



**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

NOTICE OF MEETING

August 25, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (or Upon Completion of Business)

Council Members

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

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item listed on the agenda.**

The Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) will meet at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at the following location¹:

Department of Consumer Affairs
1747 N. Market Blvd., Hearing Room #186
Sacramento, CA 95834

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
Note: The Council may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this Public Comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11125 and 11125.7(a).)
3. Discussion and Possible Action on May 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes **[4-14]**
4. Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics **[15-16]**
 - 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
5. Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics **[17-27]**
 - a. Registered Dental Assistant License
 - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions License
 - c. Orthodontic Assistant Permit
 - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Permit
6. Update on Status of Surveys Regarding Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide **[28-29]**
7. Presentation from Dental Assisting National Board Regarding Dental Auxiliary Certifications for Board Licensure **[30-32]**
8. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 1752.1, 1752.4, and 1907 and Repeal BPC Section 1752.6 Relating to Registered Dental Hygienist Application Requirements to Obtain a Registered Dental Assistant License and Permitted Duties **[33-41]**
9. Adjournment

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**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

May 12, 2022

Sheraton Garden Grove
12221 Harbor Blvd., Emerald/White Diamond Room
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Sarah Wallace, Interim Executive Officer
Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing
Jessica Olney, Anesthesia Unit Manager
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager
David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney III, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

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

Council Chair, Ms. Jeri Fowler, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.; seven members of the Council were present, and a quorum was established.

Agenda Item 2: Introduction of New Council Members

Chair Fowler introduced the oncoming Council Members, Ms. Kandice Rae Pliss, RDA, and Ms. De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA, to the Council and gave a brief summary of their professional experience.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Possible Action on January 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Reed-Espinoza) to approve the January 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

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

Chair Fowler called for the vote on the proposed motion. Ms. Mirela Taran, Administrative Assistant, took a roll call vote on the proposed motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Pliss, Reed-Espinoza.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 5: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

Ms. Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

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

Agenda Item 6: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

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

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

Agenda Item 7: Update on Dental Assisting Educational Program and Course Applications and Re-Evaluations

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

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

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

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

Chair Fowler stated that there are two surveys, one that should be taken separately by RDAEFs and the other by their supervising dentists, who are responsible for administering additional local anesthesia and nitrous oxide to their patients. Regarding the survey questions that asked about the average amount of time, Council Member Cara Miyasaki asked if it should be limited to within the last year or to the average time

that a patient has waited for local anesthesia. Chair Fowler responded that at this point in time, it would be beneficial to keep it general. For awareness purposes, Council Member Rosalinda Olague stated that the State of Oregon recently did a survey in which they surveyed all dentists on what procedure they would want to add to the dental assisting scope.

(M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Olague) to delegate authority to the two-member working group to work with [the DCA Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES)] to finalize the surveys and distribute to stakeholders.

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

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

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Pliss, Reed-Espinoza.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

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

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

Chair Fowler reviewed the January, February, and March 2022 pass rates. She asked what the procedure or process is for modifying an exam or determining if questions should be revised or reworded. Additionally, she asked if candidates who failed the new exam are allowed to retake the exam, that is if questions are determined invalid. Ms. Vallery replied that once OPES performs their analyses and determines that there were questions that were deemed not fair or scorable, they will make adjustments and notify the candidates that were affected. Ms. Sarah Wallace, Interim Executive Officer, mentioned that Board staff met with OPES prior to the Board meeting, and they advised against making any interpretations regarding pass rates or the examination performance as the number of candidates are insufficient to provide reliable results. They continue to monitor the examination and will perform additional analyses once a sufficient number of candidates have taken the examination. Ms. Wallace mentioned that OPES will be attending the August 2022 Board meeting to provide additional information regarding the examination performance.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment. Tooka Zokaie, California Dental Association (CDA), asked if there was an area of consistent failure amongst low pass rates or if there was a section in which

failure is predominant. Ms. Wallace replied that OPES is consistently reviewing examination results, and the number of candidates is low; therefore, it is difficult to provide reliable results. Ms. Wallace stated that OPES does take that into consideration as they perform their analyses.

