	31	1	6	0	0	91
RDAEF 20/21	36	19	23	17	1	5	2	3	19	10	23	20	178
RDAEF 21/22	18	1	4	22	25	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
OA 18/19	24	38	20	31	21	14	12	34	37	21	19	11	282
OA 19/20	26	19	37	26	23	17	23	24	7	25	10	5	242
OA 20/21	0	4	22	12	13	7	18	28	17	31	14	7	173
OA 21/22	20	18	13	6	23	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	92
DSA 18/19	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
DSA 19/20	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	6
DSA 20/21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
DSA 21/22	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Dental Assistant Licenses Issued by Month

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 18/19	293	216	228	223	204	205	193	117	149	202	106	192	2,328
RDA 19/20	217	184	245	252	248	294	185	146	104	27	51	81	2,034
RDA 20/21	179	19	263	90	215	67	87	124	204	167	137	181	1,733
RDA 21/22	244	151	126	149	155	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,006
RDAEF 18/19	3	24	4	3	8	1	0	0	32	14	2	70	161
RDAEF 19/20	7	20	3	12	7	2	2	12	11	0	1	1	78
RDAEF 20/21	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
RDAEF 21/22	0	46	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
OA 18/19	30	28	28	20	20	17	32	15	15	22	20	22	269
OA 19/20	18	28	18	25	29	17	19	12	16	5	8	10	205
OA 20/21	11	7	9	16	9	5	8	10	11	12	22	9	129
OA 21/22	10	17	2	0	32	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	80
DSA 18/19	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	8
DSA 19/20	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	7
DSA 20/21	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
DSA 21/22	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Cancelled Dental Assistant Applications by Month

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 18/19	5	12	6	1	5	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	35
RDA 19/20	3	0	4	1	1	1	2	2	4	0	0	1	19
RDA 20/21	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	3	1	11
RDA 21/22	0	1	4	2	0	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
RDAEF 18/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 19/20	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
RDAEF 20/21	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	8
RDAEF 21/22	8	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	9

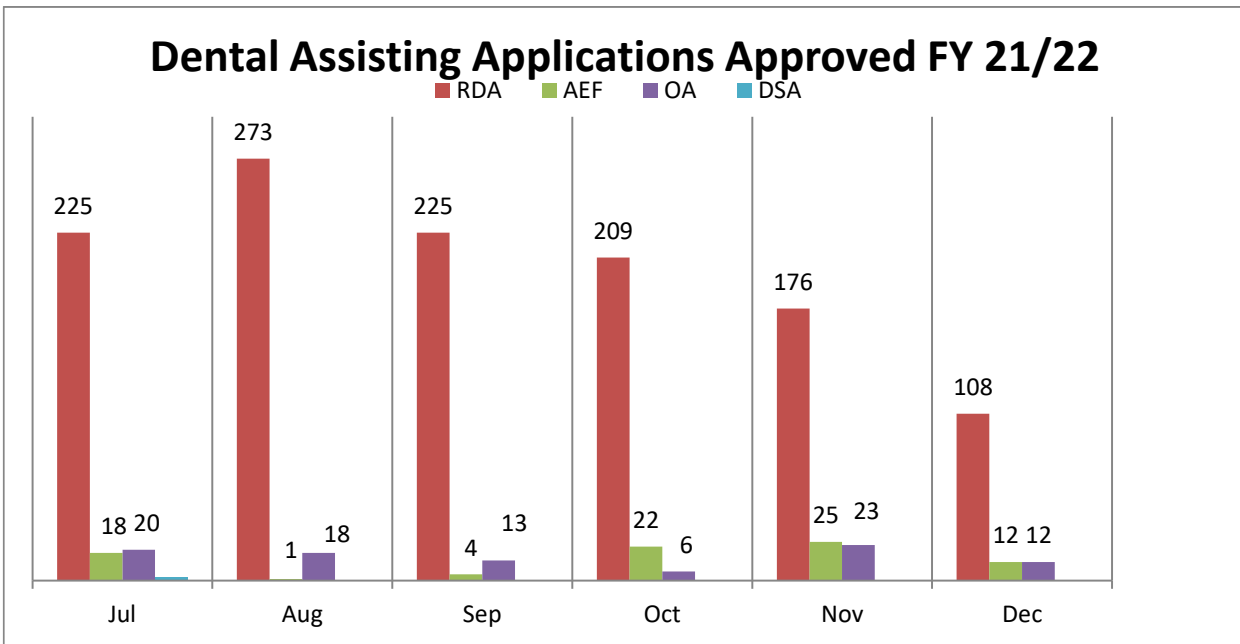
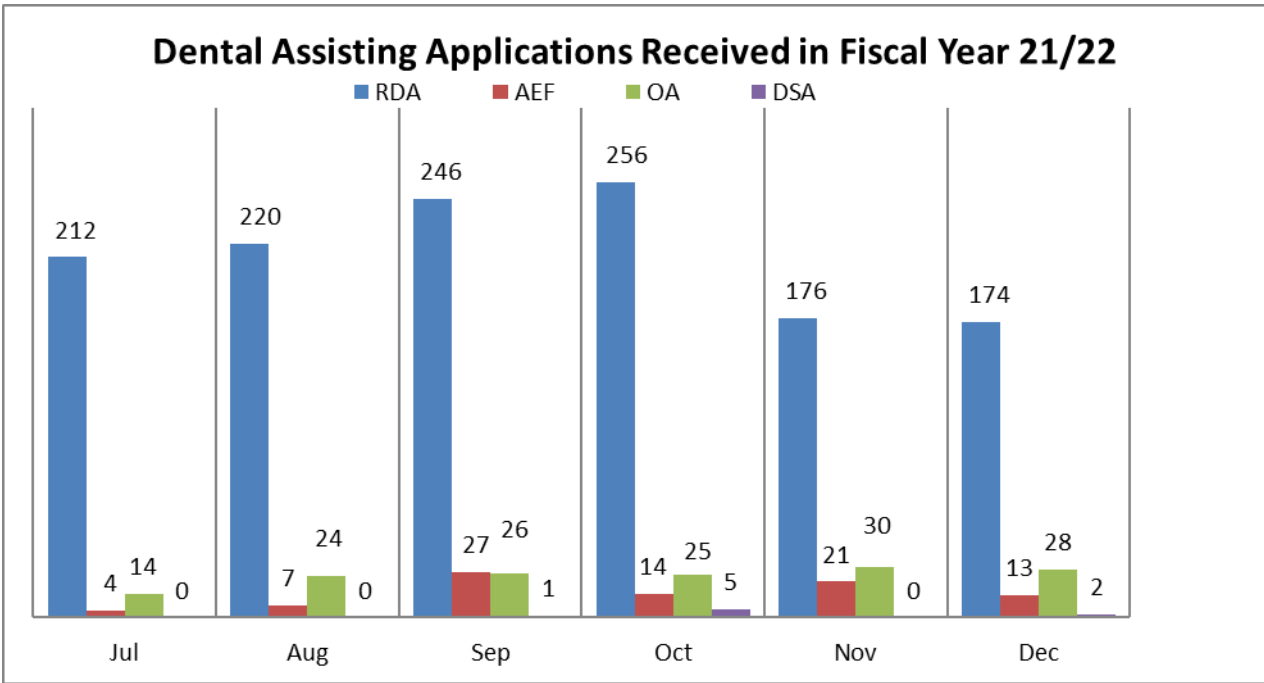
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Cancelled Dental Assistant Applications by Month – Cont'd													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
OA 18/19	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
OA 19/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 20/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 21/22	0	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
DSA 18/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 19/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 20/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 21/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Withdrawn Dental Assistant Applications by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 18/19	14	19	11	9	20	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
RDA 19/20	7	1	6	3	7	0	6	0	7	1	1	1	40
RDA 20/21	0	3	7	2	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	21
RDA 21/22	3	2	0	0	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
RDAEF 18/19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
RDAEF 19/20	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
RDAEF 20/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
RDAEF 21/22	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
OA 18/19	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
OA 19/20	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	7
OA 20/21	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OA 21/22	0	2	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
DSA 18/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 19/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 20/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
DSA 21/22	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Denied Dental Assistant Applications by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 18/19	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	6
RDA 19/20	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	9
RDA 20/21	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	2	9
RDA 21/22	1	0	0	0	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
RDAEF 18/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 19/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 20/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 21/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
OA 18/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 19/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 20/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OA 21/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

