



**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
August 15, 2024**

**Council Members**

Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS, Chair  
Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Vice Chair  
De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA  
Jessica Gerlach, RDA  
Rosalinda Olague, RDA, BA  
Joanne Pacheco, RDH, MAOB  
Carie Smith, RDAEF

**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 in accordance with Government Code section 11123.2 at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 15, 2024, with the following location available for Council and public member participation:**

Department of Consumer Affairs  
1625 N. Market Blvd., Hearing Room #102  
Sacramento, CA 95834

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda **[4]**  
*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 May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes **[5-20]**
4. Executive Officer Report **[21]**
5. Update on Legislation **[22-23]**
  - a. Legislation of Interest
    - i. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1453](#) (Ashby, 2024) Dentistry
6. Status Update on Pending Regulations **[24-25]**
7. Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics **[26-27]**
  - a. Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examinations
  - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions General Written Examination
  - c. Orthodontic Assistant Written Examination
  - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Written Examination
8. Update, Discussion, and Recommendations on Dental Assisting Examination Items
  - a. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Evaluate the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination for Use in the California Dental Sedation Assistant Permit Process **[28-31]**
    - i. Review of the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination
  - b. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Evaluate the Dental Assisting National Board's Certified Orthodontic Assistant Examination for Use in the California Orthodontic Assistant Permit Process **[32-35]**
    - ii. Review of the Certified Orthodontic Assistant Examination
  - c. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Translate the Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examination **[36-38]**
    - iii. Translating (Adapting) the Registered Dental Assistant Examination into One or More Languages
9. Update from the Board's Access to Care Committee **[39-40]**
10. Update on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals **[41-44]**
11. Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics **[45-55]**
  - a. Registered Dental Assistant License
  - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions License
  - c. Orthodontic Assistant Permit

- d. Dental Sedation Assistant Permit
- e. Abandoned Dental Assisting Applications

## 12. Adjournment

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## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 17, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 2.:</b> Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

### Notes



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**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 14, 2024**

In accordance with Government Code section 11123, subdivision (a), the Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the following location:

Hilton Anaheim  
777 W. Convention Way  
Anaheim, CA 92802

**Members Present:**

Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS, Chair  
Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Vice Chair  
De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA  
Rosalinda Olague, RDA, BA  
Joanne Pacheco, RDH, MAOB

**Staff Present:**

Tracy A. Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer  
Paige Ragali, Chief of Administration and Compliance  
Tina Vallery, Chief of Dental Assisting License and Program Compliance  
Victor Libet, License and Program Compliance Unit Manager  
Jessica Olney, Anesthesia Unit Manager  
Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager  
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager  
David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist  
Paul De La Cruz, Investigator  
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst  
Thomas Tortorici, Investigator  
Kristy Schieldge, Regulations Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)  
Cesar Victoria, Television Specialist, Office of Public Affairs, DCA  
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, DCA

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

Council Chair, Ms. Cara Miyasaki, called the meeting to order at 8:35 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.

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Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
Council Chair Cara Miyasaki requested an amendment to the meeting minutes on page 5, Agenda Item 8, first paragraph, third line, to strike and replace “California Dental Association (CDA) exam” with “certified dental assistant exam” and on line four, to strike and replace “are at times better than the others” with “very in depth and detailed”.

Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Pacheco) to confirm the Meeting Minutes with revisions after the webcast is reviewed.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on the motion.

Chair Miyasaki called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Mirela Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the Minutes were approved.

#### Agenda Item 4: Executive Officer Report

Dr. Tracy Montez stated that as this is a very busy season for the Board, Board staff have been working hard on the Board’s Sunset bill, as well as responding to various bills. Additionally, staff have been getting ready for the May Board meeting.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

#### Agenda Item 5: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

Rikki Parks provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

#### Agenda Item 6: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

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

Dr. Montez clarified that the tables in the meeting materials for this item show the ratio of practitioners to the population are merely that. It is data the Board is able to access and provide and does not mean that this is the number of professionals practicing in a county but only means that this is their address of record. Therefore, an individual may

have an address of record in a county but may practice in multiple counties. She made this clarification because this came up during the Board's Sunset Hearing in terms of access to care, and there was concern that some counties did not have licensees or that there were very few. Dr. Montez reiterated that this is merely data of address of record of licensed dental professionals in a county, and it does not indicate where they are practicing.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Shari Becker, representing herself, noted that on page 19 in the "Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Received by Month" the RDA 23-24 shows 1,957, but below that in the "Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month," the RDA 23-24 number is higher. Ms. Becker asked for clarification on where the deviation came from. Ms. Parks responded that applications that are received go through a review process and, if complete, they are approved to test. Once the applicant is made eligible to test, they become a candidate, and then once they pass the exam, they are issued the license. There are a few phases in the process, and the applications received are the initial applications. The 1010 is the initial application prior to being approved to test. The "Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month" represents individuals who applied and were made eligible to test. Ms. Parks voiced that the applicant has one year to fulfill any deficiencies, and the numbers can fluctuate based upon a complete application. Therefore, the numbers are not always going to match.

Dr. Montez summarized that the applications that come in may have deficiencies, and that is why there may be a difference in numbers because there are several steps that applicants have to go through.

Agenda Item 7: Update on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals  
Victor Libet provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 8: Update from the Board's Access to Care Committee  
Lilia Larin, Board Secretary, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Dr. Montez stated there were some requests for information by the Council and the Board to look at how the pathways may differ in terms of pass rates. As a result, Board staff had the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) run some analyses; the meeting materials include a memo provided by OPES that shows the pass rates in the first table. She reported there are three pathways, which include the Board-Approved Education Pathway, Work Experience Pathway, and what is called the

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combined pathway. The first-time pass rates are individuals who are taking the exam for the first time and the repeat eventual pass rates are those that have to take it more than once to pass. As she has been working with the Board in various capacities through OPES, the trend is the same. The Education Pathway typically has a slightly higher pass rate, followed by the Work Experience Pathway, and then the combination pathway, but at times those flip-flop in terms of the pass rates. Dr. Montez provided an overview of the difference in pass rates based on the different pathways. She conveyed that it is challenging to set a standard of entry-level practice because of the multiple pathways, and she has cautioned the Board to keep that in mind. She noted that the pass rates are very consistent for what would be expected for this profession, and reiterated that there is no set pass rate. It is possible there could be a 100% pass rate, but then the validity of regulating this profession would be questioned if 100% of people are passing the exam, as in reality, not everybody passes. Dr. Montez conveyed that another question that was asked by the Council and the Board was looking at the content area, which is stable in terms of the pass rate. She expressed content areas include: (1) assessment and diagnostic record; (2) dental procedure; (3) infection control and health and safety; and (4) law and ethics. She mentioned that OPES included some recommendations in their memo with one being updating the candidate information bulletin, which Board staff has been working on. Dr. Montez communicated that was updated in May, and staff have added some new sample questions. The candidate information bulletin is mailed out to the applicants once they are eligible to test and gives them information about how to schedule the exam, as well as some helpful pointers for taking the exam. She indicated that the new exam plan that went out is very similar to the prior ones.

Dr. Montez voiced that the other recommendation was to avoid the 70% or 75% minimum passing score but to make sure it reflects the actual entry level difficulty of each form of the test. She agreed that benefits the applicants because some questions may be easier or harder over time, and the passing score needs to reflect that. That regulatory package is moving forward and once that goes into play, the Council will have conversations about reducing the number of questions.

Chair Miyasaki expressed that the fourth question is a very important question to add to the survey, and she was disappointed about the infection control and health and safety pass rate being the lowest.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

#### Agenda Item 9: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendations on Proposed Regulations

##### Agenda Item 9.a.: Status Update on Pending Regulations

David Bruggeman provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.



Mr. Bruggeman noted one package related to dental assisting that concerns dental assisting examinations. The basics of this package would be to update the regulations to reflect changes in law and exam administration, including the fact that the clinical and practical examinations have been eliminated. The Board approved this rulemaking at its November 2023 meeting. The initial paperwork for this package has been developed and since the time the memo was prepared, the package has been passed and the Budget Office approval is now with DCA. The Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency will also need to approve the package before it is initially filed with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and the public comment period can start.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 9.b.: Update on the Progress of the Board's Infection Control Regulations Advisory Working Group

Mr. Bruggeman provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 9.c.: Update on the Progress of the Council's Dental Assisting Regulations Advisory Working Group

Mr. Bruggeman provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Dr. Montez conveyed there are five articles, one of which is the exam that is already moving through the regulations process. Board staff have another article they are going to ask the Council at the May 14, 2024 meeting to take action on to move it forward to the Board. The remainder of the three articles will be addressed as legislative changes are made through the sunset process. In keeping with Board staff's commitment to work with the Council on the dental assisting regulations, progress is being made on two of the five articles.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Ms. Becker, representing herself, asked where those two sections can be viewed, and whether the other sections will be brought forward, and whether there will be opportunity for input.

Mr. Bruggeman responded that once the previously approved package on the dental exam regulations has gone through the approval processes and is published by OAL, there will be a 45-day public comment period that starts. It will be noticed on the Board's website, and licensees and members of the public will be notified by email and other methods of communication about the opportunity to comment. With respect to the packages that Board staff is continuing to work on, Mr. Bruggeman voiced that staff

does not have language for the applications package ready at this time for review by the Council or the Board. Once they do, there would be an opportunity to comment both at those meetings and further on in the regulatory process as the public comment period for those packages becomes available.

Dr. Montez added that article four, examinations, was already brought before the Council and the Board in which the public was given opportunity for comment. However, the public will have additional opportunity as it moves through the final phases. She voiced that will all be posted, and the public will get a ListServ message and so forth. The second article, which is article one, is going to be discussed at the May 14 Council and Board meetings, the public will have a chance at Council and Board meetings to comment, and then again when it goes into the formal regulatory process.

Chair Miyasaki noted that it is her understanding that the exam, the first of the articles, was to remove the language that was no longer happening, like the practical exam for the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA), and the practical exam for the Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF). Mr. Bruggeman responded that the main focus of that package is to update the language to reflect both current law and current practice.

Agenda Item 9.d.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Board to Make Non-Substantive Rule Changes Per Section 100 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to Repeal CCR, Title 16, Section 1069 and its Title, and Amend CCR, Title 16, Sections 1076 and 1086 Concerning the Permit Reform Act

Mr. Bruggeman provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Tara Welch noted that the section of the proposed revisions to CCR section 1086 on page 52 of the meeting materials will likely need to be amended at a later date to implement any changes that are being made to the RDA and dental assisting statutes through the sunset review bill. Currently, Board staff are merely making some minor technical changes to it. Ms. Welch added that on page 54, in the reference section, Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1754 has also been repealed and will need to be updated to section 1752.4. If the Council recommends the Board approve this section 100, it should do so with this revision.

(M/S/C) (Fowler/Pacheco) to recommend to the Board that it consider and approve the proposed regulatory text as set forth in Attachment 1 as amended by changing BPC section 1754 to BPC section 1752.4 in the reference section of CCR section 1086, and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to pursue the rulemaking through the Title 1, CCR section 100 rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the text and/or rulemaking package as needed throughout the process and to repeal CCR title 16, section 1069, and amend sections 1076 and 1086 as described in the proposed text as amended at this meeting.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on the motion.

