

**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MEETING
November 7, 2024**

Council Members

Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS, Chair
Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Vice Chair
De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA
Jessica Gerlach, RDA, OA
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 in person in accordance with Government Code section 11122.5, subdivision (a), at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at:

Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen Street, Hearing Room #1150
Sacramento, CA 95815

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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 August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes **[5-12]**
4. Executive Officer Report **[13]**
5. Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics **[14-15]**
 - 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
6. Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics **[16-26]**
 - 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
7. Update on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals **[27-29]**
 - a. Overview of Educational Program and Course Re-evaluations **[30-31]**
8. Update and Discussion on the Analysis of Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examinations Preparation vs. Pass Rate Statistics **[32-33]**
9. Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on the Table of Permitted Dental Auxiliary Duties Delegable by Supervising Dentist as Required by California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1068 **[34-45]**
10. Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendations to the Board on Proposed Regulations **[46-48]**
 - a. Status Update on Pending Regulations
 - b. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Initiate a Rulemaking to Amend CCR, Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control
11. Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Proposed Legislation
 - a. Legislation of Interest **[49-50]**
 - i. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1453](#) (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024) Dentistry
 - b. Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Section 1725 Regarding Dental Auxiliary Course and Educational Program Fees **[51-54]**

12. Election of 2025 Council Chair and Vice Chair [55]

13. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 14, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 2.: Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Notes



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**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
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MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2024**

The Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met by teleconference/WebEx Events 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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Carie Smith, RDAEF

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
Jerry Fuhrman, Investigator
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst
Joseph Tippins, Investigator
David Bouilly, Facilitator and Strategic Planner, SOLID, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Bryce Penney, 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 8:36 a.m.; six members of the Council were present, and a quorum was established.

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

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Pacheco/Fowler) to approve the May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

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, Gerlach, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Smith.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 4: Executive Officer Report

Dr. Tracy Montez stated that Board staff have been working extremely hard on projects, as well as working on Senate Bill (SB) 1453 (Ashby, 2024), the Board's Sunset bill, and have continued negotiations on language and are looking forward to having this finalized soon. Additionally, the Board is continuing to fill vacancies. She voiced that the Board is going to have big November Council and Board meetings. At the November meeting, there will be action on the dental assisting workgroup regulations and discussion on infection control and all of the changes as a result of the Sunset bill.

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

Due to technical difficulties, Mohlab Al Sammarraie was not able to provide her comment.

Agenda Item 5: Update on Legislation

Agenda Item 5.a.: Legislation of Interest

Dr. Montez provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

She verbalized that the bill of major interest is SB 1453. Since May, the bill was amended in June and again in July. She attended the California State Assembly Business and Professions Committee hearing and was very pleased that the California State Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee consultant

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who is assisting the author of the bill (Senator Ashby), continues to work very closely with the Board on amendments. Dr. Montez reported that the Board had received what she hoped was nearly the final draft of the bill, which should be posted anytime. She reported that the Board is limiting its opportunities on amendments because of how late it is in the game but also because Board staff is very comfortable with what they are seeing. She summarized that the bill continued to be amended, but latest amendments appeared to be a 99% final version of the bill that should be posted soon, and it is continuing to move through.

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

Dr. Sheetal Patil, representing the California Association of Orthodontists (CAO), disclosed that they have proposed amendments to SB 1453 and have concerns specifically affecting the orthodontic assisting permit requirements. They expressed their gratitude to the Board for their flexibility and efforts to streamline the licensing process for the orthodontic assistants, particularly their willingness to removing the six-month Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) work requirement before the orthodontic assistant application goes into the works. She voiced that there are a few concerns they still have in the process, one being when the six-month work experience requirement has been reduced. CAO requested that a three-month work experience requirement be met as they were facing some workforce shortages, and having the time requirements adds on hindrances in their applying for this permit. The other issue is that orthodontic assistants have a narrower scope of duty, and the ultrasonic scaling requirement in the examination was planned to be taken out because it is obsolete. Additionally, none of the orthodontists nowadays have an ultrasonic requirement. Dr. Patil thanked the Board on behalf of CAO in pursuing further and making the job requirements easier for the orthodontic assistant.

Agenda Item 6: Status Update on Pending Regulations

Dr. Montez 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 7: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

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

Ms. Parks noted that as Board staff were compiling the statistics, they discovered errors in the data, which had been corrected and posted to the Board's website.

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

Agenda Item 8: Update, Discussion, and Recommendations on Dental Assisting Examination Items

Agenda Item 8.a.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Evaluate the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination for Use in the California Dental Sedation Assistant Permit Process

Dr. Montez provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Council Member Jeri Fowler expressed support for the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) examination evaluations and to see if the results would have the potential of the Board allowing that as a licensure pathway. She noted concern about having the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination (DAANCE) as the only examination pathway for dental sedation assistant permits.

(M/S/C) (Pacheco/Olague) to recommend to the Board that it approve the request to have OPES conduct a comprehensive review of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' (AAOMS) DAANCE.

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

Dr. Bruce Whitcher, speaking in support of the motion, agreed with the plan to go ahead and review the exam. He voiced that the DAANCE was developed by AAOMS as a psychometrically sound and valid exam, and they contracted with applied measurement professionals to do an occupational analysis so the duties would be aligned with the content of the course. Dr. Whitcher noted California has some expanded duties in California that were not really addressed by the DAANCE, and those were incorporated in the Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) course itself. Dr. Whitcher pointed out that Oregon and Washington recognize DAANCE, and he believed there are other states around the country that do so, as well. He noted the Council might be aware that the anesthesia organization sent a letter to AAOMS regarding the DAANCE course and their concerns about it.

Shari Becker, representing the Alliance, voiced support of 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, Gerlach, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Smith.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.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

Dr. Montez provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Council Member Fowler voiced support of OPES evaluating the Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB) Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) examination and believes that the Orthodontic Assistant Permit (OAP) exam is a very good exam and would like to get access to care. She voiced that she is in support of having both exams available to allow more orthodontic assistants to practice in California.

(M/S/C) (Olague/Pacheco) to recommend to the Board that it approves the request to have OPES conduct a comprehensive review of the DANB COA Examination.

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

Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, disclosed support of the examination.

Tooka Zokaie, representing California Dental Association (CDA), noted that they are in support of this review and look forward to the results.

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

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

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Smith.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.c.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Translate the Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examination

Dr. Montez provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Chair Miyasaki voiced that she has looked at the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (BBC) statistics and noted that they translate their exam into four other languages being Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese, and that looking at the results, it looks like English has the highest passing rate with Chinese being second, Vietnamese being third, Korean being fourth, and Spanish last. She added that it does concern her that it has been over year that this exam has been translated into Spanish and believes that California needs to have access to care and also be able to have candidates pass the exam. Chair Miyasaki conveyed that she has had a conversation

with the DANB Executive Officer and that they actually started, she believes in March, their CDA exam in Spanish and outsourced their exam to a company that is well recognized in order to do this successfully. So far, their statistics have been equivalent, the English and the Spanish version have been equivalent. She noted that she would like to have translated exams and be able to help students who have yet to pass the exam, but she was torn because of the BBC translated exam pass rate statistics, with Spanish being the last.

Dr. Montez clarified that it is an ongoing process, and therefore there are multiple forms. This involves outsourcing to a vendor for the cost of this and ongoing costs. She added that every time OPES develops a new form of the exam, it then has to go through the adaptation process; that is done because the Board is not interested in testing memorization or recall. The Board wants to make sure to test on the most up to-date knowledge for competency at this time.

Council Member Joanne Pacheco, as a program director, disclosed that her educational institution in the Central Valley was very diverse. There are 26 different languages in her program alone, and the students learn in English and have no difficulties on the Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) exam given in English.

Chair Miyasaki voiced that as she looked at the information provided by OPES, one of the things emphasized is are the books given to the students available in the languages being talked about. She does not believe the programs in California use any textbook translated in different languages. She asked if maybe the Council can talk about taking this back a little bit and possibly getting some information from DANB about their successful exam and how they went about doing this before jumping into exploring further beyond to have the exam translated.

Council Member Pacheco commented that from an educator standpoint, there are publishers that do have the availability for the students with the eBooks to translate the information into their language.

Dr. Montez added that Chair Miyasaki, in her Council report provided to the Board, can share the comments that were offered by the Council Members pertaining to this agenda item.

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

Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, asked the DAC to consider not just the formal education pathway, but also the on-the-job training pathway where maybe they would not be using textbooks per se.

Ms. Zokaie, representing CDA, voiced support for translating the RDA written exam mainly because DANB is offering the radiation health and safety examination in

Spanish. Ms. Zokaie echoed what Ms. Becker stated about the other pathways to gain the education and knowledge in a different language before sitting for the written exam. She stated it offers more accessibility in support of the workforce trying to offer these pathways.

Agenda Item 9: Update from the Board's Access to Care Committee

Lilia Larin, Board Secretary, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Board Member Yogita Thakur voiced that there are three other follow up things to consider: (1) how the data correlates to pass rates; (2) what path did these students who took the RDA test take – did they do a program or did they learn a job; and (3) are the students native English speakers. She noted that once the Committee knows the answers to these follow up items, the Committee would be able to tailor its recommendations further, correlate these responses, and with some statistical significance, test certain things further.

Dr. Montez verbalized the Committee is trying to collect information at this point and as the new pathway rolls out for the RDA, this will give the Committee different avenues and data collection to continue diving deeper and working with the parameters of the data the Board is allowed to collect and track.

Chair Miyasaki disclosed that it was nice to see the information in the data on how the test takers rated the Candidate Information Bulletin and that they found that the brochure was very valuable to them. She commended Board staff and the Access to Care Committee on working on clarifying the information in the candidate bulletin.