Agenda Item 10: Update Regarding Dental Assisting Comprehensive Rulemaking (California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Sections 1067-1081.3)

Ms. Wallace provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. She mentioned that previously, the Council had formed work groups over several years to develop amendments to the Board's regulations relating to dental assisting examination application and educational program and course requirements, which culminated in the Board reviewing a comprehensive rulemaking package at its December 2019 meeting and initiating a rulemaking. Ms. Wallace continued that through this time, Board staff have been working with Legal Counsel on the language and formulating the initial rulemaking documents that need to be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Ms. Wallace stated that in working with the Board's Regulatory Counsel, the Board has determined that there are several issues with the proposed text that may necessitate it being re-referred back to the Council. For rulemaking packages to pass OAL, they have to meet several standards leading to necessity, clarity, consistency, and avoiding duplication within the regulations. Throughout the review, there were several areas deemed to be potential issues if the rulemaking was to go on to OAL review. Ms. Wallace mentioned that Board staff would request assistance from Council Members on the development of the language to ensure that the Board is capturing the requirements accurately and reorganizing the language so that it is clear to applicants, educators, and licensees.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment. Ms. Melodi Randolph, California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers (CADAT) and the Alliance representative, asked what the picture of the rulemaking package going back to the Council would look like. Ms. Wallace replied that the policy and the requirements that were involved in the rulemaking development are not necessarily up for discussion; it is the organization of the requirements and condensing to avoid duplication among several sections to make it as clear as possible and to ensure that it has been demonstrated clearly what the necessity of each amendment is.

Agenda Item 11: Discussion and Possible Recommendation on Pending Legislation
a. Assembly Bill (AB) 2276 (Carrillo, 2022) Dental assistants.

Mr. David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist, provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. He noted that AB 2276, as it was currently written, would add a new section to the Business and Professions Code that would allow dental assistants (DAs) to conduct coronal polishing or pit and fissure sealing if certain requirements were met. Mr. Bruggeman stated that the Board would like an amendment to the bill to reduce the impact to the Board.

Ms. Miyasaki inquired as to who can propose legislation. Mr. Bruggeman noted that interested parties have the ability to encourage a legislator to sponsor a bill supporting their interests. Legislators would be the individuals writing the bills with input from relevant stakeholders that would be contributing to the process. Ms. Wallace added that the Board has not sponsored this bill, and the Council had the opportunity to make a recommendation to the Board.

Chair Fowler asked how DAs, if they were allowed to place pit and fissure, would adjust occlusion on sealants when they are unable to use hand instrumentation as it is not in their allowable duties. She stated that if this bill went forward, the existing coronal polishing and pit and fissure sealant courses would need to be modified to include additional training. Chair Fowler added that she does not agree with the statement that Board staff anticipate unlicensed DAs, who seek to complete these courses to perform these procedures, would be more inclined to seek RDA licensure. Regarding the statement “Board staff recommend requesting an amendment to require the supervising dentist be responsible for ensuring successful completion of the applicable Board-approved courses, rather than require the Board to track such completions,” Chair Fowler pointed out that if the Board does this, there would be no mechanism to check if the DA had completed those courses.

Ms. Miyasaki agreed with Chair Fowler’s comments and with the points from the letter provided by the Alliance. Council Member Kandice Pliss agreed with Chair Fowler’s comments that DAs would not pursue their RDA license if they were capable of doing certain procedures in the office. She believed it would be limiting the RDAs coming into the workforce as well as their value. Ms. Olague verbalized her support of the bill and believed that elevating the scope of what a DA can perform in communities to help with access to care is something the Council would need to consider. Ms. Olague added that she agreed there needed to be a conversation around how the auditing would work and how the Board would be able to see certifications come in.

Council Member De’Andra Epps-Robbins stated there needed to be an opportunity of having the expansion of timing for the education of this procedure. She believed that this needed to be expanded in an educational setting. She questioned how the Board would have the checks and balances of direct supervision in a heavily busy practice. Ms. Wallace pointed out that there are currently three pathways to licensure. She added that taking into consideration that these candidates who are already fulfilling their on-the-job training experience are completing these courses, Board staff recommended a support if amended position. She added that the Board had researched its enforcement data, and there had been no complaint history to indicate a consumer protection risk associated with coronal polishing or pit and fissure.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment. Ms. Mary McCune, CDA, stated that CDA is the sponsor of the bill and informed the Council that the language of the bill is heavily in flux. Although they have strong support in the Legislature, they are trying to work with other stakeholders on the

bill, including those that submitted an opposition letter. They were looking at taking out sealants, so the bill would only be focused on coronal polishing, looking at the patient safety and how things can be enforced, and looking at how direct supervision can be squared in on the coronal polishing for unlicensed DAs through mechanisms of looking at the medical record for that service.

Dr. Bruce Whitcher, CDA, believed the Board would see many amendments that would address many of the Council's concerns.

Claudia Pohl, California Dental Assistants Association (CDAA) and the Alliance, stated that they were taking an opposed position but were working on amendments and anticipated collaborating to address their concerns as outlined in their letter.