Chair Miyasaki called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

#### Agenda Item 10: Update on Legislation

##### Agenda Item 10.a.: Update Regarding the Board's 2024 Sunset Review

Mr. Bruggeman provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

He verbalized that Board's Sunset bill, Senate Bill (SB) 1453, is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and there is a hearing scheduled on May 16, 2024. At that point, the bill would then go to the Senate Floor for approval, and then go through the legislative process in the Assembly. Additionally, there would be a hearing before the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, as well as hearings before the Assembly Appropriations Committee before that bill is approved and signed by the Governor. He added that process would conclude by the end of September, as that is the last date the Governor has to sign bills from this legislative session, and there will be opportunities to provide input on the Sunset bill and help shape it as it proceeds into law.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

##### Agenda Item 10.b.: Legislation of Interest

Mr. Bruggeman provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

He verbalized there are two specific bills that Board staff had identified and tracked related to dental assisting functions. As one of them has been folded into the other, the discussion will be centered around one bill. Assembly Bill (AB) 2242 had been introduced, but it did not pass its policy committee by the set deadline. Therefore, it is not advancing this year. However, the language for that bill, which resembles AB 481 from 2023, has been folded into the Board's Sunset bill, SB 1453. The Sunset bill goes beyond simply those dental assisting provisions and includes all of the legislative proposals the Board has approved over the past several years. It is more comprehensive than simply the dental assisting language but that is a significant portion of the legislation.

Dr. Montez disclosed that Board staff have handed out additional meeting materials, a matrix titled Sunset Bill (AB 1453), and her intent is to address a number of comments that have come in since the bill was published and focus on those significant points that the Council would like to move forward to the Board.

Regarding [BPC section] 1750(f) as shown on the matrix, Dr. Montez reported this was the Board's legislative proposal. She added there was some concern the wording was confusing; Board staff agreed and suggested this possibly again go to the Board to clean that up. Dr. Montez conveyed that one of the issues that came up was BPC section 1750.2(a)(1), which has to do with Orthodontic Assistant (OA) permit applicants; there was concern that the work experience requirement was removed for both the OA and Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) permits.

Council Vice Chair Fowler believed the six months' work experience as a Dental Assistant (DA) going into a DSA and OA program is beneficial. They would be at a disadvantage if they were to take the exam with no prior experience in the field. She noted the six month work experience for the DA applying to those programs should be put back in. Chair Miyasaki agreed with Vice Chair Fowler.

Vice Chair Fowler commented that currently an RDA can go right into an OA or a DSA, and at least with the RDA there is the internship component of the RDA program where they have to work in a private practice doing general dentistry for so many hours. She added that gives them a leg up and more of a chance for success. Chair Miyasaki noted that she feels the same for the DSA.

Council Member De'Andra Epps-Robbins agreed with both Vice Chair Fowler and Chair Miyasaki and thought the work experience does help to expand their knowledge with the externship or internship. Additionally, she agreed that should be sufficient for the RDA, DSA, and for the other portion of that.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, asked for clarification whether this is changing the 12 months to six months and voiced that the Alliance supports retaining the six-month work experience for the unlicensed DA for the OA and DSA.

Vice Chair Fowler noted that at the moment, they have to have six months' work experience before they can enter a program, and then after the program, they have to have a total of 12 months' work experience before they can take their exam. Ultimately, it would be about 12 months' work experience before they can take the OA exam. She believed that it is beneficial having that 12-month work experience as that gives them time to connect the dots experience-wise as a DA. It makes a much better clinician and truly understand either the OA or the DSA. Dr. Montez added that this would leave things as is.

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Dr. Lori Gagliardi, representing the Foundation for Allied Dental Education (FADE), asked where a current RDA student would fit in who is not yet an RDA but finished an RDA program and completed an OA permit program as well upon completion of their RDA program.

Chair Miyasaki believed the reasoning behind this is that if someone is in an RDA program then why would they not get their RDA and then be able to qualify for the RDA. She added that if the language is kept as is, then they would qualify immediately to take the RDA and also for the OA.

Tooka Zokaie, representing California Dental Association (CDA), clarified that prerequisites were included and need to be done chair side. For the OA course exam, Das will be supported, and there is appropriate filtration out of the education and exam process that is currently written. Ms. Zokaie added that on page 45, in the draft version of the bill, BPC section 1752.4(r) says there is language already about satisfactory work experience.

Regarding the alternative DA program, page 5 of the matrix, Dr. Montez mentioned that there was some confusion over why there was 500 hours of didactic and 300 hours of clinical, and in the preceptorship in dental assisting, those hours were flip-flopped. She voiced there were some comments that this could be confusing.

Ms. Zokaie, representing CDA, commented that if that recommendation is being moved forward, CDA can discuss it after the meeting.

Regarding the alternative DA pathway, Chair Miyasaki noted that the apprenticeship pathway is lumped into that in the explanation of the definitions, and the apprenticeship pathway is only requiring 144 hours of didactic and laboratory coursework and 2,000 hours of work experience. She stated these hours do not match, and it might be to the benefit of removing the apprenticeship pathway from that alternative pathway because there is going to be confusion. Chair Miyasaki believed the intent of the apprenticeship pathway is to go through the Work Experience Pathway (OTJ) pathway with standalone classes.

Ms. Zokaie indicated there was outreach by CDA to different directors of programs, and they wanted to have room for a variety of program formats. There are the two different hour pathways because of the variety of programs available and how they approach hours differently so there is more equitable access to program formats.

Dr. Gagliardi, representing FADE, believed the alternative was also to give credit for those in the regional occupational program (ROP) or the adult education that only had 500 hours and then the rest would be the clinical. The opposite being the preceptorship were those that were already in clinical, and they wanted to give them some emphasis of a lot more didactic and lab coursework in an educational institution in addition to the

standalones. It would include more on dental materials, chairside assisting, but really prepare them as a DA for the knowledge level they would not get in an office. She believed that is what came to the 300 hours. On the other hand, the alternative was those adult education and high school programs that may only be 500 hours, but then they would combine that with more work experience so that they would be eligible to take the RDA and have the didactic as well as the clinical experience.

Vice Chair Fowler voiced that if it is confusing to her to differentiate between the alternate DA program, as opposed to a preceptor and dental assisting program; it might not be clear to the applicants to determine which pathway to take and why there is a discrepancy.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, commented that if it is confusing to the Council and the Alliance, it is also going to be confusing to other people. She agreed the language would really have to be word smithed to be super clear.

Ms. Becker, representing herself, indicated that she personally felt that some additional programs with a preceptorship would be a confusing pathway as well.

Dr. Montez continued that regarding BPC section 1752.1(c), as shown on the matrix, the current wording has “board-approved” struck out in (1) and (2), and Board staff felt that provision needs to be retained because those courses are approved by the Board; staff thought that was an oversight by the editor outside of the Board. She added Board staff also recommended that a pit and fissure sealant course be included in the list and requested the Council to address the five years as it is confusing throughout the bill in terms of when courses should be taken within the five years.

Vice Chair Fowler agreed with Dr. Montez that the infection control is the one that needs to change. For DAs applying for an RDA license, the eight-hour infection control course should be taken within five years.

Chair Miyasaki stated that it would be much more fluid to require the pit and fissure sealant course upon the application for an RDA.

Vice Chair Fowler did not believe the radiation safety and coronal polishing courses needed to have the same time requirement as the infection control course.

Dr. Montez summarized that the Dental Practice Act (DPA), infection control, and pit and fissure should be all within 5 years.

Ms. Welch noted someone who took a radiation safety course 25 years ago to perform radiation services as a DA may now be applying for an RDA license; technology might

have been updated such that the RDA applicant would need to be more familiar with current radiation processes.

Council Member Epps-Robbins communicated that it is extremely important to have a time manner on this, which should be within a time frame of five years. Although the perception is that things do not change as far as radiation and other items, programs and equipment do change. She added it would be more beneficial to have a smaller time frame for the applicant to be able to achieve the requirements listed, so they are more aware of the currency of what is out there. If the time frame is closed down to not allow a vast variation of eight or 10 years but is solidified with a five-year time frame or even have certain requirements prior to taking their RDA, she believed this will be implemented to allow them to have the ability to know what the programs have and see what is out there. Council Member Epps-Robbins reiterated the Council has to keep in consideration who is updating their offices, what office is that auxiliary going to go into; if they are allowed to let that time frame expand, she believed it is not going to be beneficial to them. She added they are going to lose important information that they would need to facilitate their job duties, and this will eliminate them having to go out to get additional training after retaining a job or not getting that support from an on-the-job training site.

Council Member Joanne Pacheco stated the physics of radiation have not changed much, but the equipment has. She agreed with Ms. Welch that maybe a 10 year recency on radiation safety may be considered.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Melodi Randolph, representing the Alliance, noted it does not make sense to them to have to retake an X-ray class and a recency because as a DA you can legally take X-rays and assuming that this person will have been taking X-rays all of this time. For them to have to take another X-ray course when it is not guaranteed that the course will be teaching exactly what type of equipment the student is going to be using. Ms. Randolph voiced that it does not make sense to have to take an X-ray class again when they have been taking X-rays for 10 years.

Dr. Gagliardi, representing FADE, concurred with the previous speakers and stated that these are working DAs who probably already have their X-ray certification. She raised concern with the two-hour and the DPA and the eight-hour infection control being a five-year window that licensees have to update every two years. In the coronal polish, if they took that as a student or took a course, they are not going to be able to do coronal polishing until they are an RDA or, depending on how this bill goes through, they may have their coronal polish. Dr. Gagliardi expressed that the infection control and the DPA should be two years. As far as the X-ray, if they are a practicing DA and taking their X-ray certification or they have already taken it, she did not see the need to update that.

Ms. Becker commented that she agreed.

Chair Miyasaki concluded that the gist of the discussions and public comments was that the radiation safety does not need to have a time limitation because if they are a practicing DA, they already have their X-ray license and will not need to take another course. For the DPA and eight-hour infection control course, a two-year time window seemed to make sense since there is a two-year license renewal window. Furthermore, the coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealant courses should be included in the application and can be taken in a five-year window.

Ms. Welch noted that with respect to the radiation safety course, there was a presumption that the applicants are currently using X-ray machines and equipment and that presumption may not be correct. If somebody took a radiation safety course 25 years ago and the individual had not been practicing or utilizing radiation equipment recently, there may be a need to write in either taking a radiation safety course within 5 years or demonstration of recent X-ray experience on patients. Ms. Welch reiterated that the Council needs to ensure consumer protection and should not just presume that someone has been utilizing radiation equipment on patients.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Ms. Randolph, representing the Alliance, noted that the key here is making sure that they are skilled and able to do this and a time limit is not ensuring that. She suggested putting into regulation the ability for the applicant to challenge out somehow. Perhaps they can give the providers of the X-ray courses the ability to allow somebody who has previously had an X-ray license to take one or two sets of X-rays, so the applicant does not have to take the entire course again. If they can prove that they can take a set of X-rays safely, that would accomplish this goal, and that could be done in regulation.

Dr. Montez responded that implementation at the Board staff level would be extremely hard and costly to do.

Ms. Welch commented that exemptions from the statutes cannot be created in regulations. The statute itself has to provide the exemption. The goal, especially with working on AB 481 and the Interim Therapeutic Restorations (ITR) language, is trying to streamline the process to get people out there working and get them trained and skilled quicker. Relying on regulations to implement new policies will take longer to get people properly licensed and through the process. If an exemption needs to be created so that there is no limitation on the radiation certificate, there should at least be either a radiation certificate within X number of years or a radiation certificate and proof of recent experience performing X-rays on patients.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

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Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, suggested including recency of taking safe X-rays as part of the work experience documentation.

Dr. Gagliardi, representing FADE, noted there currently is no limitation on the X-ray being current or requirement for the course to have been taken within however many years. She would not want to discourage a current DA who took her X-ray years ago not to want to take their RDA because they do not want to go back and take a 40-hour course. Dr. Gagliardi believed the [dental] office would know.

Chair Miyasaki voiced that she would report to the Board that the radiation should be taken within eight to 10 years and communicate the concerns of the stakeholders.

Regarding BPC section 1752.4(e), as shown on the matrix, Dr. Montez voiced that there was concern that OA duties were being added into the RDA.