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

Agenda Item 10: Update on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals

Ms. 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 11: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

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

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

Dr. Patil noted the data available in the report on the ratio of registered dental assistants to dentists practicing in California and asked if there is data available for orthodontic assistant permit holders compared to orthodontists in California. Dr. Montez responded that it is something that Board staff can look into and potentially bring back to the Council. She reminded the public that this chart is merely address of record and not necessarily representative of where the licensees work. Dr. Montez added that if the Council chooses, Board staff could look into this.

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

Chair Miyasaki adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 14, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 4.: Executive Officer Report

Background

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

Action Requested

No action required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 9, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 5.: 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) 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25 through September 30, 2024.

License Type		RDA	OA	DSA	RDAEF		
		Written	Written	Written	Clinical	Practical	Written
FY 2024/25	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	609	54	1	N/A	N/A	43
	1st Time Candidates Pass	498	47	1	N/A	N/A	37
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	82%	87%	100%	N/A	N/A	86%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	111	7	0	N/A	N/A	6
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	18%	13%	N/A	N/A	N/A	14%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	205	27	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
	Repeat Candidates Pass	92	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	10
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	45%	33%	N/A	N/A	N/A	59%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	113	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	55%	67%	N/A	N/A	N/A	41%
	Total Candidates Tested	814	81	1	N/A	N/A	60
	Total Candidates Passed	590	56	1	N/A	N/A	47
	Total Candidates Pass %	72%	69%	100%	N/A	N/A	78%
	Total Candidates Failed	224	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	13
Total Candidates Failed %	28%	31%	N/A	N/A	N/A	22%	
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%

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	Repeat Candidates Fail	561	103	0	N/A	N/A	61
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	53%	69%	0	N/A	N/A	57%
	Total Candidates Tested	3,531	321	9	N/A	N/A	320
	Total Candidates Passed	2,477	170	8	N/A	N/A	222
	Total Candidates Pass %	70%	53%	89%	N/A	N/A	69%
	Total Candidates Failed	1,054	151	1	N/A	N/A	98
	Total Candidates Failed %	30%	47%	11%	N/A	N/A	31%
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
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	56%	46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%
	Total Candidates Tested	2,921	355	11	N/A	N/A	324
	Total Candidates Passed	2,005	243	10	N/A	N/A	207
	Total Candidates Pass %	69%	68%	91%	N/A	N/A	64%
	Total Candidates Failed	916	112	1	N/A	N/A	117
Total Candidates Fail %	31%	32%	9%	N/A	N/A	36%	
FY 2021/22	Total 1 st Time Candidates Tested	1,556	137	5	54	58	160
	1 st Time Candidates Pass	1,077	102	4	37	46	111
	1 st Time Candidates Pass %	69%	74%	80%	69%	79%	69%
	1 st Time Candidates Fail	479	35	1	17	12	49
	1 st 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%
	Total Candidates Tested	2,557	267	6	68	77	268
	Total Candidates Passed	1,488	168	5	46	58	154
	Total Candidates Pass %	58%	63%	80%	68%	75%	57%
	Total Candidates Failed	1,069	99	1	22	19	114
Total Candidates Fail %	42%	37%	20%	32%	25%	43%	

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.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 9, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 6.: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

Dental Assistant License Application Statistics

The following tables provide monthly dental assistant license application statistics for fiscal years 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, and 2024–2025 July 1 through September 30.

Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Received by Month													
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	212	220	246	256	176	174	172	159	222	199	278	331	2,645
RDA 22-23	265	213	138	184	156	100	187	155	190	272	281	183	2,324
RDA 23-24	329	277	224	251	190	165	118	203	200	171	291	246	2,665
RDA 24-25	189	238	213										640
RDAEF 21-22	4	7	27	14	21	13	9	9	5	42	10	29	190
RDAEF 22-23	4	14	11	24	10	8	4	10	20	29	31	40	205
RDAEF 23-24	16	15	4	25	1	5	23	16	24	37	10	25	201
RDAEF 24-25	24	8	12										44
OA 21-22	14	24	26	25	30	28	18	14	25	26	22	20	272
OA 22-23	16	28	23	16	18	8	27	19	19	25	17	13	229
OA 23-24	19	21	19	13	26	29	12	18	27	23	24	17	248
OA 24-25	20	21	24										65
DSA 21-22	0	0	1	5	0	2	0	1	2	6	1	0	18
DSA 22-23	0	4	3	8	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	21
DSA 23-24	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	11
DSA 24-25	1	0	0										1
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	225	273	225	209	176	108	71	118	114	139	118	121	1,897
RDA 22-23	129	271	846	378	480	338	180	140	286	252	247	284	3,831
RDA 23-24	171	332	232	407	152	203	130	251	270	210	227	326	2,911
RDA 24-25	179	296	281										756

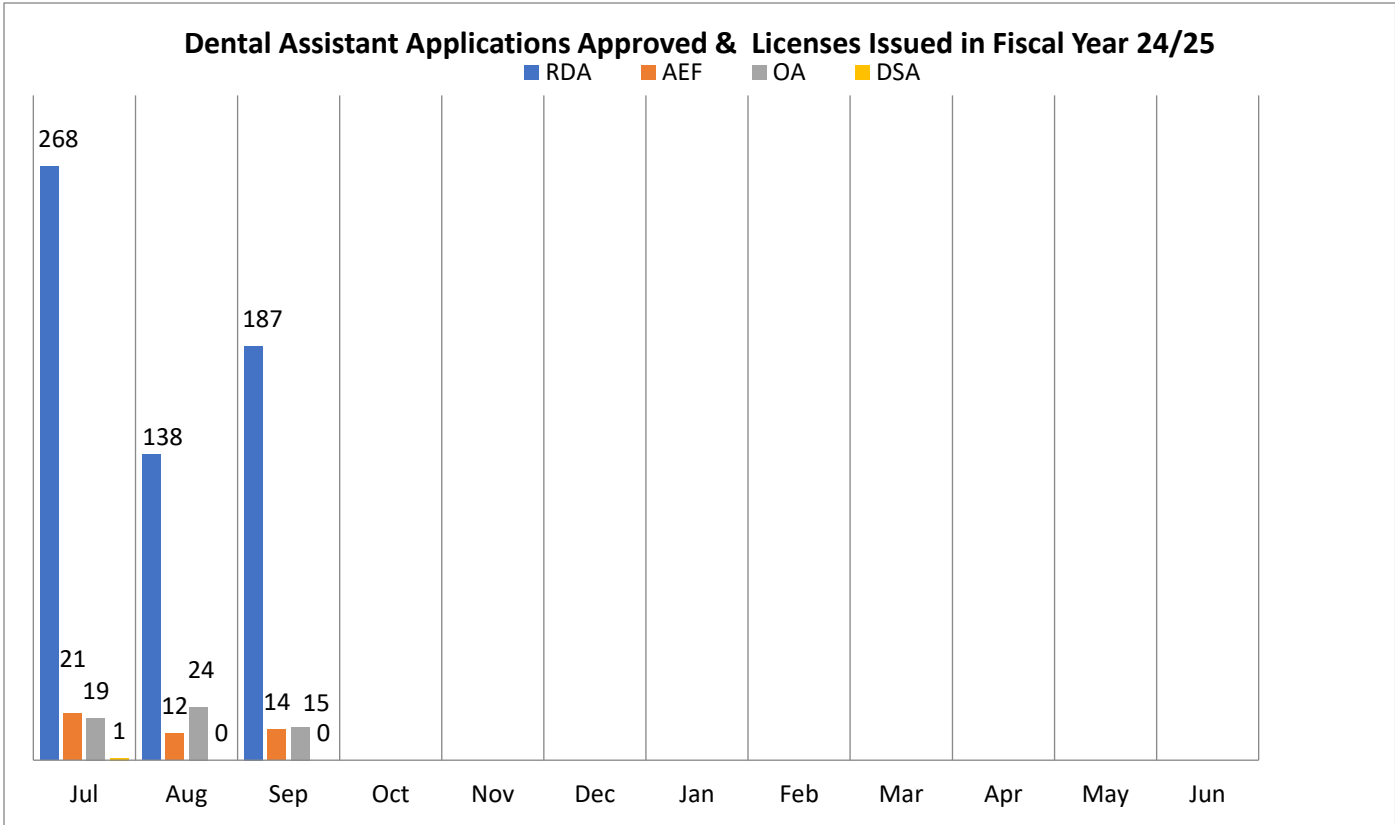
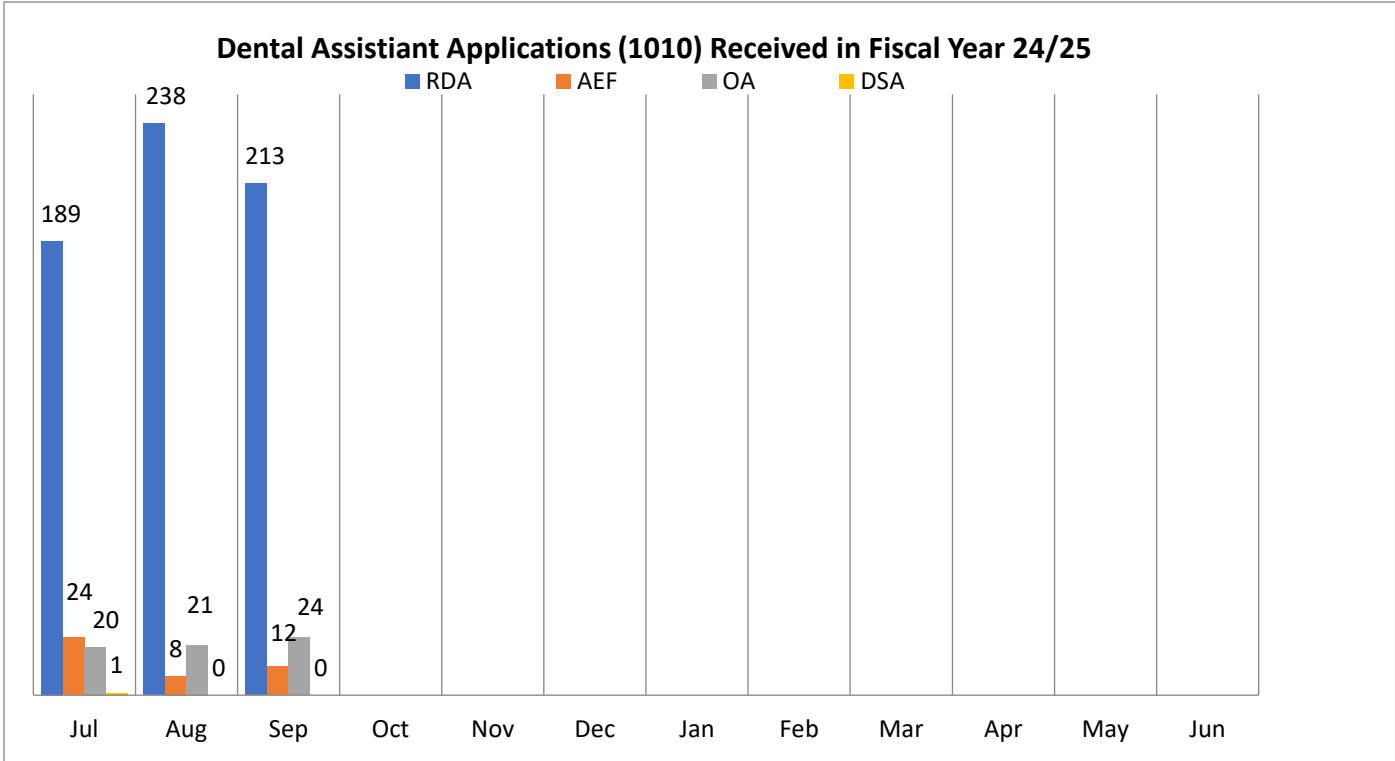
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Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month – Cont'd													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDAEF 21-22	18	1	4	22	25	12	3	11	9	7	24	35	171
RDAEF 22-23	25	20	0	21	18	10	17	4	32	26	20	33	226
RDAEF 23-24	12	18	6	33	8	3	8	22	12	33	26	16	197
RDAEF 24-25	15	20	10										45
OA 21-22	20	18	13	6	23	12	10	10	7	13	11	14	157
OA 22-23	22	22	36	56	26	19	20	15	35	23	19	13	306
OA 23-24	3	8	12	29	12	23	17	18	27	17	24	23	213
OA 24-25	15	18	19										52
DSA 21-22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	6
DSA 22-23	2	1	0	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	1	3	17
DSA 23-24	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
DSA 24-25	0	0	1										1
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Abandoned by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
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	602
RDA 24-25	16	9	31										56
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	14
RDAEF 24-25	0	0	1										1
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	59
OA 24-25	1	1	2										4
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	12
DSA 24-25	0	0	0										0
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	244	151	126	149	155	181	79	97	99	97	121	100	1,599
RDA 22-23	115	126	117	248	221	222	153	165	221	136	166	159	2,049
RDA 23-24	215	173	259	281	209	196	219	186	139	188	207	231	2,503
RDA 24-25	268	138	187										593
RDAEF 21-22	0	46	1	1	0	0	262	0	2	6	7	4	329
RDAEF 22-23	39	20	19	8	14	24	11	8	25	21	18	30	237
RDAEF 23-24	15	14	25	27	18	12	8	6	19	20	34	22	220
RDAEF 24-25	24	8	12										44

Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month – Cont'd													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
OA 21-22	10	17	2	0	32	19	22	13	15	17	11	11	169
OA 22-23	18	20	12	30	28	34	19	16	24	21	20	25	267
OA 23-24	15	8	6	4	26	12	17	11	18	16	17	19	169
OA 24-25	19	24	15										58
DSA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
DSA 22-23	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	3	10
DSA 23-24	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	9
DSA 24-25	1	0	0										1
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Denied by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	6
RDA 22-23	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	2	14
RDA 23-24	0	1	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	13
RDA 24-25	1	0	0										1
RDAEF 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 24-25	0	0	0										0
OA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 23-24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OA 24-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 24-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Abandoned by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
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	1,104
RDA 24-25	38	21	91										150
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	10
RDAEF 24-25	1	0	1										2
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	41
OA 24-25	4	0	3										7

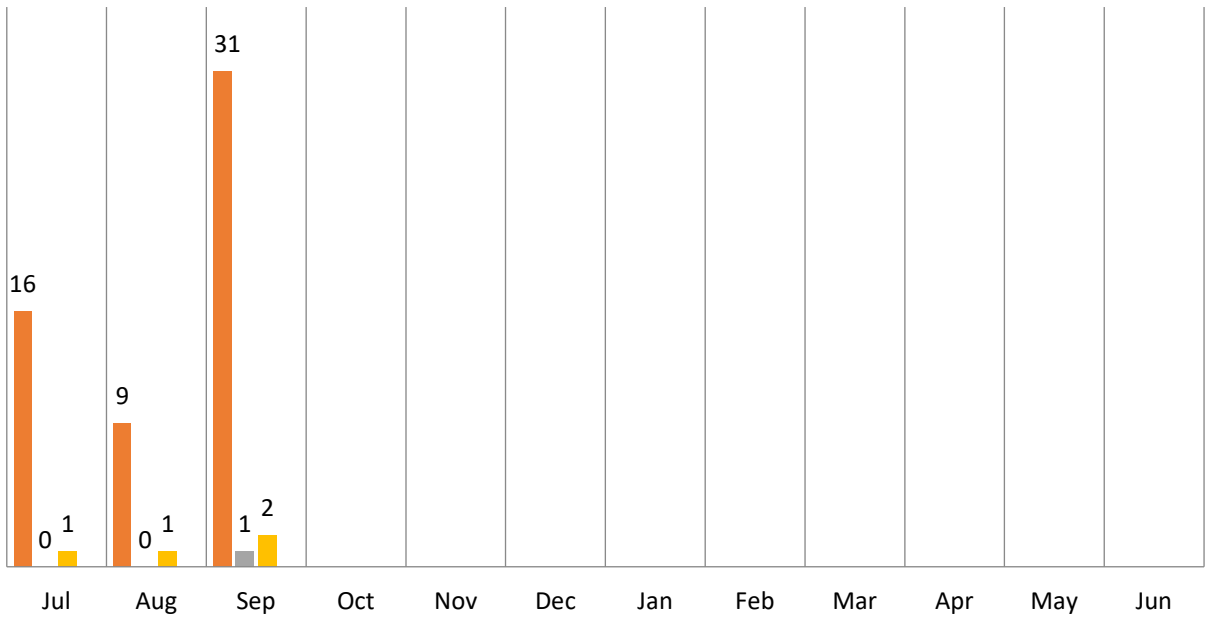
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	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
DSA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
DSA 24-25	0	0	0										0

Application Definitions	
Received	Application received in paper format or electronically through BreEZe system.
Approved	Application for eligibility of licensure processed with required documentation and examination eligibility issued.
License Issued	Final application including examination results approved and license issued.
Abandoned (1010)	An applicant who fails to complete application requirements within one year after being notified by the Board of deficiencies.
Abandoned (1020)	Pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 1004, an application is considered abandoned if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2) The applicant fails to take the licensing examination within two years after the date their application was received by the Board. 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.
Denied	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.



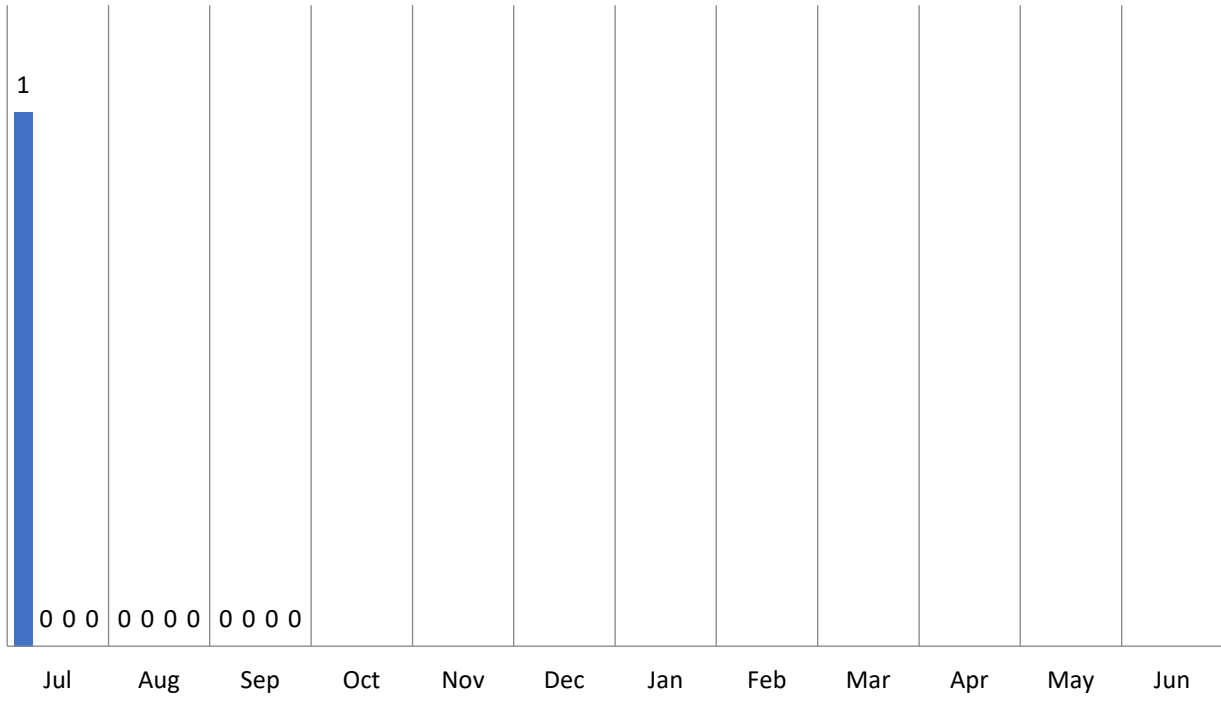
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Abandoned in FY 24/25

