

Alert: SB 1453 Changes to Anesthesia and Sedation Permits Become Effective January 1, 2025

The Board's Sunset Bill, [SB 1453 \(Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024\)](#), makes several changes to the anesthesia and sedation permits issued by the Dental Board of California (Board), which will become effective on January 1, 2025. These changes include:

New Definition

- New definition of 'good standing' to clarify the license or permit required to apply for and maintain the General Anesthesia (GA), Medical General Anesthesia (MGA), Moderate Sedation (MS), Pediatric Minimal Sedation (PMS) permits, and Oral Conscious Sedation for Adults (OCS-A) certificate.

General Anesthesia Permits

- A dentist applying for a GA permit must maintain current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support.
- Clarifies that the dentist who administers or orders the administration of deep sedation or general anesthesia is physically present in the treatment facility while the patient is sedated.
- Clarifies that patient records submitted to the Board when applying for the Pediatric Endorsement will be kept confidential unless lawfully subpoenaed.

Medical General Anesthesia Permits

- Specifies that a physician or surgeon licensed by the Medical Board of California (MBC) or Osteopathic Medical Board of California (OMBC) who administers or orders the administration of deep sedation or general anesthesia in a dental office must hold an active physician and surgeons license in good standing in addition to an MGA permit issued by the Board.
- Additional Requirements to apply for the MGA permit include:
 - Certified license history issued by the MBC or the OMBC, showing the physician and surgeon license number and current license status.
 - Evidence showing that the applicant has successfully completed a postgraduate residency training program in anesthesiology that is recognized by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Moderate Sedation Permits

- MS permit holders with pediatric endorsement must have continuous certification in Pediatric Advanced Life Support or other Board-approved training in pediatric life support and airway management.
- Clarifies that an MS permit holder applying for a Pediatric Endorsement who does not have sufficient cases for pediatric patients aged 7 to under 13 may administer moderate

sedation to this age group only under the direct supervision of a GA, or MS permit holder with pediatric endorsement. The applicant may count these supervised cases toward the 20 required to qualify for the pediatric endorsement.

- Clarifies that an MS permit holder with a Pediatric Endorsement who does not have sufficient cases for pediatric patients under 7 may administer moderate sedation to this age group only under the direct supervision of a GA, or MS permit holder with pediatric endorsement.
- Clarifies that the dentist who administers or orders the administration of moderate sedation is physically present in the treatment facility while the patient is sedated.
- Clarifies that patient records submitted to the Board when applying for the Pediatric Endorsement will be kept confidential unless lawfully subpoenaed.

Moderate Sedation Courses Provided in a California Dental Office

Moderate sedation courses provided in the dental office located in California must include the following per Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1647.3, subdivision (i):

1. All office facility, equipment, and staff requirements for moderate sedation permitholders shall be met.
2. Specifies that the completion of at least 20 cases of administration of moderate sedation for a variety of dental procedures is performed under the direct supervision of a California-licensed dentist who holds a board-issued GA or MS permit.
3. Specifies that the completion of at least 20 cases of administration of moderate sedation to patients under the age of 7 required to apply for the pediatric endorsement be performed under the direct supervision of a California-licensed dentist who holds a board-issued GA or MS permit with a pediatric endorsement.
4. Specifies that the completion of at least 20 cases of administration of moderate sedation for a variety of dental procedures is supervised in compliance with [subdivision \(a\) of BPC 1682](#).

Oral Conscious Sedation for Adults Certificate

- Applicants may now qualify for an OCS-A permit by completing a pediatric dental or periodontics residency approved by the Board.
- Applicants can no longer qualify for an OCS-A certificate by submitting documentation of 10 cases of oral conscious sedation on adult patients. Applicants must meet a current pathway to qualify for the OCS-A permit.

Pediatric Minimal Sedation Permits

- Updates the definition of “minimal sedation.”
- Requires that a PMS permitholder complete a minimum of seven (7) hours continuing education related to pediatric minimal sedation as a condition of renewal.

For applications and information on the anesthesia and sedation permits available, please visit our Applicants page at https://www.dbc.ca.gov/applicants/dentist_licenses_and_permits.shtml. If you have additional questions, please contact Anesthesia Unit Staff at (916) 263-2300 and select option #3 or email AU.Program@dca.ca.gov.