Chair Miyasaki raised concern that the OA permit language, on page 53, talks about isolating etch and bond, and the word “isolate” is missing in front of “etch” on number one. She wanted to include that information in there and in reading this information, it sounded like the RDA can etch, bond, and attach, but on page 53, the OA can only isolate, etch, and prepare. Chair Miyasaki expressed confusion as to why the RDA can actually do more by attaching than the OA; it seemed to her that the OA would be able to attach, as well as the RDA. She voiced that maybe the intention was for the OA to isolate, etch, prepare, and attach, and then for the RDA to do everything but attach. In the current language, the RDA can actually attach, but the OA can only get to preparation.

Chair Miyasaki asked the Council whether they agreed that the OA and the RDA are limited in any of the aspects of attaching the provisional attachments and would want the OA to be able to attach and RDA not attach or would want the RDA and OA be able to do everything and attach it.

Council Member Fowler believed what they are addressing here is that they want to allow the RDA to be able to do composite buttons or attachments for [clear aligners]. They are trying to allow the RDA to be able to do more when it comes to orthodontic duties, like for [clear aligners], and that is what those buttons and attachments she believed were referencing.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Ms. Randolph, representing the Alliance, agreed with Chair Miyasaki’s initial assessment that the language on page 53 for the OA to just prepare teeth would be very confusing. To put that in for the RDA to etch, bond, and attach composite buttons or attachments, she agreed with Vice Chair Fowler’s statement that originally what was

intended was to allow an RDA to attach buttons for [clear aligners] or that type of treatment, but not brackets. Although people would interpret this as it is written, buttons or attachments, attachments would be any attachment, including a bracket. Essentially the text would get rid of the OA permit category, to which the Alliance would be adamantly opposed.

Ms. Zokaie indicated there used to be language about brackets but that was excluded to be specific that this is only for buttons. She added it is not designed in a way to increase the scope to an OA. It is still less than that and when meeting with the different educators, they were very comfortable and confident about including the buttons for the RDA but not brackets. The word brackets is not included. When CDA was meeting with different groups, they asked if buttons was the most appropriate term, and then they changed buttons to attachments to try to make it more universal. She noted that she now sees how that could be misinterpreted as including brackets and suggested that they can send some recommended language for excluding brackets for example.

Chair Miyasaki asked whether the OA language should be “prepare and attach,” because it does not specifically say that they are attaching the brackets. Ms. Zokaie responded that is something that can be recommended for OA.

Chair Miyasaki noted that on page 62, line 19, the RDA duty says remove orthodontic bands; there is redundancy on page 63, line 13, where it says size, fit, secure, and remove orthodontic bands. She noted that needs to be looked at where the term “remove” should actually be located and whether it is direct or general supervision.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment on this item. The Council received the following public comments.

Ms. Randolph, representing the Alliance, expressed one issue that really needs to be clarified and discussed by the Council is the qualifications for a hygienist to become an RDA. Regarding BPC section 1752.1, on page seven of the matrix, she asked the Council to clarify how a hygienist can be an RDA and whether or not they need to have the same qualifications, meaning they need 15 months’ work experience as a DA or graduate from an RDA program and take the RDA exam. She noted the way the text reads now is confusing, and she read it as they have to take the RDA exam, but they do not necessarily have to have the same qualifications and do not have to have the 15 months’ work experience as a DA. She stated that just by being a hygienist does not mean you can do the duties of a DA; they should have to have the same qualifications as an RDA.

Dr. Montez noted that current law is that if an individual has a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) license, they do not need to do any additional work other than taking the exam. She stated the intent of this language was to clarify that they must take the RDA Combined Written and Law and Ethics exam. Currently, the law has been that there are no additional requirements that must happen.

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Ms. Welch added to the extent the hygienist qualification for RDA application disagrees with the legislative proposal the Board approved and included in the sunset review report, the Board would take a look at amending the bill for consistency with the Board's recommendation. If SB 1453 is missing provisions the Board already talked about and the Council deliberated on for many meetings, the Board will want to make sure that the legislative proposals the Board submitted are accurately reflected in the Sunset review bill. She indicated that Board staff will take a look at the hygienist issue and make sure that it comports with the legislative proposal submitted by the Board. She added that all of the stakeholder groups have the ability to communicate with the legislative staff and the author of the bill, as this is the Board's Sunset bill. The Board is participating on this legislation, but it does not control it.

Chair Miyasaki asked for the opinion of the Council regarding the hours where there is the 300 to 500 hours or the 500 to 300 hours for the didactic laboratory versus the work experience. Board Member Pacheco responded that as an educator, it would depend on what the content is for each section that they have listed. If that is what they have figured out to cover the same content, then the hours are really moot – it and is what they have listed. You would have to go back and look at the content to figure out what they put in each section because there is the didactic, preclinical, and clinical. However, they have put that package together is how they are going to spit out the hours.

Vice Chair Fowler agreed but would like for it to be very descriptive on the Board's website so an applicant knows exactly which pathway is the best fit for them.

(M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Fowler) to add pit and fissure sealant course upon application for the RDA, radiation safety should be taken within 8 to 10 years, pit and fissure sealant and coronal polishing courses should be taken within the last 5 years, infection control and DPA courses should be taken within the last two years, keep the Board-approved language in paragraphs (1) and (2) that was struck, and the RDA could not attach the brackets and the OA can attach the brackets and remove the language of "attachments" from the RDA item about attaching the [clear aligner] buttons.

Council Member Pacheco stated that the radiation safety course should be taken within 10 years because the radiation safety courses are difficult, are not offered in every part of California, and she would hate to see a barrier in place for those moving toward becoming an RDA. Dr. Montoya added her understanding that these courses are expensive, and the Board is trying to balance consumer safety with access to care. Council Member Pacheco also pondered what difference 8 or 10 years would make; if radiation safety changes move at such a slow pace, and the individual is still working with film, yet everything is digital, would two years really matter if the Council went with 10 years. Council Member Fowler believed 10 years would be fine for the radiation safety course.

Council Member Miyasaki amended her motion to require the radiation safety course to be taken within 10 years, and Council Member Fowler agreed to the amendments to the motion.

(M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Fowler) to add pit and fissure sealant course upon application for the RDA, radiation safety should be taken with within 10 years, pit and fissure sealant and coronal polishing courses should be taken within the last 5 years, infection control and DPA courses should be taken within the last two years, keep the Board-approved language in paragraphs (1) and (2) that was struck, and the RDA could not attach the brackets and the OA can attach the brackets and remove the language of “attachments” from the RDA item about attaching the [clear aligner] buttons.

Chair Miyasaki requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. The Council received public comment.

Dr. Gagliardi, representing FADE, asked for clarification whether the Council said a board-approved DPA, because if that is the case, the current RDA programs do not have a board-approved DPA because this is the Board’s [Continuing Education Unit] CEU. Her understanding was that most of those courses have not gone through the CEU to get the Board-approved DPA as it is incorporated within their program. Dr. Gagliardi requested clarification as to whether the requirement is for the Board-approved course or a non-Board approved course. Dr. Montez noted the programs are approved and stated the Board will monitor that issue; it is assumed that because the program is approved, this is an approved course.

Chair Miyasaki called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Mirela Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

#### Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

Chair Miyasaki adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 17, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4.:</b> Executive Officer Report

**Background**

Dr. Tracy Montez will provide an update on Board activities.

**Action Requested**

No action required.



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 12, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5.a.:</b> Legislation of Interest

### Background

The Dental Board of California (Board) has been tracking bills that impact the Board, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), healing arts boards and their respective licensees, and all licensing boards. This memorandum includes information regarding each bill's status, location, date of introduction, date of last amendment, and a summary as of the date of this memorandum. The bills are listed in numerical order, with the Assembly Bills (AB XXX) first, followed by the Senate Bills (SB XXX).

### Discussion

Board staff have, as of this writing, identified one bill of interest to the Dental Assisting Council (Council). The Board took a Support position on SB 1453, and Board staff have been communicating with legislative staff on the suggested changes requested by Council and Board members.

[SB 1453](#) (Ashby, 2024) Dentistry.

**Introduced:** February 16, 2024

**Last Amended:** July 2, 2024

**Location:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Status:** July 2, 2024 – Assembly Business and Professions Committee passed the bill as amended.

**Summary:** As introduced, the bill would repeal Business and Professions Code (Code) section 1607 which requires the Board to meet once each year in the San Francisco Bay Area and once each year in Southern California. This would change the Board's geographic meeting requirements to once each year in Northern California and once each year in Southern California, per Code section 101.7.

The bill was amended on April 23 to incorporate the other legislative proposals adopted by the Board and included in the Sunset review report. Also added to the bill was the language found in AB 2242 revising the Dental Assisting chapter of the Dental Practice Act.

The bill was amended on June 24 to incorporate additional legislative proposal language and other suggestions from the Board following the Board's May 2024 meeting. The bill was amended again on July 2 to expand the dentist licensure by credential pathway to allow nonclinical practice to count toward the required hours to qualify for applying.

**Board Impact:** The bill would adopt the Board's legislative proposals approved through May 2024. It would also significantly revise the Board's statutes for dental assistants, requiring staff to amend its regulations and forms, and create new forms and processes for the new pathways established for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant.

The Board took a support position on the bill at its May 2024 meeting, with suggestions for amendments to be sent to legislative staff. Many of those suggestions were incorporated into the June amendments.



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<b>DATE</b>	July 12, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 6.:</b> Status Update on Pending Regulations

### Background

This memo addresses those dental assisting rulemaking packages that have moved forward in the rulemaking process since the last Dental Assisting Council (Council) meeting. Rulemaking packages that require Council action will be presented as separate agenda items or will be presented at a future Council meeting.

### **Dental Assisting Exams (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Tit. 16, § 1080, 1080.1, 1080.2, 1080.3, 1081, 1081.1, 1081.2, 1081.3, 1081.4, 1082, 1082.1, 1082.2, 1082.3, 1083)**

Summary of Proposed Changes: This rulemaking would update the Dental Board of California's (Board) dental assisting examinations to reflect changes in law and exam administration, including the elimination of the clinical and practical examinations for Registered Dental Assistants (RDA) and Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEF). The proposal would incorporate by reference the examination outlines developed for the Board by the Department's Office of Professional Examination Services for the RDA, RDAEF, Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) and Orthodontic Assistant (OA) examinations. The rulemaking also repeals certain sections of Board regulations that have been superseded by law and regulations established by the Dental Hygiene Board of California.

Update: The Office of Administrative Law published the rulemaking notice on July 12, 2024. This started a 45-day public comment period that ends at close of business on Tuesday, August 27. Any adverse comments received during the public comment period will be addressed by the Board at a subsequent Board meeting.



## **(Section 100 filing) Permit Reform Act (CCR Tit. 16 § 1069, 1076, 1086)**

Summary of Proposed Changes: This Section 100 filing makes nonsubstantive changes to the Board's regulations. It would repeal section 1069 concerning processing times for dental auxiliary applications because the underlying statutory authority was repealed. Section 1069 is referenced in sections 1076 and 1086, and those references would be struck. Additionally, references to registered dental hygienists, registered dental hygienists in alternative practice and registered dental hygienists in extended functions.

Update: The package was filed with the Office of Administrative Law on June 3, 2024, and was expected to be approved by this meeting, with changes immediately taking effect.

### **Dental Assisting Regulations Working Group**

The Dental Assisting Regulations Working Group, which was appointed in November 2023 to review the Board's dental assisting regulations and develop proposed updated regulatory language, last met on April 3, 2024. The working group, which consists of Council Chair Cara Miyasaki and Council Vice-Chair Jeri Fowler, discussed with staff possible language for revising Article 3 of the dental assisting regulations, which covers applications.