Ms. Randolph reiterated that as a DA educator for over 30 years, she did not see how the bill would encourage people to become an RDA and believed it was destroying the career ladder as opposed to helping build it. They were in favor of a permit and had the understanding that if the coronal polishing became a permit, applicants would have to submit an application to get the permit from the Board and pay a fee, and the fees for the permit would support and cover the costs of the administration of the permit.

Dr. Whitcher, speaking as a practicing dentist who works in an access clinic, stated that the additional duties of the RDA are significant and believed that it is not quite accurate to state that the bill would destroy the incentive to become an RDA.

Ms. Olague moved to support the bill if amended to remove the requirement for the certificates of completion of the applicable Board-approved courses to be submitted by the applicant to the Board. There was no second on the motion, so the motion failed.

Ms. Miyasaki asked if the Council could see the final amendment of the bill before it went to the Board. Ms. Wallace noted that the published version of the amendments was in the meeting materials, so at this point, the Council would need to consider the version that was in the Board meeting packet before making a recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Miyasaki moved, and Ms. Pliss seconded a recommendation that the Board oppose the bill.

Ms. Miyasaki stated that she had identified problems with the language. Chair Fowler verbalized that she felt uncomfortable with approving the current amendments. Ms. Wallace reiterated that the Board did not have access to the amendments. Ms. Olague inquired whether the Council could support the bill with additional amendments in lieu of what Board staff had recommended. Ms. Wallace responded that the Council could determine what amendments they would recommend that the Board consider.

Ms. Epps-Robbins stated that being an educator, it was of utmost importance to be able to move the DA forward to the RDA status and to be able to still have clarity of an RDA function and a DA function. She wanted to see a little bit more information before making a final determination. Ms. Miyasaki believed the amendments looked at by CDA and educators were much more comprehensive than those mentioned in the meeting materials. Ms. Wallace noted the Council could recommend to the Board a watch position with listed concerns, and Chair Fowler could include those specific concerns in her report to the Board.

Ms. Olague asked if Council Members were able to retract a motion that was made. Ms. Welch responded that the members could retract, or they can revise their motion as long as the member who seconded the motion agrees to the revision.

Ms. Miyasaki retracted her motion to oppose, and Ms. Pliss agreed with the retraction.

Chair Fowler sought clarification of a watch position on a bill. Ms. Welch stated that watch letters are neutral and that they do not necessarily give any weight either way; at times, they are disregarded by the stakeholders and the author. Ms. Welch added that if the Council had an idea of the concept that they could agree with, the position could be support if amended to address the concerns; this would allow the Board to stake out a position that it liked the concept of the bill but concerns needed to be addressed before full support could be given. Ms. Welch continued that another path would be to oppose unless amended to address specific concerns, which authors have a tendency to look at more closely.

Chair Fowler moved to oppose unless amended. Chair Fowler requested discussion from the Council.

Ms. Miyasaki asked if all of the Council Members had to agree on the entire list of amendments to the bill or whether it could be forwarded to the full Board, which would allow them to see the number of members that were or were not favor of each amendment listed. Ms. Welch responded that it was better to list what the concerns are generally; that way, more support for the position can be obtained. Ms. Reed-Espinoza stated concerns with having the DA do isolation properly to handle a sealant versus coronal polishing, supervision, and fees. Ms. Epps-Robbins agreed to oppose unless amended because she strongly believed that the bill needed amendments and disclosed her concerns regarding supervision, responsibility, and accountability over a DA if there was something missed when the patient was released. Ms. Epps-Robbins seconded Chair Fowler's motion to oppose unless amended.

Chair Fowler stated her concerns to be addressed by amendments to the bill. She was in favor of the pit and fissure sealant being taken off the table and the checks and balances after the DA completes the course. Chair Fowler noted that current law only requires the supervising dentist to keep track of the DA coursework. Chair Fowler noted a third concern regarding the pit and fissure training and a means to adjust occlusions.

Ms. Miyasaki agreed with Chair Fowler's comments to remove pit and fissure sealants from the bill, accountability requirements, establishing fees for an issued permit, and that there should be required two-hour infection control and Dental Practice Act courses for renewal. Ms. Reed-Espinoza agreed to separate the sealant versus the coronal polishing and with issuing a permit for accountability rather than issuing certification. She suggested that the Council add that a hygienist could aid in supervising coronal polishing.

Ms. Miyasaki asked whether the Council would be open to supervision by a licensed dental professional for the coronal polishing. Chair Fowler responded that she is in favor. Ms. Miyasaki requested that the Council have a discussion regarding direct or general supervision. Ms. Epps-Robbins and Ms. Pliss both stated that they were in favor of the supervision being direct.