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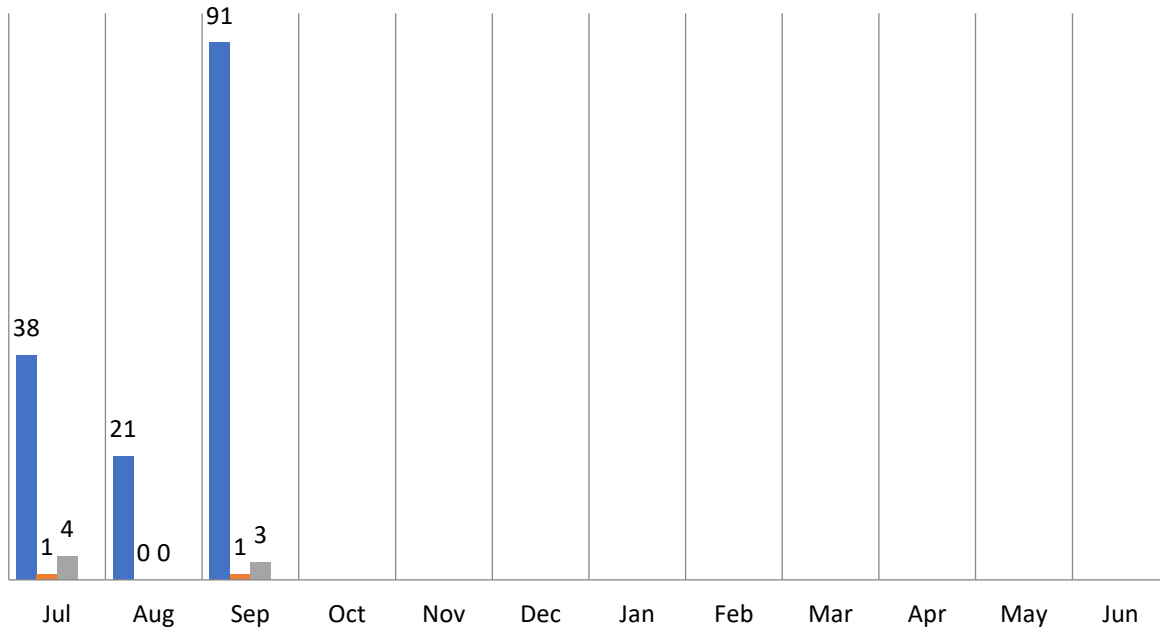
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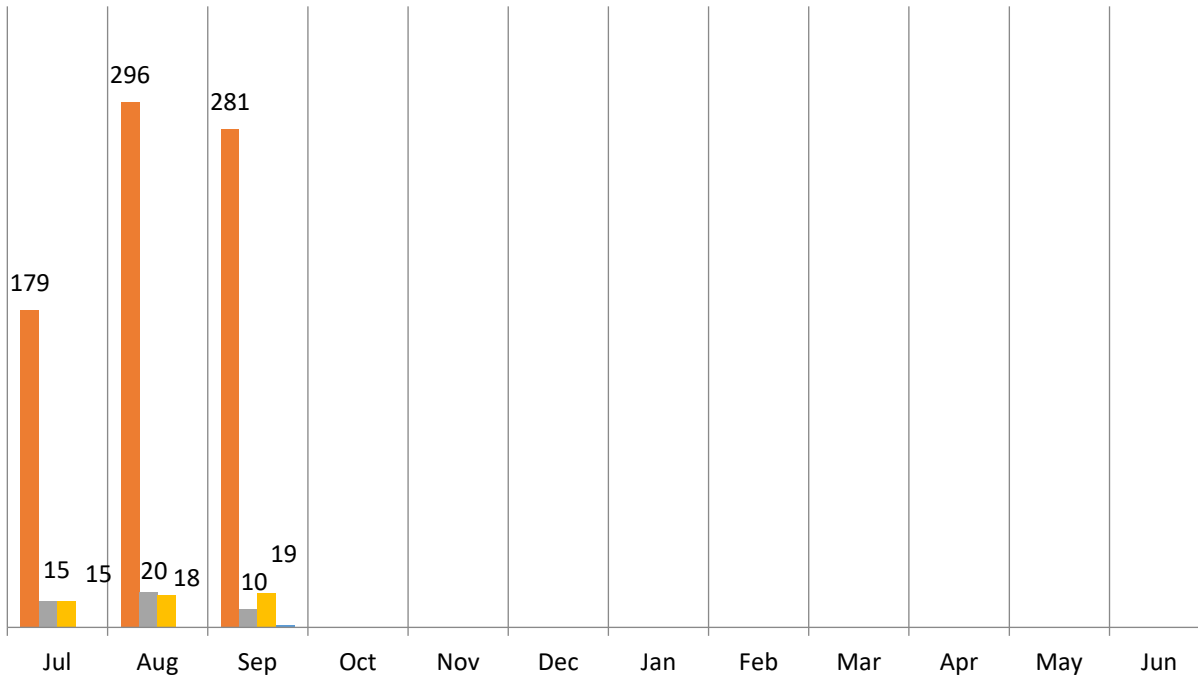
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Dental Assistant License Status Statistics

The following table provides dental assistant license and permit status statistics for fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25. Cancelled licenses indicates number of licenses/permits cancelled to date.

License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Registered Dental Assistant	Active	28,902	28,437	28,711	28,969
	Inactive	3,991	3,790	3,611	3,540
	Delinquent	12,992	13,543	13,696	13,642
	Cancelled	51,512	53,712	55,903	56,464
License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions	Active	1,756	1,950	2,082	2,122
	Inactive	75	77	78	75
	Delinquent	298	305	352	358
	Cancelled	420	462	494	503
License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Orthodontic Assistant	Active	1,407	1,602	1,678	1,725
	Inactive	44	46	50	46
	Delinquent	286	333	399	396
	Cancelled	27	51	78	93
License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Dental Sedation Assistant	Active	38	45	52	52
	Inactive	2	4	4	4
	Delinquent	16	17	12	13
	Cancelled	7	9	15	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 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	RDA 24-25	Pop. 24-25	Pop. per RDA 24-25	DDS 24-25	RDA to DDS Ratio 24-25
Alameda	1,221	1,651,979	1,352	1,485	0:1	1,106	1,636,194	1,479	1,472	0:1	1,121	1,641,869	1,479	1,464	0:1
Alpine	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	1,184	0	0	0	0	1,179	0	0	0
Amador	78	40,297	516	21	2:1	52	39,837	766	23	2:1	51	39,611	766	776	2:1
Butte	291	201,608	692	124	2:1	271	205,592	758	118	2:1	272	205,928	758	757	2:1
Calaveras	69	45,049	652	21	2:1	59	44,890	760	21	2:1	61	44,842	760	735	2:1
Colusa	28	21,807	778	6	4:1	28	21,771	777	4	4:1	26	21,743	777	836	4:1
Contra Costa	1320	1,156,555	876	1,103	1:1	1222	1,147,653	939	1,092	1:1	1,224	1,146,626	939	936	1:1
Del Norte	30	27,218	907	11	2:1	28	26,599	949	11	2:1	29	26,345	949	908	2:1
El Dorado	257	190,465	741	152	1:1	202	189,006	935	148	1:1	200	188,583	935	942	1:1
Fresno	962	1,011,273	1,051	620	1:1	891	1,011,499	1,135	625	1:1	899	1,017,431	1,135	1,131	1:1
Glenn	46	28,750	625	7	7:1	50	28,636	572	7	7:1	48	28,736	572	598	7:1
Humboldt	162	135,168	834	63	2:1	161	134,047	832	66	2:1	165	133,100	832	806	2:1
Imperial	102	179,329	1,758	39	2:1	90	179,476	1,994	40	2:1	94	182,881	1,994	1,945	2:1
Inyo	8	18,978	2,372	5	1:1	7	18,896	2,699	7	1:1	7	18,856	2,699	2,693	1:1
Kern	734	909,813	1,239	341	1:1	624	907,476	1,454	350	1:1	639	910,300	1,454	1,424	1:1
Kings	157	152,023	968	61	2:1	155	151,018	974	58	2:1	154	152,627	974	991	2:1
Lake	112	67,407	601	39	1:1	84	66,800	795	37	1:1	85	67,001	795	788	1:1
Lassen	40	30,274	756	22	1:1	35	28,275	807	18	1:1	36	28,197	807	783	1:1
Los Angeles	5099	9,861,224	1,933	8,416	0:1	4505	9,761,210	2,166	8,464	0:1	4,535	9,824,091	2,166	2,166	0:1
Madera	144	157,396	1,093	44	3:1	155	158,148	1,020	47	3:1	152	159,328	1,020	1,048	3:1
Marin	183	257,135	1,405	290	0:1	172	252,959	1,470	279	0:1	174	252,844	1,470	1,453	0:1
Mariposa	11	17,045	1,549	7	1:1	9	16,935	1,881	6	1:1	9	16,966	1,881	1,885	1:1
Mendocino	112	89,999	803	49	1:1	94	89,164	948	45	1:1	92	89,476	948	972	1:1