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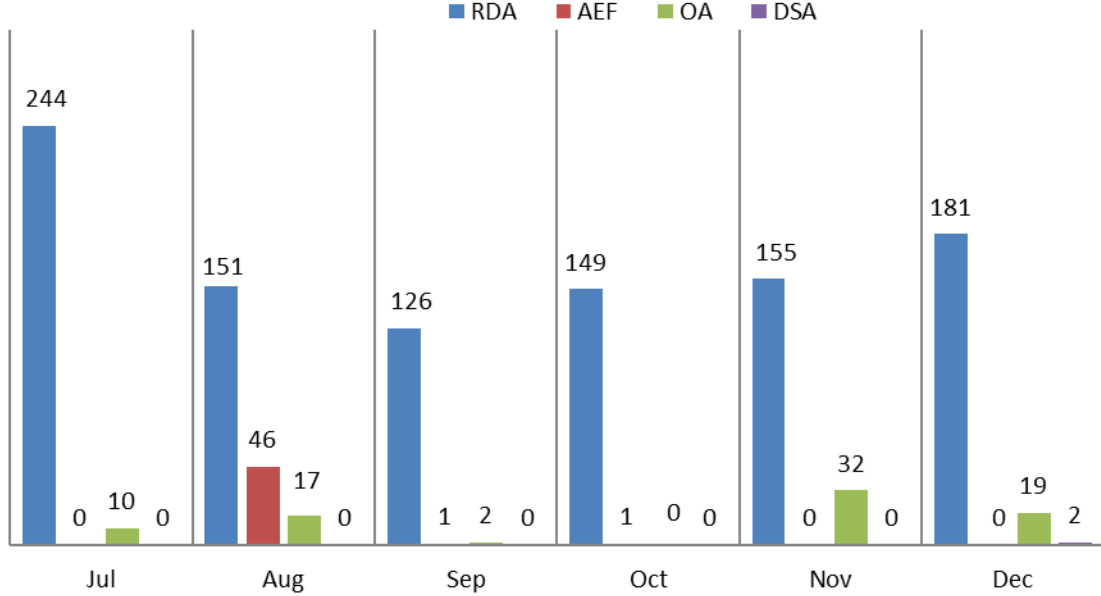
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	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
DSA 18/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 19/20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 20/21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 21/22	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Application Definitions	
Received	Application received in paper format or electronically through BreEZe system.
Approved	Application for eligibility of licensure processed with required documentation and examination eligibility issued.
License Issued	Final application including examination results approved and license issued.
Cancelled	Board requests staff to remove application (i.e. duplicate).
Withdrawn	Applicant requests Board to remove application for eligibility of licensure.
Denied	The Board denies an application on the on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or has been subject to formal discipline; in accordance with Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, Denial of Licenses.