Ms. Welch read the list of bill amendments to be added to the motion: remove pit and fissure sealant; permit application and renewal with corresponding fees; continuing education (CE) of two-hour infection control and Dental Practice Act at renewal; and direct supervision by a licensed dental professional. Ms. Miyasaki asked to include Basic Life Support (BLS) in the CE requirement.

Ms. Wallace noted that by issuing a permit to unlicensed DAs, it becomes an enforcement aspect. Unlicensed DAs are supervised by the dentist; therefore, if the Board received a complaint and the DA was found to be in violation, ultimately the dentist is responsible, and the Board would take administrative action on that license. She mentioned that it was possible, and there would be parity with, what is in existing law for unlicensed DAs for the supervising dentist to be responsible for ensuring that the certificate of completion is on file in their office. Ms. Wallace asked if that is an option that the Council would want to consider, rather than creating a permitting structure for the Board. Ms. Miyasaki inquired whether it would be possible to ask the dentist to certify when they renew their license. Ms. Wallace responded that the dentist is perpetually responsible for the supervision of their DAs and for ensuring that they have complied with all their CE requirements for renewal. Therefore, she did not believe that it would be necessary to go that extra step. She verbalized that when permitting structures are created, it is important that the Board identifies the necessity for doing so and what the end result would be. She stated that the Board has the option of requiring the supervising dentist to be that "checks and balances" and that it is possible to define it as unprofessional conduct if a dentist does not ensure that the certificates of completion are on file in their office.

Ms. Miyasaki raised concern that the unlicensed DA does not receive the background check which would enable them to work in a dental office and could possibly have a felony connection conviction. Ms. Welch recommended that if the bill does not go toward permitting, it could include some provision to specify the disciplinary or enforcement action the Board could take against an unlicensed DA and adding that unprofessional conduct provision for discipline against the dentist.

Chair Fowler raised concern regarding enforcing supervision and asked how the Council felt about saying no to certification or renewal for the coronal polishing. Ms. Miyasaki noted that there could be a provision that the Board could urge for a certification or permit; however, if that was not something the Board was likely to look at, perhaps there could be provisions in the bill for some sort of enforcement action and the unprofessional conduct.

Ms. Reed-Espinoza opposed not having a certification or permit for the DA. Ms. Miyasaki agreed with the certification with the caveat that if that is something the Board did not agree with, to include a recommendation for the enforcement action and the provision for unprofessional conduct and citation. Ms. Ologue replied that she leaned toward not requiring that additional certification or that permit route, since DAs are practicing under direct supervision of that licensed dentist. Ms. Reed-Espinoza agreed with Ms. Miyasaki's comment.

Chair Fowler requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. The Board received public comment. Anthony Lum, Executive Officer of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC), commented on the proposed amendments regarding dental hygienists overseeing the coronal polishing aspect. He informed the Council that dental hygienists are not able to supervise DAs or RDAs and that is reserved for the registered dental hygienist in alternate practice (RDHAP) category. Dental hygienists are limited to hiring DAs; under this bill, the direct supervision would come from the licensed dentist only.

Ms. Randolph reminded the Council of the definition of direct supervision and stated that the Council had to be careful in using the terms "permit" and "certification" interchangeably and provided clarification on the distinguishment between the two terms.

Dr. Lori Gagliardi, representing the Foundation for Allied Dental Education (FADE), concurred with the statements brought up by the Council. She provided two suggestions, educational and clinical work experience requirements, that she encouraged the Council to look at if they were going to oppose and amend the bill. She asked why an individual would maintain their RDA license if there happened to not be any additional renewal requirements for the DA. She did not believe the pit and fissure should be a requirement.

Ms. Miyasaki agreed with Dr. Gagliardi's points about the minimum clinical work experience and that the RDA could let their license lapse and continue to do coronal polishing as a DA. Ms. Wallace mentioned that 15 months of on-the-job training is required to become licensed as an RDA. Ms. Reed-Espinoza stated that it would be good to have a required time in regard to clinical time. Ms. Miyasaki suggested the Council keep it to requiring a minimal number of clinical work experience hours or months or length of time and letting the organizations who are involved with the

amendments hash that out. Ms. Reed-Espinoza suggested that 120 days of on-the-job training, after probationary period is met, could be a start. Ms. Pliss verbalized that the Council should go no less than 120 days. Ms. Epps-Robbins was in favor of not going under 120 days and suggested the Council set a precedence of number of patients versus hours of patients. She stated that 15 months seemed a little extensive and suggested the Council extend that out to a four-month period of time. Ms. Olague stated that in partnering with clinicians and licensed dentists and training DAs, she leaned toward 30 days. Chair Fowler clarified her motion.