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Merced	264	284,338	1,077	92	2:1	233	285,337	1,224	98	2:1	244	287,303	1,177	99	2:1
Modoc	3	8,690	2,896	3	0:1	3	8,527	2,842	5	0:1	4	8,484	2,121	5	0:1
Mono	5	13,379	2,675	5	1:1	5	13,156	2,631	5	1:1	4	12,861	3,215	5	1:1
Monterey	436	433,716	994	248	1:1	370	430,368	1,163	244	1:1	366	437,614	1,195	246	1:1
Napa	141	136,179	965	110	1:1	130	134,637	1,035	106	1:1	128	135,029	1,054	103	1:1
Nevada	100	101,242	1,012	72	1:1	84	100,720	1,199	69	1:1	86	100,177	1,164	67	1:1
Orange	1814	3,162,245	1,743	4,073	0:1	1632	3,137,164	1,922	4,183	0:1	1642	3,150,835	1,918	4,227	0:1
Placer	534	409,025	765	472	0:1	469	410,305	874	482	0:1	473	412,844	872	484	0:1
Plumas	18	18,942	1,052	13	1:1	14	18,996	1,356	13	1:1	14	18,841	1,345	12	1:1
Riverside	2171	2,435,525	1,121	1,142	1:1	2019	2,439,234	1,208	1,163	1:1	1985	2,442,378	1,230	1,177	1:1
Sacramento	1887	1,576,618	835	1,176	1:1	1590	1,572,453	988	1,207	1:1	1601	1,578,938	986	1,215	1:1
San Benito	118	65,479	554	23	4:1	98	65,666	670	26	4:1	100	65,853	658	26	4:1
San Bernardino	1688	2,187,665	1,296	1,398	1:1	1530	2,182,056	1,426	1,403	1:1	1544	2,181,433	1,412	1,435	1:1
San Diego	2808	3,287,306	1,170	2,820	0:1	2537	3,269,755	1,288	2,853	0:1	2558	3,291,101	1,286	2,849	0:1
San Francisco	452	842,754	1,864	1,151	0:1	424	831,703	1,961	1,127	0:1	428	843,071	1,969	1,143	0:1
San Joaquin	873	784,298	898	376	1:1	793	786,145	991	393	1:1	797	791,408	992	392	1:1
San Luis Obispo	248	280,721	1,131	210	1:1	207	278,348	1,344	217	1:1	203	278,469	1,371	214	1:1
San Mateo	572	744,662	1,301	843	0:1	533	737,644	1,383	829	0:1	539	741,565	1,375	830	0:1
Santa Barbara	399	445,164	1,115	307	1:1	355	440,557	1,241	312	1:1	356	443,623	1,246	318	1:1
Santa Clara	1662	1,894,783	1,140	2,289	0:1	1517	1,886,079	1,243	2,283	0:1	1521	1,903,198	1,251	2,291	0:1
Santa Cruz	225	266,564	1,184	168	1:1	196	262,051	1,336	171	1:1	196	262,572	1,339	169	1:1
Shasta	203	180,531	889	100	1:1	164	179,436	1,094	109	1:1	162	179,195	1,106	111	1:1
Sierra	2	3,229	1,614	0	0:1	2	3,193	1,596	0	0:1	1	3,171	3,171	0	0:1
Siskiyou	28	43,830	1,565	23	1:1	21	43,548	2,073	23	1:1	21	43,409	2,067	23	1:1
Solano	623	447,241	717	279	2:1	562	443,749	789	277	2:1	569	446,426	784	273	2:1
Sonoma	675	482,404	714	382	1:1	607	478,174	787	374	1:1	619	478,152	772	384	1:1

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Stanislaus	665	549,466	826	274	2:1	577	545,939	946	277	2:1	570	548,744	962	279	2:1
Sutter	143	99,145	693	51	2:1	120	98,952	824	49	2:1	121	100,110	827	49	2:1
Tehama	95	65,052	684	31	2:1	75	64,271	856	28	2:1	85	64,308	756	29	2:1
Trinity	5	16,023	3,204	3	1:1	5	15,939	3,187	2	1:1	6	15,915	2,652	2	1:1
Tulare	491	475,014	967	217	2:1	474	475,064	1,002	218	2:1	488	478,918	981	222	2:1
Tuolumne	81	55,291	682	47	1:1	77	54,590	708	45	1:1	77	54,407	706	45	1:1
Ventura	590	833,652	1,412	627	0:1	512	825,653	1,612	634	0:1	523	823,863	1,575	630	0:1
Yolo	210	221,165	1,053	122	1:1	187	220,880	1,181	125	1:1	191	221,666	1,160	123	1:1
Yuba	104	82,275	791	7	13:1	97	82,677	852	10	13:1	98	83,721	854	10	13:1
TOTAL	31,499	39,185,605	66,100	32,080	N/A	28,219	38,940,231	72,942	32,298	N/A	28,393	39,128,162	73,586	32,495	N/A

*Population data obtained from Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit.
**Ratios are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Counties with the Highest Population per RDA:	Trinity County (1:3,187)	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.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 7, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Victor Libet, License and Program Compliance Unit Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7.: 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 educational program and course application statistics for fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25 through September 30, 2024.

RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Approved				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	1	0	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	9	11	5	3
Coronal Polishing	9	9	3	1
Pit & Fissure Sealant	9	5	3	1
Ultrasonic Scaling	7	0	2	0
Infection Control	11	4	4	1
DSA Permit	13	3	0	0
OA Permit	9	19	6	1
Total Applications Approved	68	51	23	7
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Denied				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	1	0	1	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	1	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	3	0	7	0
Coronal Polishing	0	0	4	0
Pit & Fissure Sealant	1	0	0	0
Ultrasonic Scaling	1	0	1	1
Infection Control	3	1	16	0

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DSA Permit	1	1	1	0
OA Permit	0	0	2	1
Total Applications Denied	10	2	33	2
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Deficient				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	0	0	1	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	0	0	2	1
Coronal Polishing	0	0	3	1
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	0	2	1
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	1	0
Infection Control	0	0	3	3
DSA Permit	1	0	0	0
OA Permit	1	1	2	1
Total Applications Deficient	2	1	14	7
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Pending				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	0	0	0	1
RDAEF Program	0	1	0	1
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	6	0	6	5
Coronal Polishing	4	0	3	3
Pit & Fissure Sealant	2	0	3	1
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	1	0
Infection Control	3	0	4	4
DSA Permit	0	0	0	1
OA Permit	6	0	3	4
Total Applications Pending	21	1	20	20

Application Definitions	
Approved	Application for Board approval of educational program/course processed with required documentation, and approval number issued.
Denied	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.
Deficient	Application for Board approval of educational program/course processed with submitted documentation, and additional documentation requested from applicant. Status changes frequently.
Pending	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 RDA and RDAEF program site visits conducted in fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25 through September 30, 2024.

RDA and RDAEF Educational Program Site Visits					
	RDA Programs		RDAEF Programs		Grand Total
	Provisional	Full	Provisional	Full	
2021–22	1	0	0	0	1
2022–23	0	0	0	0	0
2023–24	1	0	0	0	1
2024–25	0	0	0	0	0

The Board has scheduled a site visit for provisional approval of an RDAEF2 program in November 2024 and will be scheduling a site visit for provisional approval of an RDA program soon after.

The following table provides approved programs and courses by name and type of program for fiscal year 2024–25, through September 30, 2024.

Programs and Courses by Name and Type Approved in 2024–25										
Triumph University	7/1/2024									
Triumph University	7/1/2024									
OceanPointe DA Academy	7/16/2024									
West Coast Grins	7/26/2024									
Triumph University	7/29/2024									
Aviara Academy	7/29/2024									
Chaffey Community College	7/29/2024									
PROGRAM/COURSE TOTALS										
TOTAL APPROVALS = 7										

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

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
82	11	3	178	124	119	43	149	53	199

Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	September 12, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Tina Vallery, Division Chief License and Program Compliance and Dental Assisting Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7.a.: Overview of Educational Program and Course Re-evaluations

Background

The Dental Board of California (Board) is in the process of re-evaluating its approved dental assisting programs and courses. As an approved program or course provider, the Board may audit the program and courses for compliance with regulations in the event the Board deems it necessary.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Section 1070 (a)(2), the Board may approve, provisionally approve, or deny approval of any program or course for which an application to the Board for approval is required. All Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) programs and dental assisting educational courses shall be re-evaluated approximately every seven years but may be subject to re-evaluation and inspection by the Board at any time to review and investigate compliance with this Article and the Dental Practice Act. Re-evaluation may include a site visit or a request for written documentation that ensures compliance with all regulations. Results of re-evaluations shall be reported to the Board or its designee for final consideration and continuance of program or course approval, provisional approval, or denial of approval.

On August 6, 2024, Board staff began the preliminary stages of the re-evaluation process by sending a request for information to the 173 approved Pit & Fissure course providers who obtained approval prior to 2023. All approved providers were asked to provide the status of their course (i.e., open, closed, etc.), facility address, mailing address, the course directors name and contact information, and preferred website posting information. The course providers were given 30 days to submit the requested information. On September 11, 2024, a second request was sent to the providers in which a response had not been received.