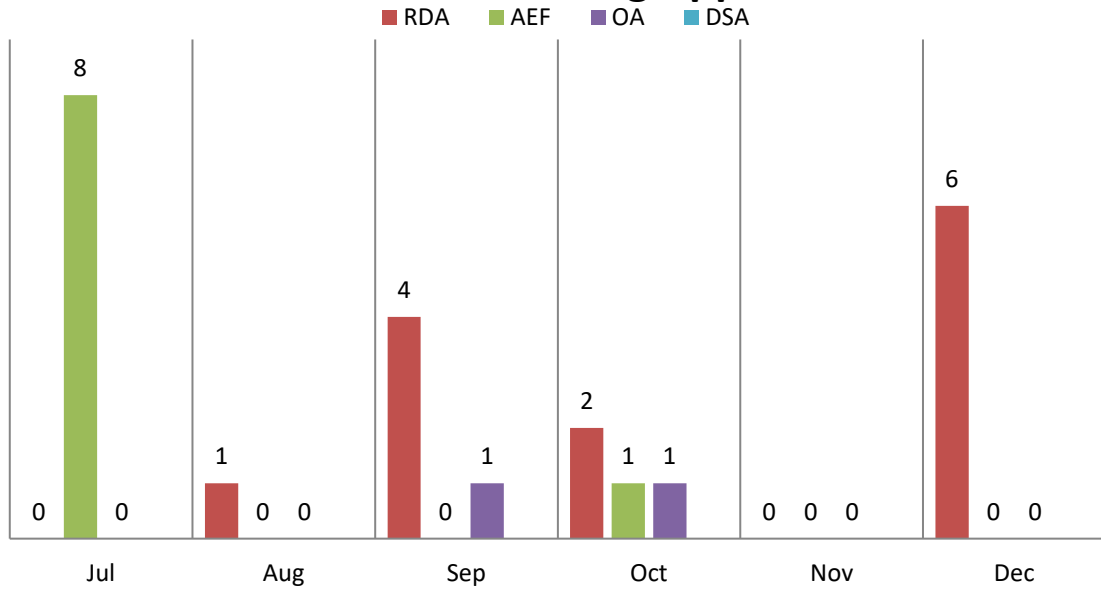


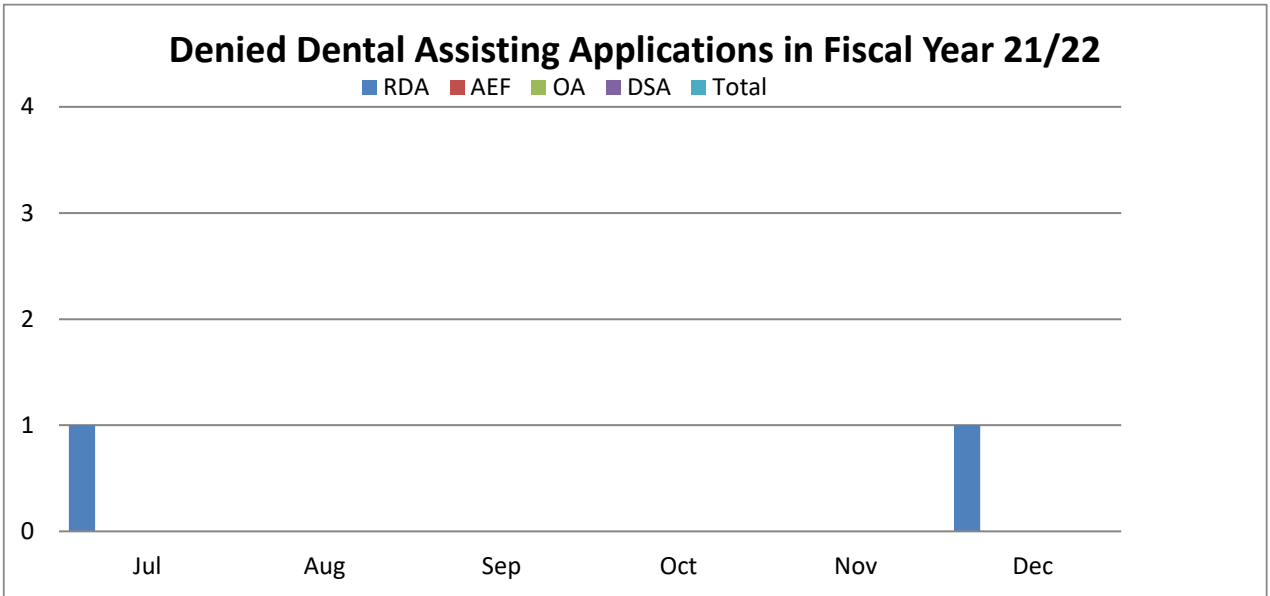
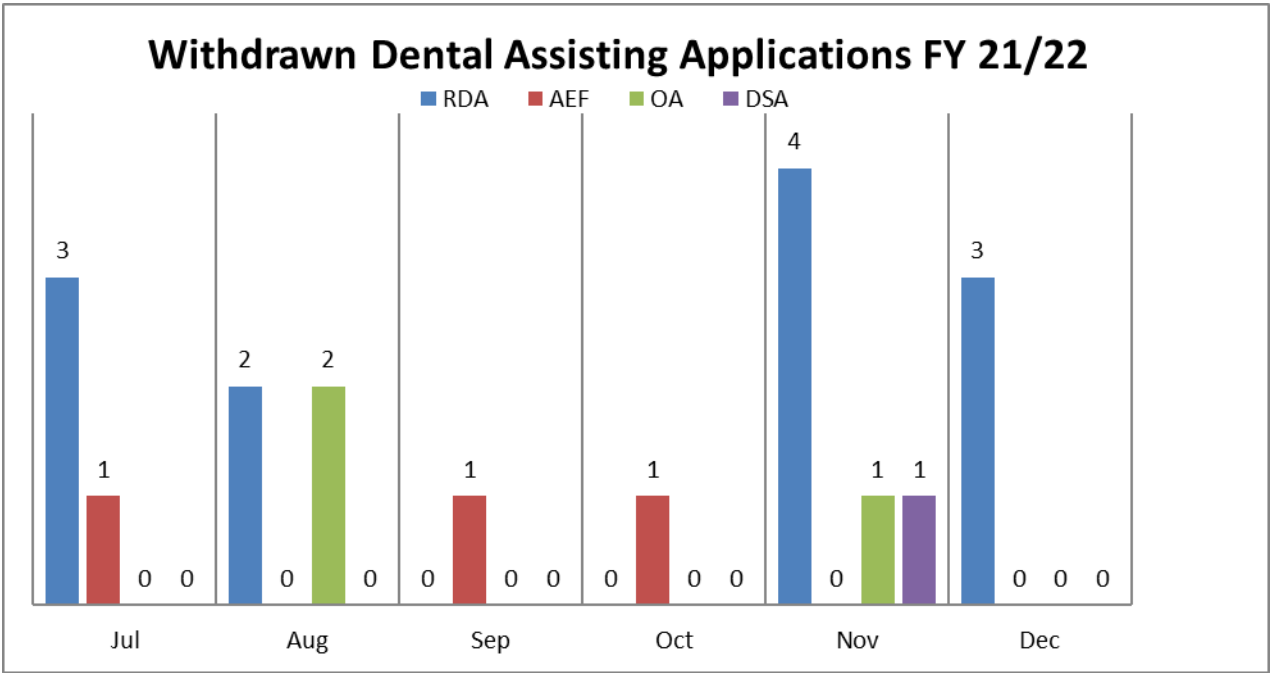
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Dental Assisting Licenses Issued in Fiscal Year 21/22



Cancelled Dental Assisting Applications FY 21/22





Dental Assistant License Status Statistics

The following table provides dental assistant license and permit status statistics for fiscal years (FY) 18/19, 19/20, 20/21 and 21/22.

License Type	License Status	FY18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22
Registered Dental Assistant	Active	30,116	30,465	30,317	30,245
	Inactive	4,401	4,321	4,155	4,112
	Delinquent	11,471	11,636	11,802	11,917
	Cancelled	46,276	47,759	49,700	50,545
License Type	License Status	FY18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22
Registered Dental Assistant in Expanded Functions	Active	1,542	1,584	1,522	1,538
	Inactive	72	75	74	71
	Delinquent	212	213	251	263
	Cancelled	323	350	379	395
License Type	License Status	FY18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22
Orthodontic Assistant	Active	1,137	1,281	1,340	1,390
	Inactive	19	23	34	39
	Delinquent	109	158	211	223
	Cancelled	2	4	13	23
License Type	License Status	FY18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22
Dental Sedation Assistant	Active	30	36	38	37
	Inactive	2	2	3	2
	Delinquent	16	15	13	15
	Cancelled	0	2	4	6

Definitions	
Active	An individual who has an active status and has completed all renewal requirements receives this status.
Inactive	An individual who has an inactive status; has paid the renewal fees but cannot perform the duties of the license unless the license is re-activated. Continuing education units are not required for inactive license renewal.
Delinquent	An individual who does not comply with renewal requirements receives this status until renewal requirements are met.
Cancelled	An individual who fails to comply with renewal requirements by a set deadline will receive this status. Total number of licenses / permits cancelled to date.

The following table provides statistics on population, current and active Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) licenses by county, and population per RDA license by county for fiscal years (FY) 19/20, 20/21 and for 21/22.