(M/S/C) (Fowler/Epps-Robbins) to recommend to the Board to oppose AB 2276 unless amended to: remove the pit and fissure sealant component; require certification and renewal with CE requirements of coronal polishing, BLS, infection control, and disciplinary action against the supervising dentist and the DA if the DA does not maintain certification, direct supervision by a dentist; and 120 days of work experience as a DA before taking the coronal polishing course.

Chair Fowler requested additional public comment before the Council acted on the amended motion. The Board received additional public comment. Dr. Gagliardi encouraged the Council to look at hours instead of days of work experience, since it could be unclear how many hours constituted a day of work. Ms. Randolph suggested the Council add wording in the motion that the hours be in direct patient care procedures instead of merely 120 hours in the office.

Chair Fowler considered adding to the motion working with patients in a clinical setting for the 120-day DA work experience requirement. Ms. Wallace noted that 120 working days equaled 960 hours. Ms. Miyasaki proposed 500 hours of direct patient care versus 960 hours. Ms. Reed-Espinoza proposed to reduce the 500 hours to 320 hours, as not a lot of people work eight hours a day and five days a week. Ms. Miyasaki asked if the hours could be raised to 400. Chair Fowler amended the motion to require 400 hours of clinical DA work experience before taking the coronal polishing course. Ms. Epps-Robbins seconded the amended motion.

Amended (M/S/C) (Fowler/Epps-Robbins) to recommend to the Board to oppose AB 2276 unless amended to: remove the pit and fissure sealant component; require a permit to perform coronal polishing as a DA; payment of a permit fee; permit renewal with CE requirements of coronal polishing, BLS, infection control; disciplinary action against the supervising dentist and the DA if the DA does not maintain the permit; direct supervision of the DA by a dentist; and 400 hours of direct patient care work experience before taking the coronal polishing course.

Chair Fowler requested additional public comment before the Council acted on the amended motion. There was no additional public comment on the amended motion.

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

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Miyasaki, Pacheco, Pliss, Reed-Espinoza.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: Olague.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.



MEMORANDUM

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| DATE | July 7, 2022 |
| TO | Members of the Dental Assisting Council |
| FROM | Rikki Parks, Associate Governmental Program Analyst Dental Board of California |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item 4: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics |

Background:

The following table provides the examination statistics for candidates who took dental assisting examinations in the past three fiscal years (FYs). The data below captures the past three fiscal years in their entirety.

| License Type | | RDA | OA | DSA | RDAEF | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | Written | Written | Written | Clinical | Practical | Written |
| FY 2021/22 | Total 1st Time Candidates Tested | 1545 | 137 | 5 | 54 | 58 | 160 |
| | 1st Time Candidates Pass | 1066 | 102 | 4 | 37 | 46 | 111 |
| | 1st Time Candidates Pass % | 69% | 74% | 80% | 69% | 79% | 69% |
| | 1st Time Candidates Fail | 479 | 35 | 1 | 17 | 12 | 49 |
| | 1st Time Candidates Fail % | 31% | 26% | 20% | 31% | 21% | 31% |
| | Total Repeat Candidates Tested | 1001 | 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 | 2546 | 267 | 6 | 68 | 77 | 268 |
| | Total Candidates Passed | 1477 | 168 | 5 | 46 | 58 | 154 |
| | Total Candidates Pass % | 58% | 63% | 80% | 68% | 75% | 57% |
| | Total Candidates Failed | 1069 | 99 | 1 | 22 | 19 | 114 |
| Total Candidates Fail % | 42% | 37% | 20% | 32% | 25% | 43% | |
| FY 2020/21 | Total 1 st Time Candidates Tested | 1665 | 162 | 3 | N/A | N/A | 156 |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Pass | 1285 | 82 | 2 | N/A | N/A | 133 |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Pass % | 77% | 51% | 67% | N/A | N/A | 85% |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Fail | 380 | 80 | 1 | N/A | N/A | 23 |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Fail % | 23% | 49% | 33% | N/A | N/A | 15% |
| | Total Repeat Candidates Tested | 854 | 184 | 2 | N/A | N/A | 28 |
| | Repeat Candidates Pass | 368 | 51 | 1 | N/A | N/A | 20 |
| | Repeat Candidates Pass % | 43% | 28% | 50% | N/A | N/A | 71% |
| | Repeat Candidates Fail | 486 | 133 | 1 | N/A | N/A | 8 |
| | Repeat Candidates Fail % | 57% | 72% | 50% | N/A | N/A | 29% |
| | Total Candidates Tested | 2519 | 346 | 5 | N/A | N/A | 184 |
| | Total Candidates Passed | 1653 | 133 | 3 | N/A | N/A | 153 |