The Board's sunset bill, SB 1453, makes several changes to the Board's dental assisting statutes, requiring changes to the dental assisting regulations. The working group will time its efforts to ensure that the next regulatory packages account for the changes required by the sunset bill and other identified issues. The plan remains to prepare one rulemaking package for each of the remaining articles in the dental assisting regulations: Article 1. "General Provisions," Article 2. "Educational Programs," and Article 5. "Duties and Settings."

### **Infection Control Regulations Working Group**

At its February 2024 Board meeting, the Board appointed a two-person working group to review and propose revised language for the Board's infection control regulations, CCR title 16, section 1005. This working group, consisting of Council Chair Miyasaki and Board Vice President Pacheco, has been reviewing the previously approved language while researching possible edits. Once the working group meets with Board staff, staff from the Dental Hygiene Board of California will be consulted for their input on the proposed regulations. The proposed language will then be presented to members at the November 2024 Council meeting.

### **Action Requested**

This item is informational only. No action is requested.



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 19, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 7.:</b> Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

## Background

The following table provides the examination statistics for candidates who attempted dental assisting examinations in fiscal years (FY) 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24.

License Type		RDA	OA	DSA	RDAEF		
		Written	Written	Written	Clinical	Practical	Written
FY 2023/24	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	2,466	171	8	N/A	N/A	213
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,973	123	7	N/A	N/A	176
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	80%	72%	87.5%	N/A	N/A	83%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	493	48	1	N/A	N/A	37
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	20%	28%	12.5%	N/A	N/A	17%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	1,065	150	1	N/A	N/A	107
	Repeat Candidates Pass	504	47	1	N/A	N/A	46
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	47%	31%	100%	N/A	N/A	43%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	561	103	0	N/A	N/A	61
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	53%	69%	0	N/A	N/A	57%
	<b>Total Candidates Tested</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>320</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Passed</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>222</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Pass %</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>69%</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Failed</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Total Candidates Failed %</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>31%</b>	
FY 2022/23	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	2,107	255	8	N/A	N/A	194
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,644	189	7	N/A	N/A	155
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	78%	74%	88%	N/A	N/A	80%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	463	66	1	N/A	N/A	39
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	22%	26%	12%	N/A	N/A	20%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	814	100	3	N/A	N/A	130
	Repeat Candidates Pass	361	54	3	N/A	N/A	52
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	44%	54%	100%	N/A	N/A	40%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	453	46	0	N/A	N/A	78

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	Repeat Candidates Fail %	56%	46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%
	<b>Total Candidates Tested</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>324</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Passed</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>207</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Pass %</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>64%</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Failed</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>117</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Fail %</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>FY 2021/22</b>	Total 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Tested	1,556	137	5	54	58	160
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Pass	1,077	102	4	37	46	111
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Pass %	69%	74%	80%	69%	79%	69%
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Fail	479	35	1	17	12	49
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Fail %	31%	26%	20%	31%	21%	31%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	1,001	130	1	14	19	108
	Repeat Candidates Pass	411	66	1	9	12	43
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	41%	51%	100%	64%	63%	40%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	590	64	N/A	5	7	65
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	59%	49%	N/A	36%	37%	60%
	<b>Total Candidates Tested</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>268</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Passed</b>	<b>1,488</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>154</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Pass %</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>57%</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Failed</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>114</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Fail %</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>FY 2020/21</b>	Total 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Tested	1,665	162	3	N/A	N/A	156
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Pass	1,285	82	2	N/A	N/A	133
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Pass %	77%	51%	67%	N/A	N/A	85%
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Fail	380	80	1	N/A	N/A	23
	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Candidates Fail %	23%	49%	33%	N/A	N/A	15%
	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%
	<b>Total Candidates Tested</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>184</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Passed</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>153</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Pass %</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>83%</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Failed</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>Total Candidates Fail %</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>17%</b>

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.

### **Action Requested**

Informational only. No action required.



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 15, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 8.a.:</b> Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Evaluate the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination for Use in the California Dental Sedation Assistant Permit Process

### Background

The Dental Board of California (Board) has administered the California-specific Dental Sedation Assistant Permitholder Examination since 2010, with no updates since that time. California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 139 requires that Department of Consumer Affairs' boards and bureaus conduct an occupational analysis (OA) every five years to ensure that examinations measure current competencies required to practice in a profession in California. The lack of practicing Dental Sedation Assistants (DSA) available to serve as subject matter experts has prevented the Board from conducting the requisite OAs and updating the DSA examination content.

### Discussion

Board staff are requesting that the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) conduct a comprehensive review of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' (AAOSM) Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination (DAANCE). The purpose of the review is to (a) evaluate the DAANCE for ensuring that it meets the psychometric professional guidelines and technical standards outlined in the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*, and in BPC section 139, and (b) evaluate whether the DAANCE adequately measures the competencies required to practice as a DSA in California. The findings of this review will assist the Dental Assisting Council (Council) and Board in determining whether to adopt the DAANCE as a standardized measure of minimum competence for safe practice as a DSA in California, replacing the California-specific Dental Sedation Assistant Permitholder Examination.

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## **Action Requested**

Board staff requests the Council discuss and consider approving the request.  
Suggested motion language follows:

**Motion A** – (To be used if the Council recommends the Board approve the request with no changes).

Move to recommend to the Board that it approve the request to have OPES conduct a comprehensive review of the AAOSM DAANCE.

**Motion B** – (To be used if the Council recommends the Board approve the request with changes. The changes would have to be described separately as part of the recommended motion.)

Move to recommend to the Board that it approve the request to have OPES conduct a comprehensive review of the AAOSM DAANCE with the following changes (describe the changes here).

If the Council does not wish to make a recommendation, no motion is necessary.

### **Attachment:**

Review of the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 15, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Tracy Montez, PhD, Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>FROM</b>	<i>Karen Okicich</i> Karen Okicich, MA, Research Data Supervisor II Office of Professional Examination Services
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Review of the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination</b>

The Dental Board of California (Board) staff is requesting that the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) conduct a comprehensive review of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' (AAOSM) Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination (DAANCE). The purpose of the review is to (a) evaluate the DAANCE to ensure that it meets the psychometric professional guidelines and technical standards outlined in the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, 2014* and in California Business and Professions Code (BPC) § 139, and (b) evaluate whether the DAANCE adequately measures the competencies required to practice as a Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) in California. The findings of this review will assist the Board in determining whether to adopt the DAANCE as a standardized measure of minimum competence for safe practice as a DSA in California.

### Background

The Board has administered the California-specific Dental Sedation Assistant Permitholder Examination since 2010, with no update since that time. BPC § 139 requires that Department of Consumer Affairs' boards and bureaus conduct an occupational analysis (OA) every 5 years to ensure that examinations measure current competencies required to practice in a profession in California. The lack of practicing DSAs available to serve as subject matter experts has prevented the Board from conducting the requisite OAs and updating the DSA examination content. The DAANCE may provide a better alternative for measuring the competencies required for practice as a DSA in California.

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Many DCA boards and bureaus have shifted to national licensing and certification examinations to remove barriers to practice, increase licensee portability, and reduce workforce shortages. The DAANCE is a national certification examination that a registrant may take upon completion of a self-paced course completed over 6 months. The examination covers the following topics:

- Basic sciences
- Office anesthesia emergencies
- Anesthetic drugs and techniques
- Anesthesia equipment and monitoring
- Evaluation and preparation of patients with systemic disease

### **Review Process and Associated Costs**

As part of its review, OPES will update the current description of DSA practice in California, analyze the psychometric quality of the DAANCE, and conduct a linkage study to determine whether the DAANCE adequately measures the competencies required for DSA practice in California. OPES will also issue a report of findings and recommendations.

The cost for performing the review and providing a report will be approximately \$25,900.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information in this memo further.



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 15, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 8.b.:</b> Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Evaluate the Dental Assisting National Board's Certified Orthodontic Examination for Use in the California Orthodontic Assistant Permit Process

### **Background**

The Dental Board of California (Board) has administered a California-specific Orthodontic Assistant Permitholder Examination since 2010. In 2021, the Board conducted an occupational analysis (OA) of the orthodontic assistant profession in California in compliance with California Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 139, which requires that Department of Consumer Affairs' boards and bureaus conduct an OA every five years to ensure that examinations measure current competencies required to practice in a profession in California. The Board has subsequently performed annual development. Due to the cost of development and the relatively small number of candidates who take the examination each year, Board staff have indicated that it may want to consider alternatives to the California-specific Orthodontic Assistant Examination.

### **Discussion**

Board staff are requesting that the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) conduct a review of the Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB) Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) Examination. The purpose of the review is to (a) evaluate the COA Examination to ensure that it meets the psychometric professional guidelines and technical standards outlined in the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* and in BPC section 139, and (b) evaluate whether the COA Examination adequately measures the competencies required to practice as an Orthodontic Assistant in California. The findings of this review will assist the Dental Assisting Council (Council) and Board in determining whether to adopt the COA Examination as a standardized measure of minimum competence for safe practice as an Orthodontic Assistant in

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California, replacing the California-specific Orthodontic Assistant Permitholder Examination.

**Action Requested**

Board staff requests the Council discuss and consider approving the request. Suggested motion language follows:

**Motion A** – (To be used if the Council recommends the Board approve the request with no changes).

Move to recommend to the Board that it approves the request to have OPES conduct a comprehensive review of the DANB COA Examination.

**Motion B** – (To be used if the Council recommends the Board approve the request with changes. The changes would have to be described separately as part of the recommended motion.)

Move to recommend to the Board that it approve the request to have OPES conduct a comprehensive review of the DANB COA Examination with the following changes (describe the changes here).

If the Council does not wish to make a recommendation, no motion is necessary.

**Attachment:**

Review of the Certified Orthodontic Assistant Examination



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 15, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Tracy Montez, PhD, Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>FROM</b>	<i>Karen Okicich</i> Karen Okicich, MA, Research Data Supervisor II Office of Professional Examination Services
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Review of the Certified Orthodontic Assistant Examination</b>

The Dental Board of California (Board) staff is requesting that the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) conduct a review of the Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB) Certified Orthodontic Assistant Examination (COA). The purpose of the review is to (a) evaluate the COA to ensure that it meets the psychometric professional guidelines and technical standards outlined in the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, 2014* and in California Business and Professions Code (BPC) § 139, and (b) evaluate whether the COA adequately measures the competencies required to practice as an Orthodontic Assistant in California. The findings of this review will assist the Board in determining whether to adopt the COA as a standardized measure of minimum competence for safe practice as an Orthodontic Assistant in California.

### Background

The Board has administered a California-specific orthodontic assistant examination since 2010. In 2021, the Board conducted an occupational analysis (OA) of the orthodontic assistant profession in California in compliance with BPC § 139, which requires that Department of Consumer Affairs' boards and bureaus conduct an OA every 5 years to ensure that examinations measure current competencies required to practice in a profession in California. The Board has subsequently performed annual development. Due to the cost of development and the relatively small number of candidates who take the examination each year, the Board has indicated that it may want to consider alternatives to the California-specific Orthodontic Assistant Examination.

Many DCA boards and bureaus have shifted to national licensing and certification examinations to remove barriers to practice, increase licensee

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portability, and reduce workforce shortages. The COA is a national certification examination that a registrant can take upon completion of one of four qualification pathways and successful passage of an online examination. The examination covers the following topics:

- Evaluation
- Orthodontic procedures
- Radiation health and safety
- Patient management and administration

### **Review Process and Costs**

As part of its review, OPES will update the current description of the Orthodontic Assistant profession in California, analyze the psychometric quality of the COA, and conduct a linkage study to determine whether the COA adequately measures the competencies required for practice as an Orthodontic Assistant in California. OPES will also issue a report of findings and recommendations.