County	RDA 19/20	Pop. 19/20	Pop. per RDA 19/20	DDS 19/20	RDA to DDS Ratio 19/20	RDA 20/21	Pop. 20/21	Pop. per RDA 20/21	DDS 20/21	RDA to DDS Ratio 20/21	RDA 21/22	Pop. 21/22	Pop. per RDA 21/22	DDS 21/22	RDA to DDS Ratio 21/22
Alameda	1,275	1,669,301	1,309	1,475	1:1	1,252	1,670,834	1,334	1,497	1:1	1,212	1,682,353	1,388	1,515	1:1
Alpine	1	1,162	1,162	1	1:1	0	1,142	N/A	1	0:1	0	1,204	N/A	1	0:1
Amador	59	38,294	649	23	3:1	57	37,676	660	23	2:1	55	40,474	735	22	3:1
Butte	263	226,466	861	130	2:1	267	210,291	787	126	2:1	261	211,632	810	129	2:1
Calaveras	59	45,117	764	17	3:1	61	45,023	738	18	3:1	57	45,292	794	19	3:1
Colusa	26	22,117	850	6	4:1	28	21,902	782	6	5:1	29	21,839	753	6	5:1
Contra Costa	1,284	1,155,879	900	1,117	1:1	1,285	1,153,561	897	1,123	1:1	1,247	1,165,927	934	1,112	1:1
Del Norte	29	27,401	944	13	2:1	29	27,298	941	15	2:1	29	27,743	956	15	2:1
El Dorado	227	191,848	845	160	1:1	220	193,227	878	161	1:1	215	191,185	889	161	1:1
Fresno	874	1,018,241	1,165	613	1:1	907	1,023,358	1,128	622	1:1	909	1,008,654	1,109	617	1:1
Glenn	45	29,132	647	10	5:1	49	29,400	600	10	5:1	52	28,917	556	9	6:1
Humboldt	168	135,333	805	70	2:1	170	133,302	784	68	2:1	170	136,463	802	67	3:1
Imperial	92	190,266	2,068	40	2:1	85	188,777	2,220	38	2:1	89	179,702	2,019	39	2:1
Inyo	13	18,593	1,430	11	1:1	11	18,584	1,689	9	1:1	12	19,016	1,584	9	1:1
Kern	628	916,464	1,459	360	2:1	624	917,553	1,470	350	2:1	617	909,235	1,473	349	2:1
Kings	139	153,710	1,105	67	2:1	139	153,608	1,105	64	2:1	138	152,486	1,104	64	2:1
Lake	84	65,071	774	46	2:1	90	64,040	711	45	2:1	87	68,163	783	45	2:1
Lassen	54	30,150	558	24	2:1	48	28,833	600	24	2:1	47	32,730	696	24	2:1
Los Angeles	4,776	10,253,716	2,146	8,426	1:2	4,748	10,172,951	2,142	8,502	1:2	4,660	10,014,009	2,148	8,541	1:2
Madera	133	159,536	1,199	45	3:1	137	158,147	1,154	43	3:1	135	156,255	1,157	45	3:1
Marin	186	262,879	1,413	310	1:2	183	260,831	1,425	304	1:2	176	262,321	1,490	311	1:2
Mariposa	13	18,068	1,389	7	2:1	15	18,067	1,204	7	2:1	13	17,131	1,317	7	2:1
Mendocino	103	89,009	864	53	2:1	103	87,946	853	52	2:1	103	91,601	889	53	2:1

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Merced	249	282,928	1,136	93	3:1	252	283,521	1,125	91	3:1	241	281,202	1,1166	92	3:1
Modoc	5	9,602	1,920	4	1:1	4	9,570	2,392	5	1:1	4	8,700	2,175	5	1:1
Mono	6	13,616	2,269	3	2:1	5	13,464	2,692	3	2:1	6	13,195	2,199	4	2:1
Monterey	400	445,414	1,113	263	2:1	392	441,143	1,125	259	2:1	384	439,035	1,143	262	1:1
Napa	149	140,779	944	115	1:1	137	139,088	1,015	113	1:1	134	138,019	1,029	111	1:1
Nevada	94	98,904	1,052	79	1:1	96	98,114	1,022	77	1:1	88	102,241	1,161	79	1:1
Orange	1,847	3,222,498	1,744	3,901	1:2	1,823	3,194,332	1,752	4,005	1:2	1,782	3,186,989	1,788	4,061	1:2
Placer	509	396,691	779	468	1:1	507	403,711	796	471	1:1	481	404,739	841	467	1:1
Plumas	20	19,779	988	13	2:1	19	18,260	961	15	1:1	20	19,790	989	15	1:1
Riverside	2,089	2,440,124	1,168	1,102	2:1	2,126	2,442,304	1,148	1,111	2:1	2,059	2,418,185	1,174	1,126	2:1
Sacramento	1,679	1,546,174	920	1,109	2:1	1,662	1,555,365	935	1,159	1:1	1,678	1,585,055	944	1,175	1:1
San Benito	97	62,296	642	21	5:1	106	62,353	588	23	5:1	108	64,209	594	24	5:1
San Bernardino	1,620	2,192,203	1,353	1,352	1:1	1,567	2,180,537	1,391	1,381	1:1	1,548	2,181,654	1,409	1,403	1:1
San Diego	2,656	3,351,786	1,261	2,750	1:1	2,659	3,343,355	1,257	2,779	1:1	2,628	3,298,634	1,255	2,790	1:1
San Francisco	449	883,869	1,968	1,243	1:3	437	897,806	2,054	1,225	1:3	437	873,965	1,999	1,236	1:3
San Joaquin	771	770,385	999	370	2:1	792	773,632	976	371	2:1	781	779,233	997	374	2:1
San Luis Obispo	227	280,393	1,235	230	1:1	222	277,259	1,248	225	1:1	225	282,424	1,255	211	1:1
San Mateo	629	774,485	1,231	872	1:1	605	773,244	1,278	858	1:1	588	764,442	1,300	854	1:1
Santa Barbara	352	454,593	1,291	326	1:1	352	451,840	1,283	324	1:1	354	448,229	1,266	320	1:1
Santa Clara	1,707	1,954,286	1,144	2,270	1:1	1,673	1,961,969	1,172	2,292	1:1	1,659	1,936,259	1,167	2,302	1:1
Santa Cruz	232	274,871	1,184	175	1:1	234	271,233	1,159	170	1:1	224	270,861	1,209	167	1:1
Shasta	199	178,773	898	107	2:1	189	178,045	942	115	2:1	179	182,155	1,017	114	2:1
Sierra	5	3,213	642	1	5:1	5	3,201	640	1	5:1	4	3,236	809	0	4:0
Siskiyou	33	44,584	1,351	23	1:1	34	44,461	1,307	24	1:1	34	44,076	1,296	22	1:1
Solano	646	441,307	683	283	2:1	641	440,224	686	287	2:1	629	453,491	720	291	2:1
Sonoma	686	500,675	729	397	2:1	671	492,980	734	393	2:1	659	488,863	741	402	2:1