On October 1, 2024, the first (5) five re-evaluation notification letters were mailed out and another (5) five will be mailed out on the first week of each month thereafter.

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During the re-evaluations, the providers can continue to operate their courses. Upon the receipt of letter, the course provider will have four (4) weeks to return the enclosed application and all required attachments.

After the completed application and attachments are submitted by the course provider to the Board, the application will then be referred to a subject matter expert (SME) for review. The evaluation process may take between 60 to 90 days for each re-evaluation to conclude. Based on the results of the re-evaluation, the Board has the discretion to include a site visit to ensure compliance with all regulations.

Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 16, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Access to Care Committee Lilia Larin, DDS Yogita Thakur, DDS, MS
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 8.: Update and Discussion on the Analysis of Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examinations Preparation vs. Pass Rate Statistics

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.

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.

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

At the August 15, 2024 Dental Assisting Council (Council) and Board meetings, a memo from OPES was presented showing statistics generated to inform pass rates for the different RDA pathways to licensure. In addition, data on four questions added to the PSI computer-based testing (CBT) survey offered at the end of each RDA applicant testing experience to gather feedback about how applicants prepare to take examinations was presented. Lastly, the Council reviewed and discussed a memo from OPES on translating the RDA General Written Law and Ethics Examination.

After Committee discussion at both meetings, it was requested that Board staff continue its efforts to develop a brief survey for addressing recruitment and retention of RDAs (related to recommendation 4) and gathering more information about translating the RDA General Written Law and Ethics Examination (related to recommendation 2). Further, the Board requested an analysis on how candidates prepare for the examination versus pass rate. This data is presented below.

Question: After Completing the RDA educational or work experience requirements, how did you prepare for the RDA exam?

	<u>N</u>	<u>Pass Rate</u>
Self-study	836	74%
Additional education course(s)	51	71%
Peer study	17	65%
Examination prep course*	13	86%
On-the-job training	136	82%
Other	27	59%
I did not engage in any other preparation activities.*	11	55%

*Sample size is small, so results are not very meaningful.

Action Requested

This item is information only. No action is needed.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 16, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Tina Vallery, Division Chief License and Program Compliance and Dental Assisting Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9.: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on the Table of Permitted Dental Auxiliary Duties Delegable by Supervising Dentist as Required by California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1068

Background

All dentists utilizing the services of dental auxiliaries shall post a notice in a common area of the dental office that delineates duties and functions deemed by the Dental Board of California (Board) as delegable within stipulated settings and/or circumstances as required by California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1068. Such notice shall be readily accessible to all individuals under supervision of the dentist. (Ibid.)

Attached is a table of duties that may be delegated by a supervising dentist to Dental Assistants (DA), Orthodontic Assistants (OA), Dental Sedation Assistants (DSA), Registered Dental Assistants (RDA), and Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEF). This table indicates with an “X” the level of dentist supervision required for dental auxiliary performance of the duty or additional course required to perform the duty and is provided for use by dentists utilizing the services of dental auxiliaries.

This table does not indicate courses that must be completed by a DA prior to the performance of basic supportive dental procedures on dental patients, educational programs required to be completed to obtain RDA and RDAEF licenses, or courses required to be completed to obtain OA and DSA permits. “Basic supportive dental procedures” is defined under Business and Professions Code section 1741, subdivision (b). Information on the courses required to be completed for the duties indicated in the table are in the statutes and regulations cited with the corresponding duty.

Supervising dentists are responsible for ensuring completion by the dental auxiliary of all required licensure, permit, and/or courses prior to delegating such duty. All delegable
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duties shall be performed pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist. Procedures performed by a DA, RDA, or RDAEF under direct supervision shall be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the dental office.

Action Requested

Board staff requests that the Council recommend to the Board to approve the table presented in the attachment for distribution and posting.

Suggested Motions

Option 1 (support the proposed request): Move to recommend to the Board that it approve the Table of Permitted Dental Auxiliary Duties Delegable by Supervising Dentist as Required by California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1068.

Option 2 (support the proposed request as revised during this meeting): Move to recommend to the Board that it approve the Table of Permitted Dental Auxiliary Duties Delegable by Supervising Dentist as Required by California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1068, as revised during this meeting (insert specific revisions).

Option 3 (no action): If the Council does not wish to act on the request, no motion is needed.

Attachment: Table of Permitted Dental Auxiliary Duties Delegable by Supervising Dentist as Required by California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1068.

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TABLE OF DENTAL AUXILIARY DUTIES DELEGABLE BY SUPERVISING DENTIST

All dentists utilizing the services of dental auxiliaries shall post a notice in a common area of the dental office that delineates duties and functions deemed by the Dental Board of California (Board) as delegable within stipulated settings and/or circumstances as required by California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1068. Such notice shall be readily accessible to all individuals under supervision of the dentist. (*Ibid.*)

The following is a table of duties that may be delegated by a supervising dentist to Dental Assistants (DA), Orthodontic Assistants (OA), Dental Sedation Assistants (DSA), Registered Dental Assistants (RDA), and Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEF). This table indicates with an “X” the level of dentist supervision required for dental auxiliary performance of the duty or additional course required to perform the duty and is provided for use by dentists utilizing the services of dental auxiliaries.

This list does not indicate courses that must be completed by a DA prior to the performance of basic supportive dental procedures on dental patients,¹ educational programs required to be completed to obtain RDA and RDAEF licenses,² or courses required to be completed to obtain OA and DSA permits.³ “Basic supportive dental procedures” is defined under BPC section 1741, subdivision (b). For information on the courses required to be completed for the duties indicated below, please refer to the statutes and regulations cited with the corresponding duty in the table below.

Supervising dentists are responsible for ensuring completion by the dental auxiliary of all required licensure, permit, and/or courses prior to delegating such duty. All delegable duties shall be performed pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist.⁴ Procedures performed by a DA, RDA, or RDAEF under direct supervision shall be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the dental office.⁵

Category Definitions

On the following table, there are columns that include the following acronyms: “D,” “G,” or “CR.” The following are the definitions for each acronym. Citations to the corresponding BPC and CCR sections are provided for ease of reference.

“CR” = Course Required – means a course must be completed by the dental auxiliary prior to performing the duty.

“D” = Direct Supervision - means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, who shall be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures. (BPC, § 1741, subd. (k).)

“G” = General Supervision - means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a

¹ See Business and Professions Code (BPC), § 1750, subd. (c), (d), (f).

² See BPC, §§ 1752.1, 1753.

³ See BPC, §§ 1750.2, 1750.4.

⁴ BPC, §§ 1750.1, subd. (a), 1750.3, subd. (a), 1750.5, subd. (a), 1752.4, sub. (a), 1753.55, subd. (a).

⁵ California Code of Regulations (CCR), tit. 16, §§ 1085, subs. (c), 1086, subs. (d), 1087, subs. (c).

licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures. (BPC, § 1741, subd. (l).)

ALLOWABLE DUTIES	Applicable Law	G	D	CR
DENTAL ASSISTANT (DA) Performance of duties in treatment facility				
Extraoral duties specified by the supervising licensee that meet the definition of a basic supportive dental procedure. These duties may include a procedure that requires the use of personal protective equipment, laboratory functions, and sterilization and disinfection procedures described in CCR, title 16, section 1005 and CCR, title 8, section 5193.	BPC § 1750.1(a)(1)	X		
Operate dental radiography equipment for the purpose of oral radiography if the dental assistant has complied with the requirements of BPC section 1750(f)(4).	BPC § 1750.1(a)(2)	X		X
Perform intraoral and extraoral photography.	BPC § 1750.1(a)(3)	X		
Apply nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents, including all forms of topical fluoride.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(1)		X	
Take intraoral impressions for all nonprosthodontic appliances.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(2)		X	
Take facebow transfers and bite registrations.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(3)		X	
Place and remove rubber dams or other isolation devices.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(4)		X	
Place, wedge, and remove matrices for restorative procedures.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(5)		X	
Remove post extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(6)		X	
Perform measurements for the purposes of orthodontic treatment.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(7)		X	
Cure dental materials with a light curing device.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(8)		X	
Examine orthodontic appliances.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(9)		X	
Place and remove orthodontic separators.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(10)		X	
Remove ligature ties and archwires.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(11)		X	
After adjustment by the dentist, examine and seat removable orthodontic appliances and deliver care instructions to the patient.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(12)		X	
Remove periodontal dressings.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(13)		X	
Remove sutures after inspection of the site by the dentist.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(14)		X	
Place patient monitoring sensors.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(15)		X	
Adjust the flow of nitrous oxide and oxygen gases if deemed necessary and directed by the supervising dentist who shall be present in the operatory directly supervising the adjustment.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(16)		X	
Extraoral functions specified by the supervising dentist that meet the definition of basic supportive dental procedures. Such duties may include patient monitoring, placing monitoring sensors, taking of vital signs, or other extraoral procedures related to the scope of their practice.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(17)		X	