The cost for performing the review and providing a report with recommendations will be approximately \$25,900.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information in this memo further.



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 15, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 8.c.:</b> Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Translate the Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examination

### Background

In response to access to care concerns and possible barriers to licensure, the Department of Consumer Affairs' boards and bureaus are either currently translating or considering translating their respective licensing examinations as a strategy to address these issues.

Consistent with these efforts, the Dental Board of California (Board) and the Dental Assisting Council (Council) are being asked to review and discuss the information provided in the attached Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) memo. If the Council believes the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) General Written and Law and Ethics Examination should be translated, then Board staff recommends moving it to the Board for further discussion and possible action.

### Discussion

Before initiating licensure examination adaptation, however, Board staff recommends that the Council carefully evaluate whether English literacy is required for safe and competent RDA practice; the considerations for adapting the RDA General Written and Law and Ethics Examination, including the unintended consequences as outlined in the OPES memo.

### Action Requested

Board staff requests that the Council discuss and consider making a recommendation to the Board. If the Council does not wish to make a recommendation, no motion is necessary.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to recommend to the Board that it further explores translating the RDA General Written and Law and Ethics Examination.

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Translating (Adapting) the Registered Dental Assistant Examination into One or More Languages

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<b>DATE</b>	July 15, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Tracy Montez, PhD, Executive Officer Dental Board of California
<b>FROM</b>	<i>Heidi Lincer</i> Heidi Lincer, PhD, Chief Office of Professional Examination Services
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Translating (Adapting) the Registered Dental Assistant Examination into One or More Languages</b>

The purpose of this memo is to provide information to the Dental Board of California (Board) about translating (adapting) the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) Examination into one or more languages.

Licensure examinations can be adapted from English into alternate languages to give equal consideration to candidates whose first language is not English. The goal of the examination adaptation process is to reduce barriers for candidates who are qualified but cannot demonstrate their qualifications due to the language barrier.

Before initiating a licensure examination adaptation, however, it is critical to determine whether English literacy is required for safe and competent practice of a particular profession.

Examination adaptation is not a literal word-to-word translation. The process considers cultural, content, and language differences to ensure that the intended meaning is retained and that the scores and resulting decisions are valid. For licensure examinations, challenges can arise when translating technical language, including industry-specific terms.

The *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* (2014) state that tests should be administered in the language most relevant to the test purpose. In addition, research shows that translated tests are most effective when the candidates have been instructed in the translated language.

When deciding whether to adapt a licensure examination, OPES recommends that the Board carefully consider the need for the adaptation, the time and

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resources required, and the perceived advantages. Additionally, OPES recommends that the Board consider the experience and outcomes of existing Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) licensure examination adaptations.

#### Considerations for adapting the RDA Examination

- Data indicating a substantial number of non- or limited-English-speaking candidates.
- A pattern of low passing rates for the examination.
- Requests for translation from candidates and stakeholders.
- Availability of educational programs and textbooks for the RDA profession in alternate languages.
- Availability of bilingual Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to assist with translating and reviewing test questions.
- Ability to absorb the additional time and cost of the adaptation process.

#### Unintended consequences of adapting examinations

- Candidate complaints about the quality of the translation.
- Requests for translations into different dialects of languages.
- Increased time and cost for maintaining translated forms.
- Differential passing rates that must be reported.
- Requests for translations into additional languages.
- Risk of inaccurate licensing decisions if adaptation is not done properly.

#### Alternatives to adapting examinations

- Recruit a diverse group of SMEs for examination development.
- Offer the use of in-person translators for candidates upon request.
- Periodically reevaluate the need to translate the examination.

In summary, OPES recommends that the Board evaluate all aspects of adapting examinations. OPES can also provide information on the experience and results of adapting examinations from other DCA boards. If the Board decides to move forward with an adaptation program, OPES will prepare a proposed intra-agency contract with the cost details.



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 12, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Access to Care Committee Lilia Larin, DDS Yogita Thakur, DDS, MS
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 9.:</b> Update from the Board's Access to Care Committee

### **Background**

In early 2023, the Dental Board of California (Board) reestablished the Access to Care Committee (Committee). The Board President appointed Dr. Lilia Larin and Dr. Yogita Thakur to the Committee.

### **Recent Committee Actions**

To generate ideas on improving access to dental service care across California, Drs. Larin and Thakur met with the State Dental Director on June 20, 2023. The State Dental Director at that time, Dr. Jayanth Kumar, directs the Oral Health Program at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), where he is responsible for the [California Oral Health Plan](#).

The Committee presented the following four recommendations to the Board at its November 8-9, 2023 meeting.

1. Explore strategies to improve licensure examination transparency. For example, add more content to candidate information bulletins to assist with examination preparation.
2. Evaluate the impact of examination administration time on candidates whose second language is English.
3. Survey candidates to determine how they study for examinations and why they are failing them.
4. Analyze the pathways to licensure for Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) to determine if the pathways are facilitating access to practice in a fair and valid manner.

Specifically, the Committee requested that the Board move to authorize the Committee to take the four actions listed so that the Committee can work with Board staff and provide status reports at future Board meetings. The Board approved the request.

As of November 2023, Board staff have worked with the Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) to address the Committee's items 1, 3, and 4 above.

Specifically, the Candidate Information Bulletin has been reviewed, and efforts are being made to ensure a better understanding of their use. The new examination plan for registered dental assistant (RDA) license applicants went into effect May 1, 2024. Both the CIB and examination plan have been posted to the Board's website.

Further, OPES generated statistics to inform pass rates for the different RDA pathways to licensure and submitted a memorandum discussing these pass rates. See the Council's May 2024 meeting materials for the memorandum.

Finally, four questions were added to the PSI computer-based testing survey offered at the end of each RDA applicant testing experience to gather feedback about how applicants prepare to take examinations. Up-to-date survey data will be presented at the Council meeting.

The next steps are to develop a brief survey for addressing recruitment and retention of RDAs (related to recommendation 4) and consider translating the RDA General Written Law and Ethics Examination (related recommendation 2 and Dental Assisting Council agenda item 8.c.).

**Action Requested**

Informational only. No action required.





## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 12, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Victor Libet, Manager of License and Program Compliance Unit Dental Board of California (Board)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 10.:</b> Update on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals

### Background

The following table provides dental assisting (DA) educational program and course application statistics for fiscal years 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24.

<b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Approved</b>				
Program/Course	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
RDA Program	0	1	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	9	9	11	5
Coronal Polishing	14	9	9	3
Pit & Fissure Sealant	10	9	5	3
Ultrasonic Scaling	2	7	0	2
Infection Control	11	11	4	4
DSA Permit	3	13	3	0
OA Permit	7	9	19	6
<b>Total Applications Approved</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Denied</b>				
Program/Course	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
RDA Program	0	1	0	1
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	1
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	2	3	0	7
Coronal Polishing	1	0	0	4
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	1	0	0
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	1	0	1
Infection Control	0	3	1	16
DSA Permit	2	1	1	1
OA Permit	0	0	0	2
<b>Total Applications Denied</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>

<b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Deficient</b>				
Program/Course	2020–21	2021–222	2022–23	2023–24
RDA Program	0	0	0	1
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	3	0	0	2
Coronal Polishing	0	0	0	3
Pit & Fissure Sealant	2	0	0	2
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	0	1
Infection Control	1	0	0	3
DSA Permit	2	1	0	0
OA Permit	1	1	1	2
<b>Total Applications Deficient</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Pending</b>				
Program/Course	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24
RDA Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	1	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	1	6	0	6
Coronal Polishing	1	4	0	3
Pit & Fissure Sealant	1	2	0	3
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	0	1
Infection Control	0	3	0	4
DSA Permit	0	0	0	0
OA Permit	0	6	0	3
<b>Total Applications Pending</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Application Definitions</b>	
<b>Approved</b>	Application for Board approval of educational program/course processed with required documentation, and approval number issued.
<b>Denied</b>	The Board denies an application on the grounds that the application lacks documentation that the educational program/course complies with the requirements of the California Code of Regulations.
<b>Deficient</b>	Application for Board approval of educational program/course processed with submitted documentation, and additional documentation requested from applicant.
<b>Pending</b>	Board staff and/or contracted subject matter expert is reviewing an application for Board approval of an educational program/course with submitted documentation.

The following table provides the number of Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF) program site visits conducted in fiscal years 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24.

RDA and RDAEF Educational Program Site Visits					
FY	RDA Programs		RDAEF Programs		Grand Total
	Provisional	Full	Provisional	Full	
2020–21	0	0	0	0	0
2021–22	1	0	0	0	1
2022–23	0	0	0	0	0
2023–24	1	0	0	0	1

The following table provides approved DA educational programs and courses by name and type of program in fiscal year 2023–24.

Approved RDA and RDAEF Educational Programs and Courses by Name and Type of Program Approved FY 2023–24											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF ITR	Radiation Safety	CP	P/F	US	IC	DSA	OA
Continuing Education School for Dentistry	8/2/2023						X				
Sheila MT Luwiharto DDS MS PC	8/2/2023						X				
Reedley College	8/2/2023						X				
Diablo Valley College	8/3/2023								X		
Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	8/4/2023				X						
OC Dental Academy	8/4/2023				X						
Glendale Orthodontics	8/4/2023										X
Fresno City College	8/4/2023								X		
College and Career Advantage	8/4/2023					X					
Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	10/27/2023							X			
Lincoln Dental Assisting Academy	10/27/2023				X						
Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Dental Assisting	10/27/2023					X					
My LA Braces	11/1/2023										X
Karin Irani	2/5/2024				X						
Sheila Luwiharto	2/8/2024							X			
Vacaville Pediatric Dentistry	4/5/2024				X						
Diablo Valley College	4/9/2024					X					
Synergi Orthodontics Specialists	4/10/2024										X
Larson Orthodontics	4/26/2024										X
Care Foundation Inc.	5/6/2024								X		

Approved RDA and RDAEF Educational Programs and Courses by Name and Type of Program Approved FY 2023–24											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF ITR	Radiation Safety	CP	P/F	US	IC	DSA	OA
Budiman and Mak Dental Partnership	6/13/2024										X
New Element Orthodontics	6/13/2024										X
Aviara Academy	6/25/2024								X		
<b>PROGRAM/COURSE TOTALS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROVALS = 23</b>											

The following table provides the total number of approved DA educational programs and courses in active status as of June 30, 2024.

Table 4 Total Approved DA Educational Programs and Courses in Active Status									
RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF-ITR	Radiation Safety	Coronal Polishing	Pit & Fissure Sealant	Ultrasonic Scaling	Infection Control	DSA Permit	OA Permit
85	9	4	179	124	177	47	150	54	208

**Action Requested**

Informational only. No action required.



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 10, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
<b>FROM</b>	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 11.:</b> Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

### Dental Assistant License Application Statistics

The following tables provide monthly dental assistant license application statistics for fiscal years 2020–2021, 2021–2022, 2022–2023 and 2023–2024.

Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Received by Month													
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 20-21	128	120	288	409	134	210	263	120	215	239	195	340	<b>2,661</b>
RDA 21-22	212	220	246	256	176	174	172	159	222	199	278	331	<b>2,645</b>
RDA 22-23	265	213	138	184	156	100	187	155	190	272	281	183	<b>2,324</b>
RDA 23-24	329	277	224	251	190	165	118	203	200	171	291	246	<b>2,665</b>
RDAEF 20-21	3	13	17	2	4	0	1	11	12	36	13	14	<b>126</b>
RDAEF 21-22	4	7	27	14	21	13	9	9	5	42	10	29	<b>190</b>
RDAEF 22-23	4	14	11	24	10	8	4	10	20	29	31	40	<b>205</b>
RDAEF 23-24	16	15	4	25	1	5	23	16	24	37	10	25	<b>201</b>
OA 20-21	14	16	15	21	9	25	10	15	28	21	23	29	<b>226</b>
OA 21-22	14	24	26	25	30	28	18	14	25	26	22	20	<b>272</b>
OA 22-23	16	28	23	16	18	8	27	19	19	25	17	13	<b>228</b>
OA 23-24	19	21	19	13	26	29	12	18	27	23	24	17	<b>248</b>
DSA 20-21	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	<b>7</b>
DSA 21-22	0	0	1	5	0	2	0	1	2	6	1	0	<b>18</b>
DSA 22-23	0	4	3	8	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	<b>21</b>
DSA 23-24	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	<b>11</b>
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 20-21	65	47	248	188	69	89	261	239	219	244	146	92	<b>1,907</b>
RDA 21-22	225	273	225	209	176	108	71	118	114	139	118	121	<b>1,897</b>
RDA 22-23	129	271	846	378	480	338	180	140	286	252	247	284	<b>3,831</b>
RDA 23-24	171	332	232	407	152	203	130	251	270	210	227	326	<b>2,911</b>

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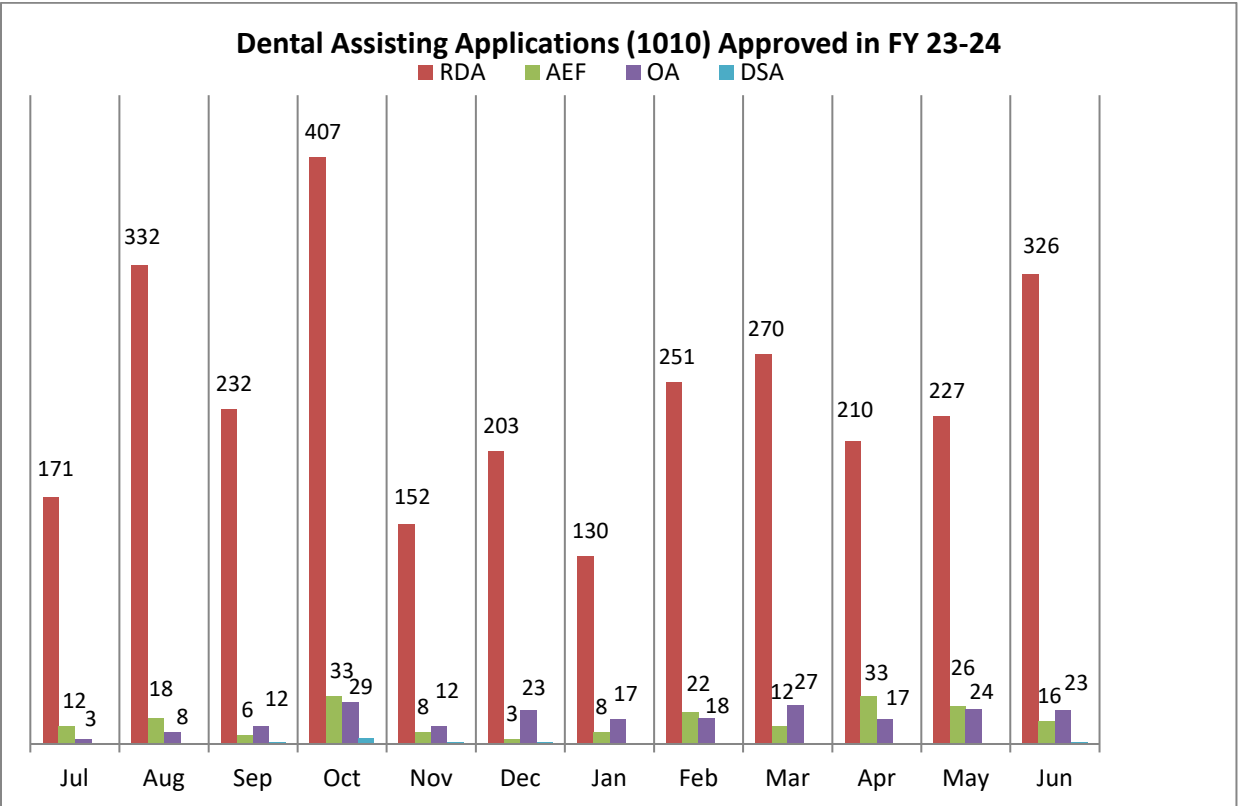
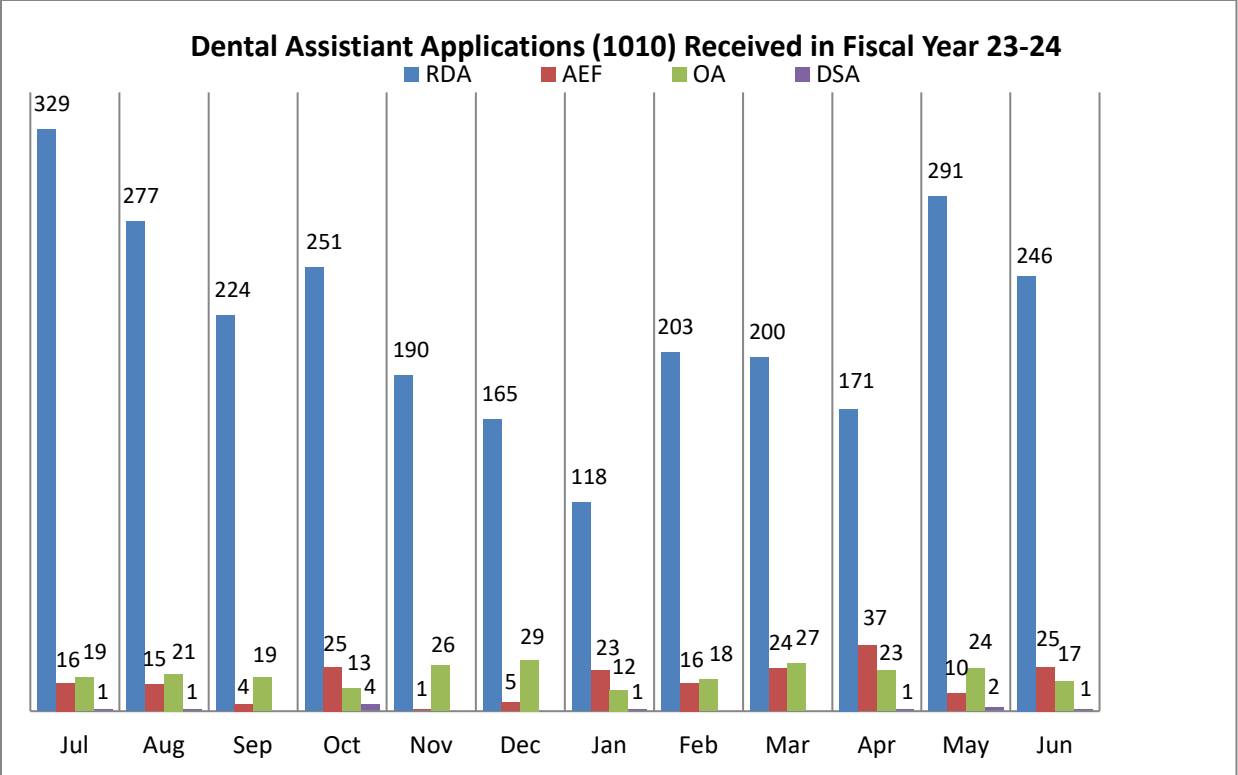
<b>Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month – Cont'd</b>													
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Totals</b>
RDAEF 20-21	36	19	23	17	1	5	2	3	19	10	23	20	<b>178</b>
RDAEF 21-22	18	1	4	22	25	12	3	11	9	7	24	35	<b>171</b>
RDAEF 22-23	25	20	0	21	18	10	17	4	32	26	20	33	<b>226</b>
RDAEF 23-24	12	18	6	33	8	3	8	22	12	33	26	16	<b>197</b>
OA 20-21	0	4	22	12	13	7	18	28	17	31	14	7	<b>173</b>
OA 21-22	20	18	13	6	23	12	10	10	7	13	11	14	<b>157</b>
OA 22-23	22	22	36	56	26	19	20	15	35	23	19	13	<b>306</b>
OA 23-24	3	8	12	29	12	23	17	18	27	17	24	23	<b>213</b>
DSA 20-21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
DSA 21-22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	<b>6</b>
DSA 22-23	2	1	0	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	1	3	<b>17</b>
DSA 23-24	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>8</b>
<b>Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Abandoned by Month</b>													
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Totals</b>
RDA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 23-24	49	221	2	4	204	19	0	10	36	7	41	9	<b>602</b>
RDAEF 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 23-24	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	<b>14</b>
OA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 23-24	27	0	0	0	20	2	0	2	4	1	2	1	<b>59</b>
DSA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 23-24	3	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>12</b>
<b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month</b>													
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Totals</b>
RDA 20-21	179	19	263	90	215	67	87	124	204	167	137	181	<b>1,733</b>
RDA 21-22	244	151	126	149	155	181	79	97	99	97	121	100	<b>1,599</b>
RDA 22-23	115	126	117	248	221	222	153	165	221	136	166	159	<b>2,049</b>
RDA 23-24	215	173	259	281	209	196	219	186	139	188	207	231	<b>2,503</b>
RDAEF 20-21	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
RDAEF 21-22	0	46	1	1	0	0	262	0	2	6	7	4	<b>329</b>
RDAEF 22-23	39	20	19	8	14	24	11	8	25	21	18	30	<b>237</b>
RDAEF 23-24	15	14	25	27	18	12	8	6	19	20	34	22	<b>220</b>