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Stanislaus	596	558,972	937	275	2:1	594	557,709	938	273	2:1	590	552,878	937	276	2:1
Sutter	116	97,490	840	54	2:1	124	100,750	812	56	2:1	130	99,633	766	53	2:1
Tehama	86	64,387	748	27	3:1	87	65,129	748	29	3:1	88	65,829	748	31	3:1
Trinity	5	13,688	2,737	3	2:1	4	13,548	3,387	4	1:1	4	16,112	4,028	4	1:1
Tulare	457	479,112	1,048	218	2:1	451	479,977	1,064	227	2:1	439	473,117	1,077	227	2:1
Tuolumne	73	54,590	747	45	2:1	75	54,917	732	47	2:1	73	55,620	761	48	2:1
Ventura	544	856,598	1,574	670	1:1	550	842,886	1,532	666	1:1	543	843,843	1,554	675	1:1
Yolo	194	222,581	1,147	113	2:1	196	221,705	1,131	114	2:1	196	216,403	1,104	117	2:1
Yuba	90	77,916	865	8	11:1	88	78,887	896	7	13:1	84	81,575	971	7	12:1
TOTAL	30,048	39,927,315	66,593	32,007	N/A	29,887	39,782,870	65,490	32,308	N/A	29,394	39,538,223	67,468	32,505	N/A

*Population data obtained from Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit

**Ratios are rounded to the nearest whole number

Counties with the Highest Population per RDA:	Trinity County (1:4,028)	Counties with Lowest Population per RDA:	Alpine County (No RDAs)
	Mono County (1:2,199)		Glenn County (1:556)
	Modoc County (1:2,175)		San Benito County (1:594)
	Los Angeles County (1:2,148)		Lassen County (1:696)
	Imperial County (1:2,019)		Solano County (1:720)



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 20, 2022
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 6: Update Regarding RDAEF Licensure Requirements and Administration of New RDAEF Written Examination

Background:

Update Regarding RDAEF Licensure Requirements:

Senate Bill (SB) 607 (Min, Chapter 367, Statutes of 2021) was signed by Governor Newsom on September 28, 2021, and became effective on January 1, 2022. Among other things, this bill removed the clinical and/or practical examination requirements to become a California Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF).

Effective January 1, 2022, the Dental Board of California (Board) may license as an RDAEF a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of all the following eligibility requirements:

1. Current licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) or completion of the requirements for licensure as a RDA;
2. Successful completion of a Board-approved course in the application of Pit & Fissure Sealants;
3. Successful completion of a Board-approved RDAEF program;
4. Successful passage of a written examination administered by the Board; and
5. Submission of fingerprint clearances from both the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Board worked with the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) to conduct an occupational analysis of the RDAEF profession. Based on the results of the occupational analysis, a new RDAEF written examination was launched on January 1, 2022. This examination incorporates additional content that measures competencies related to cord retraction and final impression, which were previously measured by the practical and clinical examinations. RDAEF applicants who had already taken and passed the previous RDAEF written examination were not required to take the new exam.

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For those who had an application on file with the Board for RDAEF licensure, the Board:

1. Issued refunds for the practical and clinical examination fees (\$500) to applicants who paid the fee and did not take the examination(s). Refunds were processed in mid-October 2021 and applicants should have already received refunds.
2. Issued 253 licenses to RDAEF applicants who successfully met all licensure requirements in effect as of January 1, 2022.

Administration of New RDAEF Written Examination

Beginning January 1, 2022, all applicants for RDAEF licensure are required to take the new RDAEF Written Examination. Based in the findings of the occupational analysis, OPES developed an examination outline that is structured into four content areas weighted relative to the other content areas. The new outline identifies the tasks and knowledge critical to safe and competent RDAEF practice in California at the time of license issuance. The examination outline has been posted on the Board's website.

Please note, examinee scores for the new RDAEF written examination will be held pending evaluation of examination performance. The Board anticipates having the results released by mid-February 2022 and will be able to issue licenses to those candidates who successfully pass the written examination.

Action Requested:

No action requested.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 7, 2022
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7: Update on Dental Assisting Educational Program and Course Applications and Re-Evaluations

The following table identifies dental assisting educational program and course application statistics for fiscal years (FY) 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/22 through December 31, 2021.

Total Program and Course Applications Approved				
Program/Course	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
RDA Program	2	2	0	0
RDAEF Program	1	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	7	10	9	8
Coronal Polishing	3	5	14	8
Pit & Fissure Sealant	2	3	9	7
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	1	2	7
Infection Control	6	9	10	11
DSA Permit	4	3	2	11
OA Permit	5	5	7	5
Total Applications	30	38	53	57
Total Program and Course Applications Deficient				
Program/Course	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
RDA Program	0	2	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	1	2	3	8
Coronal Polishing	0	0	0	4
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	0	2	3
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	0	0
Infection Control	0	0	1	3
DSA Permit	0	0	2	2
OA Permit	0	0	1	1
Total Applications	1	4	9	21

Total Program and Course Applications Being Reviewed				
Program/Course	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
RDA Program	0	0	0	2
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	1	0	0
Radiation Safety	0	1	1	0
Coronal Polishing	0	0	1	0
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	0	1	0
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	0	0
Infection Control	0	0	0	1
DSA Permit	0	0	0	4
OA Permit	0	0	0	3
Total Applications	0	2	3	10
Total Program and Course Applications Denied				
Program/Course	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
RDA Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	0	0	0	3
Coronal Polishing	0	0	0	0
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	0	0	0
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	0	1
Infection Control	0	0	0	0
DSA Permit	0	0	0	0
OA Permit	0	0	0	0
Total Applications	0	0	0	4

Application Definitions	
Approved	Application for approval of program/course and required documentation processed and approval number issued.
Curriculum Approved – Pending Site Visit	Application for approval of program/course and required documentation processed and provisional site visit pending.
Deficient	Application for approval of program/course and required documentation has been reviewed and deemed incomplete. Additional documentation has been requested from applicant.
Being Reviewed	Application for approval of program/course and required documentation is being reviewed by Board staff and/or SME.
Denied	Program/course applicant has not met the requirements outlined in the California Code of Regulations.

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The following table identifies the number of Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF) program site visits conducted in FYs 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, and 2021/22, through December 31, 2021.