In response to a medical emergency and under the direct supervision, order, control, and full professional responsibility of the licensed dentist, a dental assistant may administer or assist in the administration of oxygen.	BPC § 1750(b)(18)		X	
Coronal polishing, which means a procedure limited to the removal of plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces (BPC § 1741(g)).	BPC § 1750(f)(4)		X	X
Hold anterior matrices	CCR, tit. 16, § 1085(c)(7)		X	
Check for loose bands	CCR, tit. 16, § 1085(c)(11)		X	
ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT (OA) PERMIT HOLDER Performance of duties in treatment facility				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(a).	BPC § 1750.3(a)	X		
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(b).	BPC § 1750.3(a)(1)		X	
Isolate, condition, etch, and prepare teeth for provisional attachments, bonded attachments, aligner buttons, aligner connections, orthodontic brackets, and appliances.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(2)		X	
Size, fit, and secure orthodontic bands using appropriate materials.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(3)		X	
Prepare teeth for bonding and select, preposition, and cure orthodontic brackets after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(4)		X	
Remove orthodontic bands, brackets, and attachments and remove excess cement from supragingival surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument, with the removal of any remaining material by the supervising licensed dentist or RDAEF licensed on or after January 1, 2010.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(5)		X	
Place and ligate archwires.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(6)		X	
Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(7)		X	
DENTAL SEDATION ASSISTANT (DSA) PERMIT HOLDER Each of the following duties shall only be performed in a dental office or dental clinic. (BPC § 1750.5(a), (b))				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(a).	BPC § 1750.5(a)	X		
The following duties must be performed under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a current, valid licensed dentist or other licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia in the treatment facility.				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(b).	BPC § 1750.5(a)(1)		X	

Monitor patients undergoing moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia utilizing data from noninvasive instrumentation such as pulse oximeters, electrocardiograms, capnography, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration rate monitoring devices. Evaluation of the condition of a sedated patient shall remain the responsibility of the supervising dentist or the licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia, who shall be at the patient's chairside while moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia is being administered.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(2)		X	
Drug identification and draw, limited to identification of appropriate medications, ampule and vial preparation, and withdrawing drugs of correct amount as verified by the supervising licensed dentist, or the licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(3)		X	
Add drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe, provided that a supervising licensed dentist is present at the patient's chairside, limited to determining patency of intravenous line, selection of injection port, syringe insertion into injection port, occlusion of intravenous line and blood aspiration, line release, and injection of drugs for appropriate time interval. The exception to this duty is that the initial dose of a drug or medication shall be administered by the supervising licensed dentist or licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(4)		X	
Removal of intravenous lines.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(5)	X		
REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT (RDA) LICENSEE				
Unless otherwise indicated, performance of duties in treatment facility				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(1)	X		
Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(2)	X		
Apply and activate bleaching agents using a nonlaser light-curing device. ⁶	BPC § 1752.4(a)(3)	X		
Use of automated caries detection devices and materials and recording of such findings before placement of pit and fissure sealants.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(4)	X		
Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(5)	X		
Pulp vitality testing and recording of findings. ⁷	BPC § 1752.4(a)(6)	X		
Place bases, liners, etch, and bonding agents for restorative procedures.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(7)	X		
Chemically prepare teeth for bonding for restorative procedures.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(8)	X		
Place, adjust, and finish direct provisional restorations.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(9)	X		

⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(12), (13), (e)).

⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(3), (e)).

Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration. ⁸	BPC § 1752.4(a)(10)	X		
Place post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(11)	X		
Place periodontal dressings.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(12)	X		
Dry endodontically treated canals using absorbent paper points. ⁹	BPC § 1752.4(a)(13)	X		
Perform sore-spot adjustment only of dentures extraorally.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(14)	X		
Perform tissue conditioning and soft reline of dentures.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(15)	X		
Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument. ¹⁰	BPC § 1752.4(a)(16)	X		
Polish coronal surfaces of the teeth. ¹¹	BPC § 1752.4(a)(17)	X		
Place ligature ties and archwires. ¹²	BPC § 1752.4(a)(18)	X		
Placement and removal of temporary sedative dressings. ¹³	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(c)(2)	X		
Isolate, etch, bond, and attach composite buttons for orthodontic procedures.	BPC § 1752.4(e)(1)		X	
Size, fit, secure, and remove orthodontic bands using appropriate dental materials. ¹⁴	BPC § 1752.4(e)(2)		X	
Obtain endodontic cultures. ¹⁵	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(1)		X	
Dry canals, previously opened by the supervising dentist, with absorbent points.	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(2)		X	
Place bases and liners on sound dentin. ¹⁶	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(4)		X	

⁸ Performance of temporary cementation and removal of temporary crowns in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(8), (e)).

⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(2), (e)).

¹⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(5), (e)).

¹¹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(15), (e)).

¹² Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(10), (e)).

¹³ Performance of placement of post-extraction and periodontal dressings in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(11), (e)).

¹⁴ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(8), (e)).

¹⁵ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(1), (e)).

¹⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(4), (e)).

Size stainless steel crowns, temporary crowns, and bands. ¹⁷	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(6)		X	
Fabrication of temporary crowns intra-orally. ¹⁸	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(7)		X	
Placement of orthodontic separators. ¹⁹	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(9)		X	
Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(1), (f)		X	X
The allowable duties of an OA permit holder as specified in BPC section 1750.3. An RDA shall not be required to complete further instruction in the duties of placing ligature ties and archwires, removing orthodontic bands, and removing excess cement from tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(2), (f)		X	X
The allowable duties of a DSA permit holder as specified in BPC section 1750.5.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(3), (f)		X	X
The application of pit and fissure sealants.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(4), (f)		X	X
RDA in EXTENDED FUNCTIONS (RDAEF) BPC SECTION 1753.5 Licensed on or after January 1, 2010, pursuant to BPC sections 1753.5 and 1753.55 Unless otherwise specified, performance of duties in a treatment facility				
All duties and procedures that an RDA is authorized to perform as specified in and limited by BPC section 1752.4.	BPC § 1753.5(a)	X	X	
Perform oral health assessments, including intraoral and extraoral soft tissue evaluations to identify oral lesions, classifying occlusion, performing myofunctional evaluations, and oral cancer screenings as authorized by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(1)		X	
Perform oral health assessments in school-based, community health project settings under the direction of a dentist, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(2)		X	
Gingival retraction for impression and restorative procedures. ²⁰	BPC § 1753.5(b)(3)		X	
Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(4)		X	
Cement endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(5)		X	
Perform post, core, and build-up procedures in conjunction with direct and indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(6)		X	
Take final impression for permanent indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(7)		X	
Take final impressions for tooth-borne removable prosthesis.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(8)		X	
Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(9)		X	

¹⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(6), (e)).

¹⁸ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(7), (e)).

¹⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(9), (e)).

²⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(1), (d)).

Adjust and adhere all permanent indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(10)		X	
Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. The RDAEF shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.51(a)(1) ²¹	X		X
Place interim therapeutic restorations (ITRs) to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment.	BPC § 1753.51(a)(2) ²²		X	X
Place ITRs after the supervising dentist confirms a diagnosis and provides instruction to perform the procedure in a dental office setting, under the direct or general supervision of a dentist.	BPC § 1753.51(b)(1)	X	X	X
Place ITRs after the supervising dentist confirms a diagnosis and provides instruction to perform the procedure in public health settings, using telehealth, as defined by BPC section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, Head Start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the general supervision of a dentist.	BPC § 1753.51(b)(2)	X		X
Take impressions for cast restorations. ²³	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2)		X	
Take impressions for space maintainers, orthodontic appliances, and occlusal guards. ²⁴	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3)		X	
Prepare enamel by etching for bonding. ²⁵	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4)		X	
Formulate indirect patterns for endodontic post and core castings. ²⁶	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5)		X	
Fit trial endodontic filling points. ²⁷	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6)		X	
Apply pit and fissure sealants. ²⁸	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7)		X	

²¹ BPC section 1753.55(b)(1)(A) and (B) requires direct supervision of this duty in a dental office setting and general supervision of this duty in a public health setting using telehealth, as specified. The supervision conflicts will require legislative amendments; until then, the Board is applying the supervision requirements under BPC section 1753.51(a)(1) more recently enacted by the California State Legislature under Senate Bill 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024).

²² BPC section 1753.55(b)(2)(A)(i) and (ii) authorizes direct or general supervision of this duty in a dental office setting and general supervision of this duty in a public health setting using telehealth, as specified. The supervision conflicts will require legislative amendments; until then, the Board is applying the direct supervision requirement under BPC section 1753.51(a)(2) more recently enacted by the California State Legislature under Senate Bill 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024).

²³ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2), (d)).

²⁴ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3), (d)).

²⁵ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4), (d)).

²⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5), (d)).

²⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6), (d)).

²⁸ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7), (d)).

Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument. ²⁹	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8)		X	
Apply etchant for bonding restorative materials. ³⁰	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9)		X	
RDA in EXTENDED FUNCTIONS (RDAEF) BPC SECTION 1753.6 Licensed prior to January 1, 2010, pursuant to BPC section 1753.6				
All duties and procedures that a registered dental assistant is authorized to perform as specified in and limited by Section 1752.4.	BPC § 1753.6	X	X	
Gingiva retraction for impression and restorative procedures. ³¹	BPC § 1753.6(a); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(1)		X	
Take final impressions for permanent direct and indirect restorations. ³²	BPC § 1753.6(b)	X	X	
Apply pit and fissure sealants. ³³	BPC § 1753.6(c); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7)		X	
Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument. ³⁴	BPC § 1753.6(d); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8)		X	
Fit trial endodontic filling points. ³⁵	BPC § 1753.6(e); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6)		X	
Formulate indirect patterns for post and core castings. ³⁶	BPC § 1753.6(f); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5)		X	
Take impressions for cast restorations ³⁷	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2)		X	
Take impressions for space maintainers, orthodontic appliances, and occlusal guards ³⁸	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3)		X	
Prepare enamel by etching for bonding. ³⁹	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4)		X	
Apply etchant for bonding restorative materials. ⁴⁰	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9)		X	

²⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8), (d)).

³⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9), (d)).

³¹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(1), (d)).

³² Level of supervision to be determined by supervising dentist.

³³ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7), (d)).