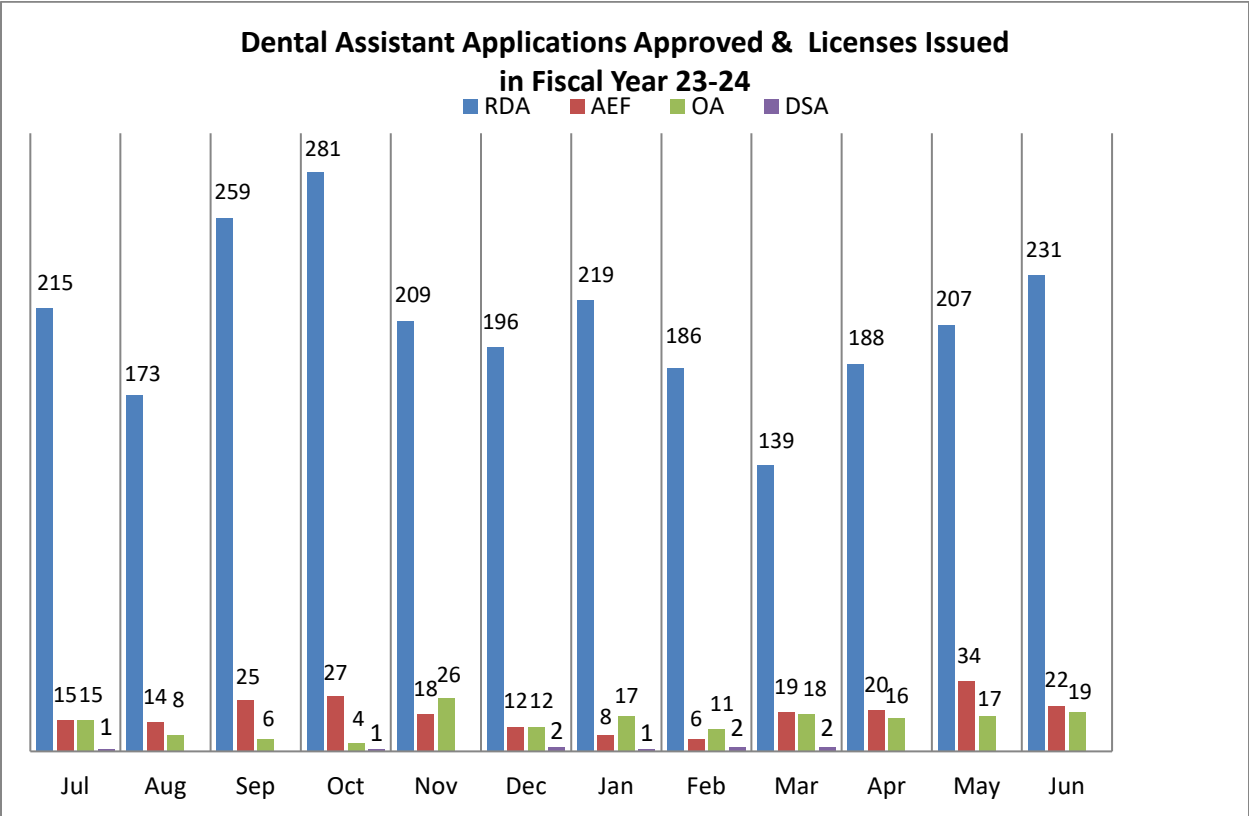
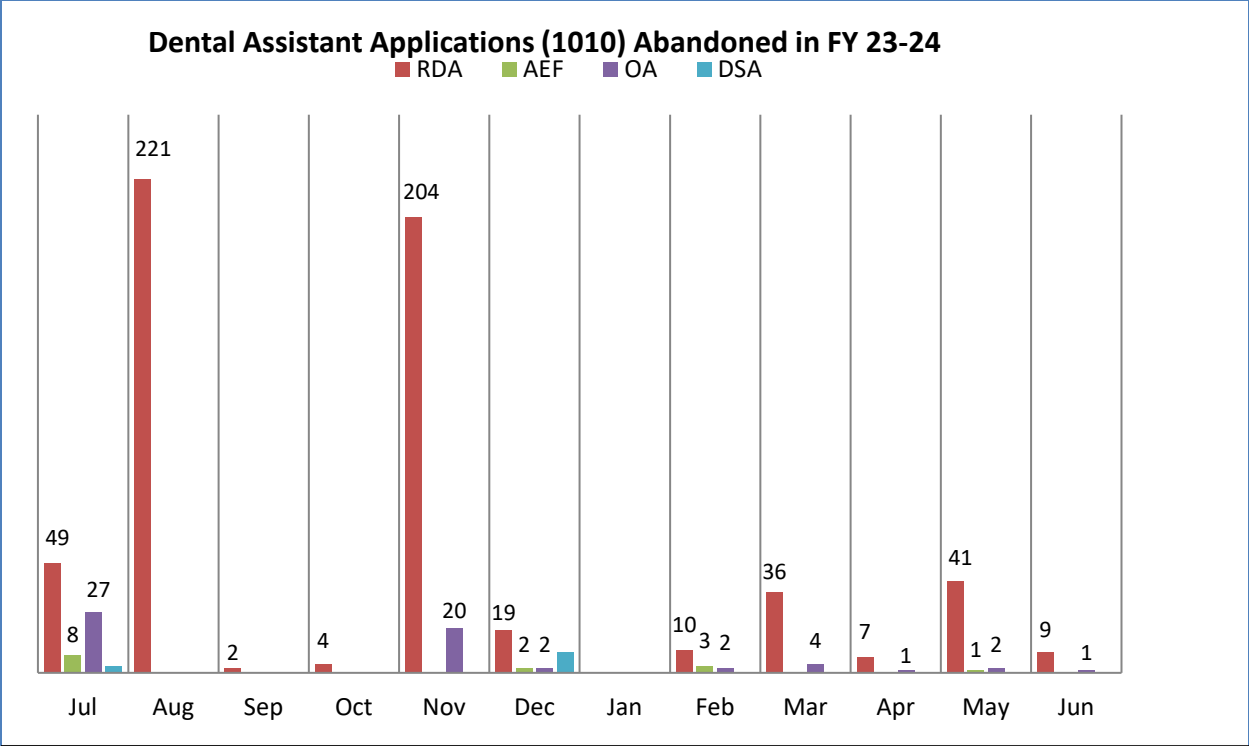
<b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month – Cont'd</b>													
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Totals</b>
OA 20-21	11	7	9	16	9	5	8	10	11	12	22	9	<b>129</b>
OA 21-22	10	17	2	0	32	19	22	13	15	17	11	11	<b>169</b>
OA 22-23	18	20	12	30	28	34	19	16	24	21	20	25	<b>267</b>
OA 23-24	15	8	6	4	26	12	17	11	18	16	17	19	<b>169</b>
DSA 20-21	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
DSA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	<b>5</b>
DSA 22-23	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	3	<b>10</b>
DSA 23-24	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	<b>9</b>
<b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Denied by Month</b>													
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Totals</b>
RDA 20-21	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	2	<b>9</b>
RDA 21-22	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	<b>6</b>
RDA 22-23	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	2	<b>14</b>
RDA 23-24	0	1	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	<b>13</b>
RDAEF 20-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
RDAEF 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
RDAEF 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
RDAEF 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
OA 20-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
OA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
OA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
OA 23-24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
DSA 20-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
DSA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
DSA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
DSA 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Abandoned by Month</b>													
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Totals</b>
RDA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 23-24	676	70	20	60	81	36	28	30	31	36	21	15	<b>1,104</b>
RDAEF 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 23-24	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	<b>10</b>
OA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 23-24	15	8	4	1	3	2	4	2	1	1	0	0	<b>41</b>

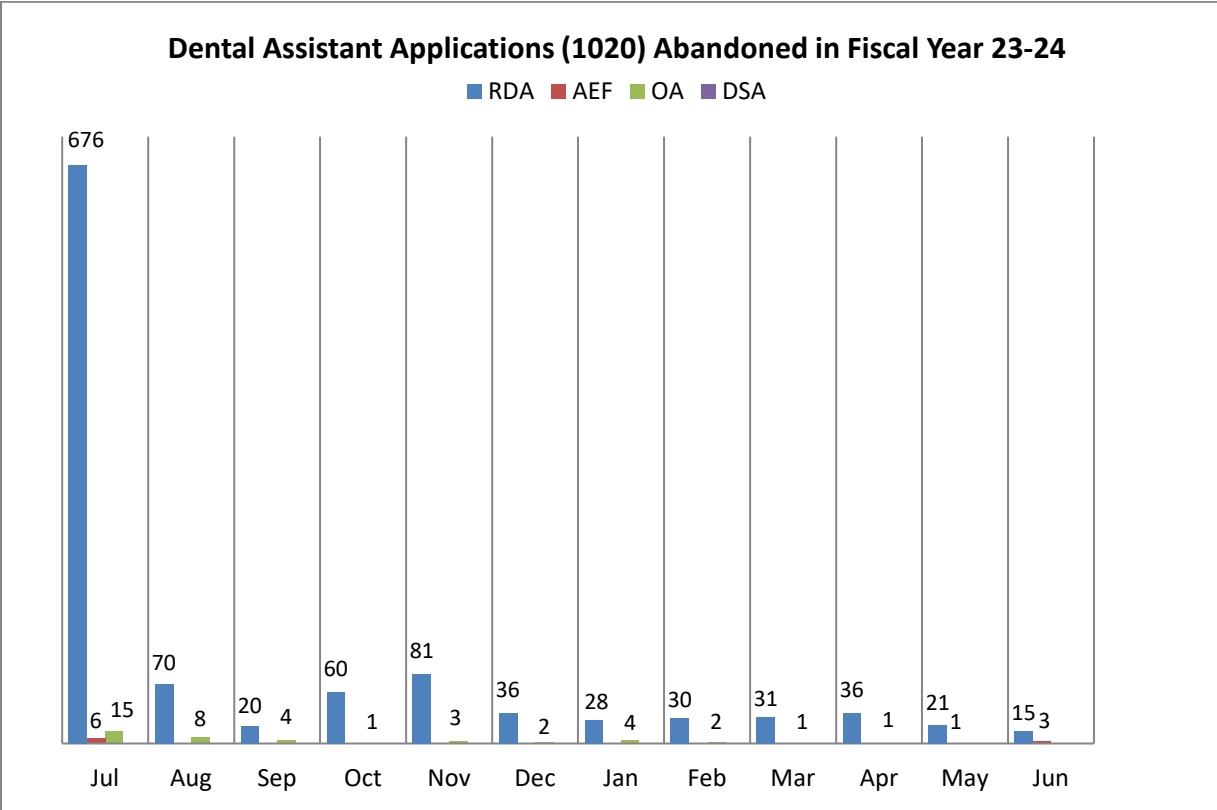
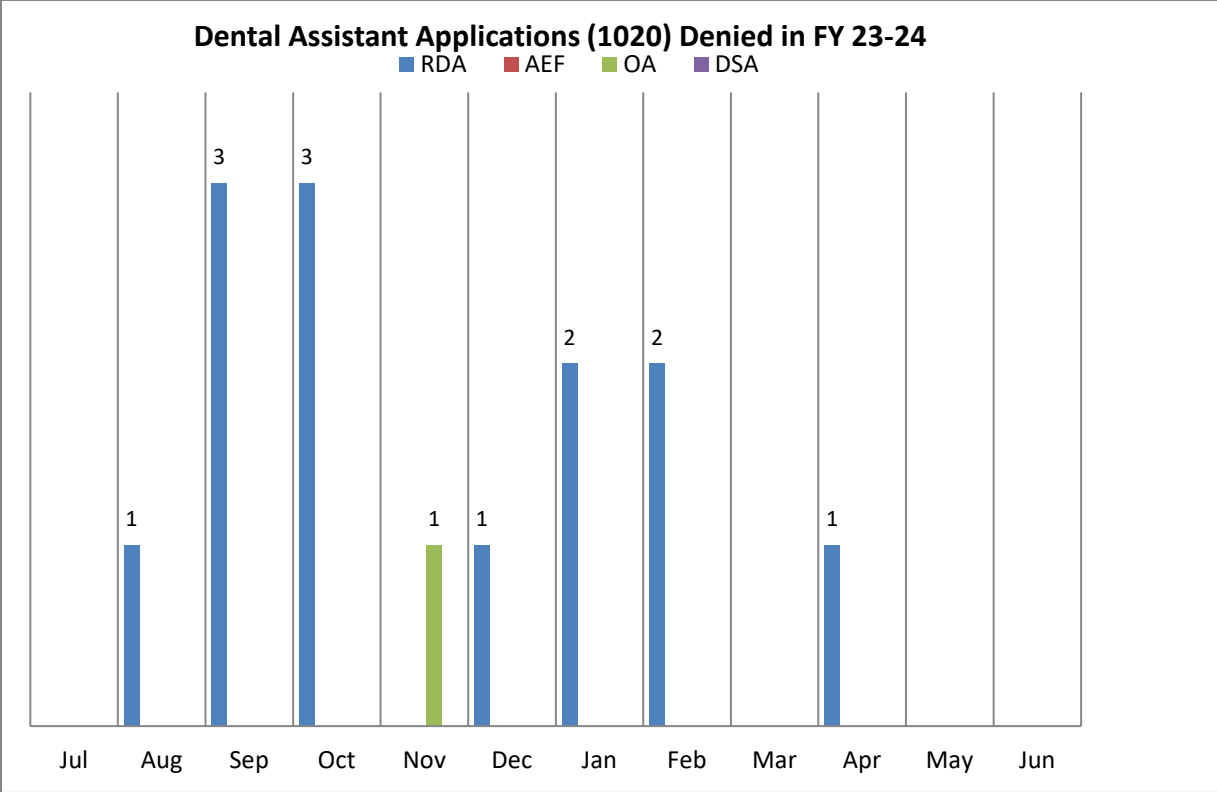
<b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Abandoned by Month – Cont'd</b>													
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Totals</b>
DSA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

<b>Application Definitions</b>	
<b>Received</b>	Application received in paper format or electronically through BreEZe system.
<b>Approved</b>	Application for eligibility of licensure processed with required documentation and examination eligibility issued.
<b>License Issued</b>	Final application including examination results approved and license issued.
<b>Abandoned (1010)</b>	An applicant who fails to complete application requirements within one year after being notified by the Board of deficiencies.
<b>Abandoned (1020)</b>	Pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 1004, an application is considered abandoned if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The applicant fails to submit the application, examination, or reexamination fee within 180 days after notification by the Board that such fee is due and unpaid.</li> <li>2) The applicant fails to take the licensing examination within two years after the date their application was received by the Board.</li> <li>3) ... [A]fter failing the examination, [the applicant] fails to take a reexamination within two years after the date the applicant was notified of such failure.</li> </ul>
<b>Denied</b>	The Board denies an application 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.