Table 2 Total RDA and RDAEF Program Site Visits					
Fiscal Year	RDA Programs		RDAEF Programs		Grand Total
	Provisional	Full	Provisional	Full	
2018/2019	0	2	0	1	3
2019/2020	0	2	0	0	2
2020/2021	0	0	0	0	0
2021/2022	1	0	0	0	1

The following table identifies approved Dental Assisting Program and Course providers by name and type of program from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Dental Assisting Program and Course Providers Approved 7/1/2021 Through 12/31/2021											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF ITR	X-Ray	CP	P/F	US	IC	DSA	OA
Michael Koury, DDS, MD, Inc.	7/6/21									X	
Foothill College Dental Assisting Program	7/13/21								X		
Dentricity Dental Institute	7/13/21										X
Valentine Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery DP Inc.	7/26/21									X	
Chester George, DDS	7/26/21									X	
Sacramento Surgical Arts	8/6/21									X	
Sharo Fatehi	8/6/21									X	
Roseville Dental Academy	8/9/21								X		
Frank Beglin, DDS, MS, Inc.	8/11/21										X
William W. Evans, DMD, MD	8/13/21									X	
John A. Boghossian, DDS, Inc.	8/13/21									X	
Michael J.H. McDonald, DMD, Inc.	8/13/21									X	
International Academy of Dental Implantology	8/16/21					X					
Pacific Dental Services	8/19/21				X						
iEducation	8/25/21								X		
Santa Clarita School of Dental Assisting	8/25/21								X		
Sugarbug Dental & Orthodontics	8/30/21								X		
Pearl Orthodontics	9/1/21								X		

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Provider	Approval Date	RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF ITR	X-Ray	CP	P/F	US	IC	DSA	OA
Gregory Heise & Craig Alpha OMS	9/2/21									X	
Lindon Ken Kawahara, MD, DMD, Inc.	9/2/21									X	
Southern CA Orthodontic Assisting School	9/28/21				X						
Antonio Arredondo, DDS	9/30/21									X	
Moreno Valley College	10/6/2021							X			
Dental Advantage- Newhall	10/14/2021							X			
Dental Advantage- San Carlos	10/14/2021							X			
Dental Advantage- San Jose	10/14/2021							X			
Dental Advantage- San Luis Obispo	10/14/2021							X			
Dental Advantage- Sunnyvale	10/14/2021							X			
California Dental Institute, Inc.	10/20/2021					X					
Dental Advantage- Sunnyvale	10/20/2021								X		
Dental Advantage- San Carlos	10/20/2021								X		
Dental Advantage- San Jose	10/20/2021								X		
Dental Advantage- San Luis Obispo	10/20/2021								X		
Dental Advantage- Newhall	10/20/2021								X		
Dental Advantage- Madera	10/20/2021						X				
Dental Advantage- San Luis Obispo	10/20/2021						X				
Dental Advantage- Newhall	10/20/2021						X				
Dental Advantage- San Carlos	10/20/2021						X				
Dental Advantage- Sunnyvale	10/20/2021						X				
Lollipop Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics	10/21/2021				X						
Dental Advantage- San Luis Obispo	11/3/2021					X					
Dental Advantage- Sunnyvale	11/3/2021					X					
Dental Advantage- San Carlos	11/3/2021					X					
Dental Advantage- San Jose	11/3/2021					X					
Dental Advantage- Madera	11/3/2021					X					
Moreno Valley College	11/4/2021										X
Lollipop Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics	12/15/2021						X				
ABC Adult School	12/15/2021				X						
TMS	12/15/2021						X				

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Provider	Approval Date	RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF ITR	X-Ray	CP	P/F	US	IC	DSA	OA
Dental Advantage- Madera	12/15/2021				X						
Dental Advantage- Sunnyvale	12/15/2021				X						
Dental Advantage- San Carlos	12/15/2021				X						
Dental Advantage- San Luis Obispo	12/15/2021				X						
West Los Angeles College	12/15/2021							X			
Pacific Dental Services	12/15/2021					X					
West Los Angeles College	12/23/2021										X
Dental Advantage- Newhall	12/23/2021										X
PROGRAM/COURSE TOTALS		0	0	0	8	8	7	7	11	11	5
TOTAL APPROVALS = 57											

The following table provides the total number of approved Dental Assisting programs and courses as of December 31, 2021.

Table 4 Total Approved Dental Assisting Programs and Courses									
RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF-ITR	Radiation Safety	Coronal Polishing	Pit & Fissure Sealant	Ultrasonic Scaling	Infection Control	DSA Permit	OA Permit
134	12	4	185	129	170	45	166	50	178

Program and Course Re-Evaluations

The Dental Board of California (Board) has the authority to re-evaluate RDA and RDAEF programs and dental assisting educational courses to ensure compliance with regulations in the event the Board deems it necessary. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1070, subsection (a)(2), all RDA and RDAEF programs and dental assisting educational courses shall be re-evaluated approximately every seven years but may be subject to re-evaluation and inspection by the Board at any time to review and investigate compliance with the Dental Practice Act.

The re-evaluation process is a review of currently approved programs and courses. The goal of the re-evaluation is to ensure that the programs and courses are in compliance with current laws and regulations. During the re-evaluations, the approved programs and courses can continue to offer and provide their programs and courses.

When a program or course has been identified by Board staff for re-evaluation, a notice of the re-evaluation is sent to the program or course, and they are given approximately one month to submit the required documentation to the Board. Once the documentation has been received by the Board, the information is reviewed by a Board Subject Matter Expert (SME). After the review is completed, the program or course is notified of their

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continuance of Board approval or any deficiencies identified by the SME. If deficiencies have been identified, the program or course will be notified of the deficiencies and given 30 days to submit correction documents to the Board. If no response is received by the program/course, either to the initial notice of re-evaluation or the deficiency notice within the specified timeframe, a notice will be sent to the program/course notifying them of the withdrawal of Board approval. The withdrawal of Board approval will become effective 90 days from the date of the notice.

Update on RDA Program Re-Evaluations

The following table details the status of the RDA programs currently undergoing re-evaluations.

RDA Program Re-Evaluations		
Program Name	Letter Mailed	Status
Santa Rosa Junior College	February 15, 2019	Approved 10/13/2020
College of Alameda	January 9, 2019	Approved 12/16/2021
Grossmont Health Occupations Center	February 6, 2018	7/23/2019 - Reviewed and deficiency notice sent; no response received. 12/16/2021 - Final notice sent.
Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program	September 7, 2018	2018 - Extension granted. 9/1/2020 - Resent notification; no response received. 12/16/2021 - Final notice sent.
Carrington College - Sacramento	October 30, 2018	12/14/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient; Awaiting response from program.
Carrington College - Citrus Heights	October 30, 2018	8/10/2020 - Reviewed and deficiency notice sent; no response received. 12/16/2021 - Final notice sent.
Milan Institute – Palm Desert	November 27, 2018	12/17/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Milan Institute - Visalia	November 27, 2018	7/22/2020- Reviewed and deficiency notice sent; no response received. 12/16/2021 - Final notice sent.

Reedley College	November 27, 2018	2018 - Extension Granted. 8/20/2021 – Resent notification, no response received. 12/16/2021 - Final notice sent.
San Jose City College	January 9, 2019	12/17/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Carrington Career College - Pleasant Hill	January 9, 2019	7/22/2020- Reviewed and deficiency notice sent; no response received. 12/16/2021 - Final notice sent.
College of San Mateo	February 15, 2019	12/17/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.