³⁴ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8), (d)).

³⁵ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6), (d)).

³⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5), (d)).

³⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2), (d)).

³⁸ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3), (d)).

³⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4), (d)).

⁴⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9), (d)).

Perform oral health assessments, including intraoral and extraoral soft tissue evaluations to identify oral lesions, classifying occlusion, performing myofunctional evaluations, and oral cancer screenings as authorized by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(1)		X	X
Perform oral health assessments in school-based, community health project settings under the direction of a dentist, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(2)		X	X
Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(4)		X	X
Cement endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(5)		X	X
Perform post, core, and build-up procedures in conjunction with direct and indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(6)		X	X
Take final impressions for tooth-borne removeable prosthesis.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(8)		X	X
Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(9)		X	X
Adjust and adhere all permanent indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(10)		X	X
In a dental office setting: Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. In these circumstances, the RDAEF shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(1)(A), (c)		X	X
In public health settings, using telehealth, as defined by Section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, Head Start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the general supervision of a dentist: Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. In these circumstances, the RDAEF shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(1)(B), (c)	X		X
In a dental office setting, under the direct or general supervision of a dentist as determined by the dentist: Place protective restorations, which for this purpose are identified as interim therapeutic restorations (ITRs), and defined as a direct provisional restoration placed to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment. An ITR consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation, without the use of rotary instrumentation, and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for ITR placement. After the diagnosis, treatment plan, and instruction to perform the procedure provided by a dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(2)(A) (i), (B), (c)	X	X	X
In public health settings, using telehealth, as defined by Section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, Head Start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the general supervision of a dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(2)(A) (ii), (B), (c)	X		X

Place protective restorations, which for this purpose are identified as ITR, and defined as a direct provisional restoration placed to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment. An ITR consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation, without the use of rotary instrumentation, and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for ITR placement. After the diagnosis, treatment plan, and instruction to perform the procedure provided by a dentist.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 16, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 10.a: 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 package was filed with the Office of Administrative Law on October 9, 2024.

(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 approved by the Office of Administrative Law on September 26, 2024, 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."

The Dental Assisting Regulations Working Group will be meeting in December to review the next article of regulations to modify and present at the February 2025 Council and Board meetings.

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. The working group, consisting of Council Chair Miyasaki and Board Vice President Joanne Pacheco, has been reviewing iterations of proposed regulatory language. Board staff consulted with the Dental Hygiene Board of California staff and their subject matter expert to receive input on the proposed regulations.

Action Requested

This item is informational only. No action is requested.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 18, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 10.b.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Initiate a Rulemaking to Amend CCR, Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control

Background

Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 1680(ad) requires the Dental Board of California (Board) to annually review, and if necessary, adopt new regulations to facilitate minimum standards for infection control that adequately address patient safety needs.

The Board's Infection Control Advisory Working Group, consisting of Joanne Pacheco (Vice President, Board), Cara Miyaski (Chair, Dental Assisting Council), and a subject matter expert from the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC), have reviewed the regulations for clarity of language, necessity for amendments, and consistency with other governing agencies, such as CAL-OSHA, CalEPA, and the Centers for Disease Control. Board staff also reviewed the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians infection control documents.

The goal was to establish consensus and appropriate consistency on the proposed regulatory amendments to the minimum standards for infection control and subsequent implementation of those standards. This goal has not been met to date. Therefore, the proposed language is not included in these materials and instead will be brought to the DHBC November 15-16, 2024 meeting for review and approval. If approved, the proposed language will then be presented at the February 6-7, 2025 Dental Assisting Council and Board meetings.

Action Requested

No action is requested.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 16, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 11.a.: 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 identified one bill of interest to the Dental Assisting Council (Council). The Board took a Support position on SB 1453, the Board's sunset bill. This bill was approved by the Governor on September 22, 2024 and filed with the Secretary of State on September 22, 2024.

In addition to reauthorizing the Board to regulate the practice of dentistry and to administer and enforce the Dental Practice Act (Act), the sunset review bill made various changes to the operations of the Board and sections of the Act, for example:

- Removal of the requirement that the Board include a registered dental hygienist and, instead, require the inclusion of two registered dental assistants.
- Removal of a provision requiring the Board to meet regularly once each year in the San Francisco Bay Area and in southern California.
- Revisions to the application, examination, and continuing education requirements for the application and issuance of an elective facial cosmetic surgery permit.
- Revisions to the requirements for obtaining authorization for, and the administration of, general anesthesia and sedation, including requirements relating to the physical presence of a dentist administering or ordering general anesthesia or deep sedation.

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- Making certain patient records submitted to the Board confidential and not subject to disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act.
- Providing for the expiration of a pediatric endorsement and revising requirements for the administration of general anesthesia by a physician and surgeon.
- Making it a crime, punishable as a misdemeanor, for a person to engage in the practice of dentistry without causing to be displayed in an area that is likely to be seen by all patients who use the facility, the original or copy of the current license, permit, or registration of each person employed at the facility to practice dentistry.
- Authorizing the board to post an administrative citation issued for a violation of certain provisions on the Board's internet website.
- Revising requirements and conditions for obtaining a permit for, and practicing under, a fictitious name.
- Revising provisions affecting the cancellation of expired licenses.
- Establishing a fee for a pediatric endorsement for a general anesthesia permit or moderate sedation permit of up to \$1,000, and a renewal fee for a pediatric endorsement not to exceed \$600, which will be deposited into the State Dentistry Fund.
- Revising requirements and conditions of supervision of dental assistants by employers and licensed dentists, training and education requirements for dental assistants, and the functions and duties a dental assistant is authorized to perform.
- Establishing requirements for courses in radiation safety and infection control for dental assistants.
- Revising the requirements to obtain an orthodontic assistant permit and revise the duties and functions that a person holding an orthodontic assistant permit or dental sedation assistant permit is authorized to perform.
- Revising requirements for licensure and practice as a registered dental assistant and a registered dental assistant in extended functions.
- Revising the requirements on a provider of specified educational programs or courses that require board approval and authorize the board to issue an administrative citation if the board has probable cause to believe that a person, company, or association is advertising with respect to offering an educational program or course that requires board approval without being properly approved by the Board.

Unless otherwise specified in SB 1453, the changes take effect on January 1, 2025.

Action Requested

This item is informational only. No action is required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 18, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 11.b.: Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Section 1725 Regarding Dental Auxiliary Course and Educational Program Fees

Background

As the Dental Board of California (Board) works toward implementing the new provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024), sections of law requiring clarification have been identified.

Specifically, Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 1725 relating to dental auxiliary course and educational program fees is one example. Board staff recognized that a fee needed to be added for the review of each approval application or reevaluation for a course offered pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1755. In addition, other non-substantive edits were identified and are suggested. Board staff have included a legislative proposal to amend BPC Section 1725.

Action Requested

Board staff requests that the Council recommend to the Board to approve the legislative proposal presented in the attachment.

Suggested Motions

Option 1 (support the proposed request): Move to recommend to the Board that it approve the legislative proposal to amend Business and Professions Code Section 1725 relating to dental auxiliary course and educational program fees.

Option 2 (support the proposed request as revised during this meeting): Move to recommend to the Board that it approve the legislative proposal to amend Business and

Professions Code Section 1725 relating to dental auxiliary course and educational program fees, as revised during this meeting (insert specific revisions).

Option 3 (no action): If the Council does not wish to act on the request, no motion is needed.

Attachment: Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code Section 1725 Relating to Dental Auxiliary Course and Educational Program Fees.

DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO AMEND BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 1725 RELATING TO DENTAL AUXILIARY COURSE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FEES

Proposed amendments are indicated in underline for new text and ~~strike through~~ for deleted text.

Amend Section 1725 of Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1725. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter that relate to the licensing and permitting of dental assistants shall be established by regulation and subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The application fee for an original license shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (b) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (c) The fee for application and for the issuance of an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (d) The fee for the written examination for an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (e) The fee for the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination for a registered dental assistant shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (f) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (g) The biennial renewal fee for a registered dental assistant license, registered dental assistant in extended functions license, dental sedation assistant permit, or orthodontic assistant permit shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (h) The delinquency fee shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee for the license or permit in effect on the date of the renewal of the license or permit.
- (i) The fee for issuance of a duplicate registration, license, permit, or certificate to replace one that is lost or destroyed, or in the event of a name change, shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).

(j) The fee for each curriculum review and site evaluation for educational programs for registered dental assistants ~~that are not accredited by a board-approved agency, or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges~~ shall not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500).

(k) The fee for review of each approval application or reevaluation for a course ~~that is not accredited by a board-approved agency or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges~~ shall not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(l) The fee for review of each approval application or reevaluation for a course offered pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 1755 shall be three hundred dollars (\$300).

(m) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Dentistry Fund.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 9, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 12: Election of 2025 Council Chair and Vice Chair

Background

The Dental Board of California (Board) Dental Assisting Council (Council) members will elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson for 2025.

Roles and Responsibilities

Chair:

- Reviews agenda items with Executive Officer prior to Council or Committee meetings.
- Approves the Council or Committee agendas.
- Chairs and facilitates Council or Committee meetings.
- Calls the roll or appoints a member to call the roll for each action item.
- Reports the activities of the Council or Committee to the full Board.

Vice Chair:

- In the absence of the presiding Chair, fulfills the Chairs responsibilities.

Pursuant to the *Board, Council, and Committee Member Administrative Policy and Procedure Manual, Adopted August 2024*, the Board's Executive Officer shall conduct the election of officers and shall set the general election procedure. The Executive Officer will ask for nominations for each office. The election of the Chair will occur first, followed by the Vice-Chair.