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|--------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total Candidates Pass % | 66% | 38% | 60% | N/A | N/A | 85% |
| | Total Candidates Failed | 866 | 213 | 2 | N/A | N/A | 31 |
| | Total Candidates Fail % | 34% | 62% | 40% | N/A | N/A | 17% |
| FY 2019/20 | Total 1 st Time Candidates Tested | 2122 | 213 | 6 | 56 | 64 | 96 |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Pass | 1416 | 110 | 6 | 29 | 35 | 71 |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Pass % | 67% | 52% | 100% | 52% | 55% | 74% |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Fail | 706 | 103 | N/A | 27 | 29 | 25 |
| | 1 st Time Candidates Fail % | 33% | 48% | N/A | 48% | 45% | 26% |
| | Total Repeat Candidates Tested | 1481 | 225 | N/A | 24 | 21 | 53 |
| | Repeat Candidates Pass | 635 | 91 | N/A | 11 | 7 | 30 |
| | Repeat Candidates Pass % | 43% | 40% | N/A | 46% | 33% | 57% |
| | Repeat Candidates Fail | 846 | 134 | N/A | 13 | 14 | 23 |
| | Repeat Candidates Fail % | 57% | 60% | N/A | 54% | 67% | 43% |
| | Total Candidates Tested | 3603 | 438 | 6 | 80 | 85 | 149 |
| | Total Candidates Passed | 2051 | 201 | 6 | 40 | 42 | 101 |
| | Total Candidates Pass % | 57% | 46% | 100% | 50% | 49% | 68% |
| | Total Candidates Failed | 1552 | 237 | N/A | 40 | 43 | 48 |
| Total Candidates Fail % | 43% | 54% | N/A | 50% | 51% | 32% | |

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

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

Action Requested:

Informational only. No action required.



MEMORANDUM

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| DATE | July 5, 2022 |
| TO | Members of the Dental Assisting Council |
| FROM | Nigel Rayyan, Staff Services Analyst Dental Board of California |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item 5: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics |

Dental Assistant License Application Statistics

The following tables provide monthly dental assistant application statistics for fiscal years (FY) 18/19, 19/20, 20/21 and 21/22. The data provided for FY 21/22 is through June 30, 2022.

| Dental Assistant Applications Received by Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDA 18/19 | 234 | 299 | 179 | 156 | 133 | 178 | 150 | 203 | 254 | 267 | 222 | 449 | 2,724 |
| RDA 19/20 | 325 | 204 | 320 | 328 | 131 | 326 | 204 | 153 | 273 | 47 | 42 | 100 | 2,453 |
| RDA 20/21 | 128 | 120 | 288 | 409 | 134 | 210 | 263 | 120 | 215 | 239 | 195 | 340 | 2,661 |
| RDA 21/22 | 212 | 220 | 246 | 256 | 176 | 174 | 172 | 159 | 222 | 199 | 278 | 331 | 2,645 |
| RDAEF 18/19 | 19 | 29 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 42 | 19 | 1 | 153 |
| RDAEF 19/20 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 45 | 1 | 69 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 162 |
| RDAEF 20/21 | 3 | 13 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 36 | 13 | 14 | 126 |
| RDAEF 21/22 | 4 | 7 | 27 | 14 | 21 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 42 | 10 | 29 | 190 |
| OA 18/19 | 44 | 26 | 27 | 12 | 16 | 31 | 15 | 43 | 50 | 32 | 28 | 27 | 351 |
| OA 19/20 | 20 | 31 | 31 | 47 | 14 | 42 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 258 |
| OA 20/21 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 21 | 9 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 28 | 21 | 23 | 29 | 226 |
| OA 21/22 | 14 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 30 | 28 | 18 | 14 | 25 | 26 | 22 | 20 | 272 |
| DSA 18/19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| DSA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| DSA 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| DSA 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 18 |
| Dental Assistant Applications Approved by Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDA 18/19 | 259 | 242 | 204 | 226 | 202 | 166 | 122 | 162 | 181 | 182 | 131 | 161 | 2,238 |
| RDA 19/20 | 339 | 316 | 213 | 235 | 195 | 216 | 126 | 239 | 80 | 209 | 106 | 105 | 2,379 |
| RDA 20/21 | 65 | 47 | 248 | 188 | 69 | 89 | 261 | 239 | 219 | 244 | 146 | 92 | 1,907 |
| RDA 21/22 | 225 | 273 | 225 | 209 | 176 | 108 | 71 | 118 | 114 | 139 | 118 | 121 | 1,897 |