Update on RDAEF Program Re-Evaluations

In addition to resuming RDA program re-evaluations, Board staff have also begun re-evaluating all RDAEF programs and will follow the same re-evaluation process as discussed above.

The following table details the status of the RDAEF program re-evaluations.

RDAEF Program Re-Evaluations		
Program Name	Letter Mailed	Status
University of California, Los Angeles	5/28/2021	School is no longer offering RDAEF course.
Ordemy	5/28/2021	Re-evaluation response not received. Program is not currently in operation. Expected to resume in February 2022.
Loma Linda University	5/28/2021	6/17/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.
Dental Career Institute	5/28/2021	7/6/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.
J Productions	5/28/2021	7/23/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.
Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	5/28/2021	7/26/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.
Howard Healthcare Academy	5/28/2021	7/26/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.

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Dental Specialties Institute, Inc.	5/28/2021	7/26/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.
Central California Dental Academy	5/28/2021	7/27/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.
University of the Pacific	5/28/2021	8/13/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.
The FADE Institute	5/28/2021	11/1/2021 – Re-evaluation materials received; Awaiting SME review.

Update on Dental Assisting Educational Course Re-Evaluations

As discussed above, dental assisting educational courses are also subject to re-evaluation for continued Board approval. The following table details the status of the dental assisting educational course re-evaluations.

Dental Assisting Educational Course Re-Evaluations			
Program Name	Course Type	Letter Mailed	Status
Dental Advantage- Madera	IC	6/14/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Advantage- Madera	OAP	6/14/2021	12/20/2021 – Re-evaluation materials being reviewed by SME.
Dental Advantage- Madera	US	6/14/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Advantage- Newhall	CP	6/14/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Advantage- Newhall	RS	6/14/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Advantage- San Jose	PF	6/14/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Advantage- San Jose	RS	6/14/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Career Institute	CP	7/8/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Career Institute	DSA	7/8/2021	12/20/2021 – Re-evaluation materials being reviewed by SME.

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Dental Career Institute	IC	7/8/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Career Institute	OAP	7/8/2021	12/20/2021 – Re-evaluation materials being reviewed by SME.
Dental Career Institute	PF	7/8/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Career Institute	RS	7/8/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.
Dental Career Institute	US	7/8/2021	12/20/2021 - Reviewed and found deficient, Awaiting response from program.

Action Requested:

None



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 20, 2022
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council)
FROM	Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing Dental Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 8: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommendations of Council Working Group on RDAEF Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide

Background

At its November 2018 meeting, the Council heard a presentation from Joan Greenfield, RDAEF, MS, regarding a proposal to add the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to the scope of practice of registered dental assistants in extended functions (RDAEFs) licensed on or after January 1, 2010, as an optional post-licensure permit with conditions determined by the Board. During this meeting, the Council discussed the necessity of adding the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to the scope of practice for RDAEFs and expressed concern for public protection.

The Council directed staff to conduct more in-depth surveys of both dentists and a larger sample of RDAEFs to assess their opinions on adding the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to the RDAEF scope of practice. In addition, the Council directed the formation of a working group consisting of dentists, hygienists, RDAEFs, and other interested stakeholders to research and evaluate the proposal, and recommended the Board consider exploring the possibility of eliminating the multiple layers of RDAEF certifications by incorporating all of them under one general RDAEF license.

At its August 2021 meeting, staff advised the Board that it does not have sufficient staff resources to carry out the Council's direction regarding the development of a survey and the formation of a working group. Board staff determined that to move forward with the Council's request, a Board member would be needed to assist staff with the surveys and working groups. The Board members held a robust discussion of the issues, and the Board considered whether to move forward with developing a survey and forming a Board member and staff working group to study the need for expanding the RDAEF scope of practice to allow administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide. Board members expressed concern that it was unclear as to what the Council wanted to be studied. Some Board members favored moving forward with the Council's recommendation but would need additional information from the Council. A motion failed that would have moved forward with the Council's recommendation to conduct more in-depth surveys of both

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dentists and a larger sample of RDAEFs to assess their opinions on adding the administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to the RDAEF scope of practice.

At its November 2021 meeting, the Council was asked to reevaluate whether a survey and study of these issues needed to be performed, and if so, the Council was asked to define the specific issues to be studied and surveyed, with a list of pertinent survey questions, regarding allowing RDAEF administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide. Given the lack of Board staff resources and complexity of these issues, the Council established a two-member working group to discuss the specific issues to be studied, create relevant survey questions, and return to the Council with a list of the specific issues to be studied and survey questions.

Update

The two-member working group consisting of Jerri Fowler, CDA, RDAEF, OA, Council Chair, and Traci Reed-Espinoza, RDAEF, Council Vice Chair, met and developed survey questions, to be given to RDAEFs and dentists, separately, for the Council's consideration and feedback. The Working Group's memo to the Council describing the survey questions is attached.

The Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) has reviewed the survey questions and has offered the following recommendations for the Council's consideration:

- Recommendation 1: The Council initially administer two separate surveys, one to RDAEFs who meet the qualifications for licensure established in 2010 and the other administered to dentists who supervise RDAEFs. If the survey is also sent to dental associates and RDHs, OPES recommends that these be designed as separate surveys as well; however, the Council may want to first obtain information from RDAEFs and dentists and then make a determination as to whether additional information from other dental professions is indicated.
- Recommendation 2: The survey repeats questions by type of procedures performed by RDAEFs in practice. Survey length and repetition of questions can impact response rates; therefore, OPES recommends gathering data across procedures performed by RDAEFs under their scope of practice. However, if the Council would like the information broken out, OPES is happy to assist.
- Recommendation 3: OPES is willing to assist with revising the wording and scales for some of the survey questions to more accurately capture information. In addition, OPES is willing to assist with developing additional questions to include in the survey.

Action Requested

The Council is asked to review the survey distribution proposal and draft survey questions to determine if any revisions are needed, and delegate authority to the two-member working group to work with OPES to finalize the surveys and distribute to stakeholders.

Attachments:

1. Working Group Memo to the Council

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2022

TO: Members of the Dental Assisting Council

FROM: Jeri Fowler, CDA, RDAEF, OA
Traci Reed-Espinoza, RDAEF

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 8: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommendations of Council Working Group on RDAEF Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide.

Background:

On August 25, 2018, the EF Association launched a survey on Survey Monkey requesting information on EF2 functions being performed in practice and included questions regarding local anesthesia. It was closed on September 28, 2018. At that time there were 705 current licensed RDAEF2s in California. They had 275 of the 705 RDAEF2s respond to the survey yielding a 39% response rate. A summary of the results of this survey were:

- There was a total of 53% of RDAEFs who needed additional anesthesia for direct restorations and 71% of the RDAEFs needed additional anesthesia for packing cord and taking final impressions.
- 94.53% of the RDAEFs surveyed indicated that their employing dentist would like them to be able to administer local anesthesia.