## Dental Assistant License Status Statistics

The following table provides dental assistant license and permit status statistics for fiscal years 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24. Cancelled licenses indicates number of licenses/permits cancelled to date.

License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Registered Dental Assistant	Active	30,317	28,902	28,437	28,711
	Inactive	4,155	3,991	3,790	3,611
	Delinquent	11,802	12,992	13,543	13,696
	Cancelled	49,700	51,512	53,712	55,903
License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions	Active	1,522	1,756	1,950	2,082
	Inactive	74	75	77	78
	Delinquent	251	298	305	352
	Cancelled	379	420	462	494
License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Orthodontic Assistant	Active	1,340	1,407	1,602	1,678
	Inactive	34	44	46	50
	Delinquent	211	286	333	399
	Cancelled	13	27	51	78
License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Dental Sedation Assistant	Active	38	38	45	52
	Inactive	3	2	4	4
	Delinquent	13	16	17	12
	Cancelled	4	7	9	15

License Status Definitions	
Active	An individual who has an active status and has completed all renewal requirements.
Inactive	An individual who has an inactive status and has paid the renewal fees, but who 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. This status remains until renewal requirements are met.
Cancelled	An individual who fails to comply with renewal requirements by a set deadline.

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 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24. These statistics represent the licensee’s address of record and not necessarily the licensee’s workplace address.

County	RDA 21-22	Pop. 21-22	Pop. per RDA 21-22	DDS 21-22	RDA to DDS Ratio 21-22	RDA 22-23	Pop. 22-23	Pop. per RDA 22-23	DDS 22-23	RDA to DDS Ratio 22-23	RDA 23-24	Pop. 23-24	Pop. per RDA 23-24	DDS 23-24	RDA to DDS Ratio 23-24
Alameda	1,185	1,651,979	1,394	1,492	1:1	1,221	1,651,979	1,352	1,485	0:1	1,106	1,636,194	1,479	1,472	0:1
Alpine	0	1,200	N/A	1	0:1	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	1,184	0	0	0
Amador	55	40,297	732	22	2:1	78	40,297	516	21	2:1	52	39,837	766	23	2:1
Butte	250	201,608	806	124	2:1	291	201,608	692	124	2:1	271	205,592	758	118	2:1
Calaveras	55	40,297	732	18	3:1	69	45,049	652	21	2:1	59	44,890	760	21	2:1
Colusa	28	21,807	779	6	4:1	28	21,807	778	6	4:1	28	21,771	777	4	4:1
Contra Costa	1,224	1,156,555	944	1,098	1:1	1320	1,156,555	876	1,103	1:1	1222	1,147,653	939	1,092	1:1
Del Norte	26	27,218	1,046	13	2:1	30	27,218	907	11	2:1	28	26,599	949	11	2:1
El Dorado	205	190,465	929	157	1:1	257	190,465	741	152	1:1	202	189,006	935	148	1:1
Fresno	884	1,011,273	1,143	613	1:1	962	1,011,273	1,051	620	1:1	891	1,011,499	1,135	625	1:1
Glenn	46	28,750	625	6	7:1	46	28,750	625	7	7:1	50	28,636	572	7	7:1
Humboldt	162	135,168	834	64	2:1	162	135,168	834	63	2:1	161	134,047	832	66	2:1
Imperial	83	179,329	2,161	38	2:1	102	179,329	1,758	39	2:1	90	179,476	1,994	40	2:1
Inyo	9	18,978	2,109	8	1:1	8	18,978	2,372	5	1:1	7	18,896	2,699	7	1:1
Kern	601	909,813	1,513	340	1:1	734	909,813	1,239	341	1:1	624	907,476	1,454	350	1:1
Kings	134	152,023	1,135	49	2:1	157	152,023	968	61	2:1	155	151,018	974	58	2:1
Lake	80	67,407	842	26	3:1	112	67,407	601	39	1:1	84	66,800	795	37	1:1
Lassen	40	30,274	756	23	1:1	40	30,274	756	22	1:1	35	28,275	807	18	1:1
Los Angeles	4,503	9,861,224	2,189	8,418	1:2	5099	9,861,224	1,933	8,416	0:1	4505	9,761,210	2,166	8,464	0:1
Madera	135	157,396	1,165	45	3:1	144	157,396	1,093	44	3:1	155	158,148	1,020	47	3:1
Marin	174	257,135	1,477	308	1:2	183	257,135	1,405	290	0:1	172	252,959	1,470	279	0:1
Mariposa	12	17,045	1,420	7	1:1	11	17,045	1,549	7	1:1	9	16,935	1,881	6	1:1
Mendocino	97	89,999	927	54	1:1	112	89,999	803	49	1:1	94	89,164	948	45	1:1

County	RDA 21-22	Pop. 21-22	Pop. per RDA 21-22	DDS 21-22	RDA to DDS Ratio 21-22	RDA 22-23	Pop. 22-23	Pop. per RDA 22-23	DDS 22-23	RDA to DDS Ratio 22-23	RDA 23-24	Pop. 23-24	Pop. per RDA 23-24	DDS 23-24	RDA to DDS Ratio 23-24
Merced	240	284,338	1,184	97	2:1	264	284,338	1,077	92	2:1	233	285,337	1,224	98	2:1
Modoc	2	8,690	4,345	3	1:2	3	8,690	2,896	3	0:1	3	8,527	2,842	5	0:1
Mono	6	13,379	2,229	5	1:1	5	13,379	2,675	5	1:1	5	13,156	2,631	5	1:1
Monterey	380	433,716	1,141	257	1:1	436	433,716	994	248	1:1	370	430,368	1,163	244	1:1
Napa	127	136,179	1,072	112	1:1	141	136,179	965	110	1:1	130	134,637	1,035	106	1:1
Nevada	88	101,242	1,150	77	1:1	100	101,242	1,012	72	1:1	84	100,720	1,199	69	1:1
Orange	1,742	3,162,245	1,815	4,044	1:2	1814	3,162,245	1,743	4,073	0:1	1632	3,137,164	1,922	4,183	0:1
Placer	465	409,025	879	466	1:1	534	409,025	765	472	0:1	469	410,305	874	482	0:1
Plumas	19	18,942	996	14	1:1	18	18,942	1,052	13	1:1	14	18,996	1,356	13	1:1
Riverside	1,982	2,435,525	1,228	1,122	1:1	2171	2,435,525	1,121	1,142	1:1	2019	2,439,234	1,208	1,163	1:1
Sacramento	1,619	1,576,618	973	1,175	1:1	1887	1,576,618	835	1,176	1:1	1590	1,572,453	988	1,207	1:1
San Benito	111	65,479	589	24	4:1	118	65,479	554	23	4:1	98	65,666	670	26	4:1
San Bernardino	1,505	2,187,665	1,453	1,370	1:1	1688	2,187,665	1,296	1,398	1:1	1530	2,182,056	1,426	1,403	1:1
San Diego	2,541	3,287,306	1,293	2,764	0:1	2808	3,287,306	1,170	2,820	0:1	2537	3,269,755	1,288	2,853	0:1
San Francisco	416	842,754	2,025	1,175	1:3	452	842,754	1,864	1,151	0:1	424	831,703	1,961	1,127	0:1
San Joaquin	777	784,298	1,009	371	2:1	873	784,298	898	376	1:1	793	786,145	991	393	1:1
San Luis Obispo	206	280,721	1,362	207	1:1	248	280,721	1,131	210	1:1	207	278,348	1,344	217	1:1
San Mateo	561	744,662	1,327	853	1:1	572	744,662	1,301	843	0:1	533	737,644	1,383	829	0:1
Santa Barbara	352	445,164	1,264	312	1:1	399	445,164	1,115	307	1:1	355	440,557	1,241	312	1:1
Santa Clara	1,598	1,894,783	1,185	2,284	1:1	1662	1,894,783	1,140	2,289	0:1	1517	1,886,079	1,243	2,283	0:1
Santa Cruz	214	266,564	1,245	166	1:1	225	266,564	1,184	168	1:1	196	262,051	1,336	171	1:1
Shasta	174	180,531	1,037	107	1:1	203	180,531	889	100	1:1	164	179,436	1,094	109	1:1
Sierra	2	3,229	1,614	0	4:0	2	3,229	1,614	0	0:1	2	3,193	1,596	0	0:1
Siskiyou	29	43,830	1,511	21	1:1	28	43,830	1,565	23	1:1	21	43,548	2,073	23	1:1
Solano	621	447,241	720	282	2:1	623	447,241	717	279	2:1	562	443,749	789	277	2:1
Sonoma	656	482,404	735	383	1:1	675	482,404	714	382	1:1	607	478,174	787	374	1:1

County	RDA 21-22	Pop. 21-22	Pop. per RDA 21-22	DDS 21-22	RDA to DDS Ratio 21-22	RDA 22-23	Pop. 22-23	Pop. per RDA 22-23	DDS 22-23	RDA to DDS Ratio 22-23	RDA 23-24	Pop. 23-24	Pop. per RDA 23-24	DDS 23-24	RDA to DDS Ratio 23-24
Stanislaus	587	549,466	936	271	2:1	665	549,466	826	274	2:1	577	545,939	946	277	2:1
Sutter	120	99,145	826	52	2:1	143	99,145	693	51	2:1	120	98,952	824	49	2:1
Tehama	83	65,052	783	31	2:1	95	65,052	684	31	2:1	75	64,271	856	28	2:1
Trinity	5	16,023	3,204	3	1:1	5	16,023	3,204	3	1:1	5	15,939	3,187	2	1:1
Tulare	425	475,014	1,117	218	1:1	491	475,014	967	217	2:1	474	475,064	1,002	218	2:1
Tuolumne	69	55,291	801	48	1:1	81	55,291	682	47	1:1	77	54,590	708	45	1:1
Ventura	513	833,652	1,625	666	1:1	590	833,652	1,412	627	0:1	512	825,653	1,612	634	0:1
Yolo	190	221,165	1,164	118	1:1	210	221,165	1,053	122	1:1	187	220,880	1,181	125	1:1
Yuba	90	82,275	914	6	15:1	104	82,275	791	7	13:1	97	82,677	852	10	13:1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,119</b>	<b>39,371,318</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>32,034</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>31,499</b>	<b>39,185,605</b>	<b>66,100</b>	<b>32,080</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>28,219</b>	<b>38,940,231</b>	<b>72,942</b>	<b>32,298</b>	<b>N/A</b>

\*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 (1:3,187)	Counties with the Lowest Population per RDA:	Alpine County (No RDAs)
	Modoc County (1:2,842)		Glenn County (1:572)
	Inyo County (1:2,699)		San Benito County (1:670)
	Mono County (1:2,631)		Tuolumne County (1:708)
	Los Angeles County (1:2,166)		Butte County (1:758)

**Action Requested**

Informational only. No action required.