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| Dental Assistant Applications Approved by Month – Cont'd | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDAEF 18/19 | 7 | 21 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 41 | 17 | 0 | 153 |
| RDAEF 19/20 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 31 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 91 |
| RDAEF 20/21 | 36 | 19 | 23 | 17 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 19 | 10 | 23 | 20 | 178 |
| RDAEF 21/22 | 18 | 1 | 4 | 22 | 25 | 12 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 24 | 35 | 171 |
| OA 18/19 | 24 | 38 | 20 | 31 | 21 | 14 | 12 | 34 | 37 | 21 | 19 | 11 | 282 |
| OA 19/20 | 26 | 19 | 37 | 26 | 23 | 17 | 23 | 24 | 7 | 25 | 10 | 5 | 242 |
| OA 20/21 | 0 | 4 | 22 | 12 | 13 | 7 | 18 | 28 | 17 | 31 | 14 | 7 | 173 |
| OA 21/22 | 20 | 18 | 13 | 6 | 23 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 157 |
| DSA 18/19 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| DSA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| DSA 20/21 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DSA 21/22 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Dental Assistant Licenses Issued by Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDA 18/19 | 293 | 216 | 228 | 223 | 204 | 205 | 193 | 117 | 149 | 202 | 106 | 192 | 2,328 |
| RDA 19/20 | 217 | 184 | 245 | 252 | 248 | 294 | 185 | 146 | 104 | 27 | 51 | 81 | 2,034 |
| RDA 20/21 | 179 | 19 | 263 | 90 | 215 | 67 | 87 | 124 | 204 | 167 | 137 | 181 | 1,733 |
| RDA 21/22 | 244 | 151 | 126 | 149 | 155 | 181 | 79 | 97 | 99 | 97 | 121 | 100 | 1,599 |
| RDAEF 18/19 | 3 | 24 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 14 | 2 | 70 | 161 |
| RDAEF 19/20 | 7 | 20 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 78 |
| RDAEF 20/21 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| RDAEF 21/22 | 0 | 46 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 262 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 329 |
| OA 18/19 | 30 | 28 | 28 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 32 | 15 | 15 | 22 | 20 | 22 | 269 |
| OA 19/20 | 18 | 28 | 18 | 25 | 29 | 17 | 19 | 12 | 16 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 205 |
| OA 20/21 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 22 | 9 | 129 |
| OA 21/22 | 10 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 19 | 22 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 11 | 11 | 169 |
| DSA 18/19 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| DSA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| DSA 20/21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DSA 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Cancelled Dental Assistant Applications by Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDA 18/19 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| RDA 19/20 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| RDA 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| RDA 21/22 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 25 |
| RDAEF 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RDAEF 19/20 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| RDAEF 20/21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| RDAEF 21/22 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 |