OPES reviewed the results of the survey and believed it was informative regarding the perspective of one group of RDAEFs. However, even though the proposal addressed administration of both local anesthesia and nitrous oxide, the survey only focused on local anesthesia. OPES was also concerned that the RDAEFs were aware of the purpose of the survey, which may have influenced their responses.

During the November 18, 2021 Dental Assisting Council meeting, action was taken to appoint a two-member committee which included DAC members Jeri Fowler and Traci Reed Espinoza to discuss specific issues to be studied and create relevant survey questions to report back to the council in January 2022.

Rationale:

The topic of determining if Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide should become an allowable duty of the RDAEF2 is a two-step process:

Step 1: Should we? This can be determined by gathering relevant data via a non-biased survey.

Step 2: If yes to step 1, how do we proceed and implement?

Patient care and well-being is the #1 concern of the Dental Board of California and

patient comfort and happiness is every dental practitioner's goal. So, questions that need to be addressed that relate to the administration of additional local anesthesia and nitrous oxide are:

- How long does the patient need to wait for additional local anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide to be administered?
- Procedure efficiency – how much extra time is added to the procedure by waiting for local anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide to be administered and take effect?

Painful dental procedures and long appointments are practice killers and can cause dental phobias in patients.

The survey should be taken separately by RDAEFs and their employing Dentists and/or Hygienists who are responsible for administering additional local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to their patients. This will allow more validity to the survey results by cross referencing the data results between Dentists/Hygienists providing the anesthesia with the RDAEF data results.

Proposal:

All practices that utilize RDAEFs should be given access to this survey. Invitation emails can be sent to dentists requesting participation if they work with RDAEFs in their practice and encouraging all staff who provide local anesthesia and nitrous oxide in their practice to participate as well. Invitation emails will be sent to RDAEFs encouraging their participation and all others in their practice who provide local anesthesia and nitrous oxide.

This survey should be taken separately by RDAEFs and their employing Dentists and/or Hygienists who are responsible for administering additional local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to their patients.

1. Select the category that best describes your practice?
[Single owner DDS private practice](#)
[Single owner DDS private practice that also employs associates or other DDS employees](#)
[Group DDS practice, with only DDS owners practicing](#)
[Group DDS practice that also employs associates or other DDS employees](#)
[Dental Service Organizations \(ie. Pacific Dental Services, Aspen Dental, etc.\)](#)
[Indian Health Services or Government Facilities](#)
2. Please indicate your dental profession level?
[DDS owner](#)
[DDS associate](#)
[RDAEF2](#)
[RDAEF1](#)
[RDH](#)
[RDHEF2](#)
[Practice Manager](#)
3. How frequently do RDAEF2(s) place and finish direct restorations (amalgams, composites, glass ionomers) in your practice?

- 1-4 times daily
 - 5-8 times daily
 - All day long for multiple patients
 - Never (if never, skip to Question 7)
4. How often does the RDAEF2 need additional local anesthesia during direct restoration (amalgams, composites, glass ionomer) procedures?
- 1-4 times daily
 - 5-8 times daily
 - 9-12 times daily
 - 13-16 times daily
 - More than 16 times daily
 - Never needs additional local anesthesia
5. What is the average wait time before the patient is administered the needed additional local anesthesia for direct restoration procedures?
- 5 minutes or less
 - 6-10 minutes
 - 11-15 minutes
 - 16-20 minutes
 - Never needs additional local anesthesia
6. What is the average wait time after additional local anesthesia is given to the patient, until the RDAEF2 can resume or continue the direct restoration procedure?
- 5 minutes or less
 - 6-10 minutes
 - 11-15 minutes
 - 16-20 minutes
 - Never needs additional local anesthesia
7. How frequently do RDAEF(s) place retraction devices and obtain final impressions (traditional or digital) for crown and bridge in your practice?
- A few times weekly
 - Multiple times daily
 - All day long for multiple patients
 - Never (if never, skip to Question 11)
8. How often does the RDAEF need additional local anesthesia during impression procedures?
- 1-4 times daily
 - 5-8 times daily
 - 9-12 times daily
 - 13-16 times daily
 - More than 16 times daily
 - Never needs additional local anesthesia
9. What is the average wait time before the patient is administered the needed additional local anesthesia for impression procedures?
- 5 minutes or less
 - 6-10 minutes

11-15 minutes

16-20 minutes

Never needs additional local anesthesia

10. What is the average wait time after additional local anesthesia is given to the patient, until the RDAEF can resume or continue the impression procedure?

5 minutes or less

6-10 minutes

11-15 minutes

16-20 minutes

Never needs additional local anesthesia

11. How frequently do RDAEF2(s) adjust and bond/cement indirect restorations (crowns & bridges) in your practice?

A few times per week

A few times per day

Multiple times daily

Rarely

Never (if never, skip to Question 15)

12. How often does the RDAEF2 need additional local anesthesia during indirect restoration adjustment & cementation procedures?

1-4 times daily

5-8 times daily

9-12 times daily

13-16 times daily

More than 16 times daily

Never needs additional local anesthesia

13. What is the average wait time before the patient is administered the needed additional local anesthesia for indirect restoration adjustment & cementation procedures?

5 minutes or less

6-10 minutes

11-15 minutes

16-20 minutes

Never needs additional local anesthesia

14. What is the average wait time after additional local anesthesia is given to the patient, until the RDAEF2 can resume or continue the indirect restoration adjustment & cementation procedure?

5 minutes or less

6-10 minutes

11-15 minutes

16-20 minutes

Never needs additional local anesthesia

15. How frequently do RDAEF2(s) obturate (fill) root canals in your practice?

A few times per week

A few times per day

Multiple times daily

Rarely

Never (if never, skip to Question 19)

16. How often does the RDAEF2 need additional local anesthesia during root canal obturation procedures?

1-4 times daily

5-8 times daily

9-12 times daily

13-16 times daily

More than 16 times daily

Never needs additional local anesthesia

17. What is the average wait time before the patient is administered the needed additional local anesthesia for root canal obturation procedures?

5 minutes or less

6-10 minutes

11-15 minutes

16-20 minutes

Never needs additional local anesthesia

18. What is the average wait time after additional local anesthesia is given to the patient, until the RDAEF2 can resume or continue the root canal obturation procedure?

5 minutes or less

6-10 minutes

11-15 minutes

16-20 minutes

Never needs additional local anesthesia

19. Does your practice administer nitrous oxide to patients and if so, what is the average frequency of usage?

A few times per week

A few times per day

Multiple times daily

Rarely

Never

20. Would your team find it beneficial for the practice, patients and dentist, if the RDAEF2 was licensed to administer local anesthesia?

Yes

No

21. Would your team find it beneficial for the practice, patients and dentist, if the RDAEF2 was licensed to administer nitrous oxide?

Yes

No