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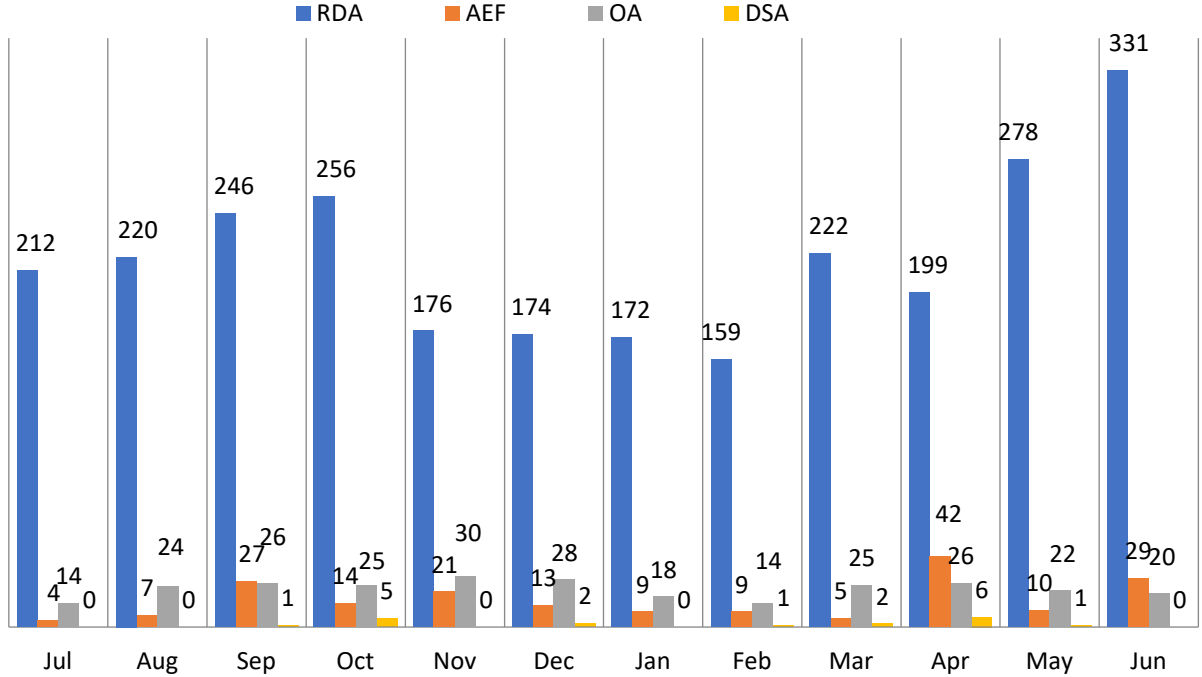
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|--|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| OA 18/19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| OA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OA 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OA 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| DSA 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Withdrawn Dental Assistant Applications by Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDA 18/19 | 14 | 19 | 11 | 9 | 20 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 |
| RDA 19/20 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 40 |
| RDA 20/21 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| RDA 21/22 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 33 |
| RDAEF 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| RDAEF 19/20 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| RDAEF 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| RDAEF 21/22 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| OA 18/19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| OA 19/20 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| OA 20/21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| OA 21/22 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| DSA 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DSA 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Denied Dental Assistant Applications by Month | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDA 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| RDA 19/20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| RDA 20/21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| RDA 21/22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| RDAEF 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RDAEF 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RDAEF 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RDAEF 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OA 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OA 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| OA 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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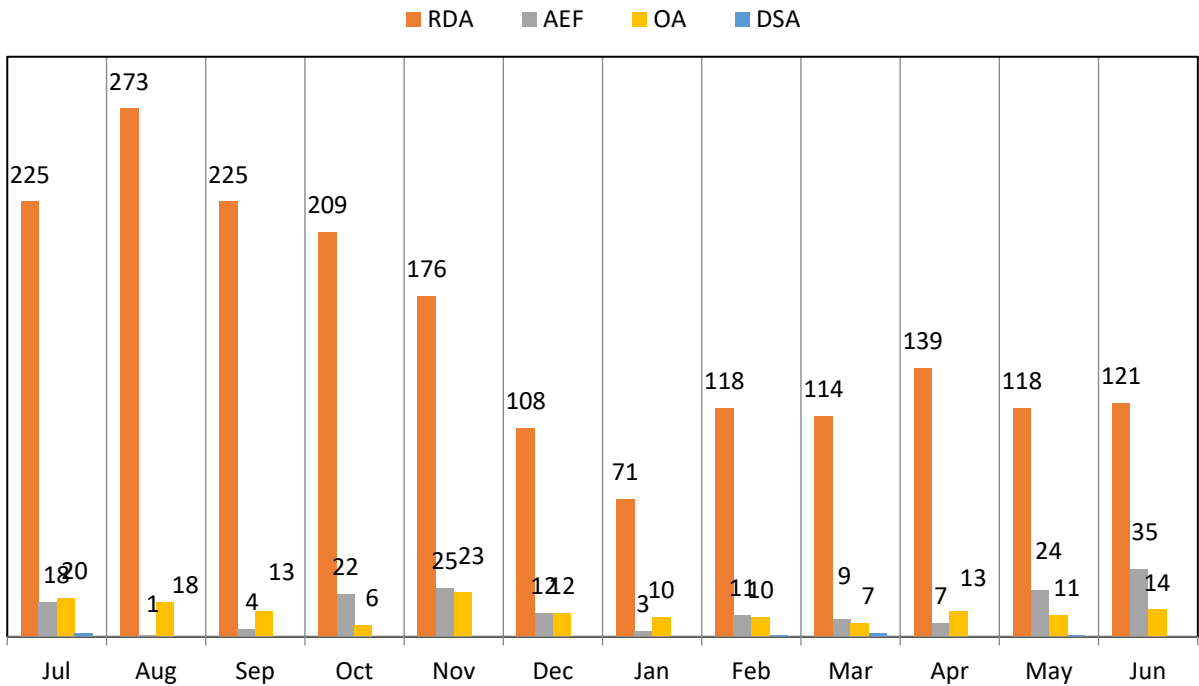
| Denied Dental Assistant Applications by Month – Cont'd | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| DSA 18/19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 19/20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 20/21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DSA 21/22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

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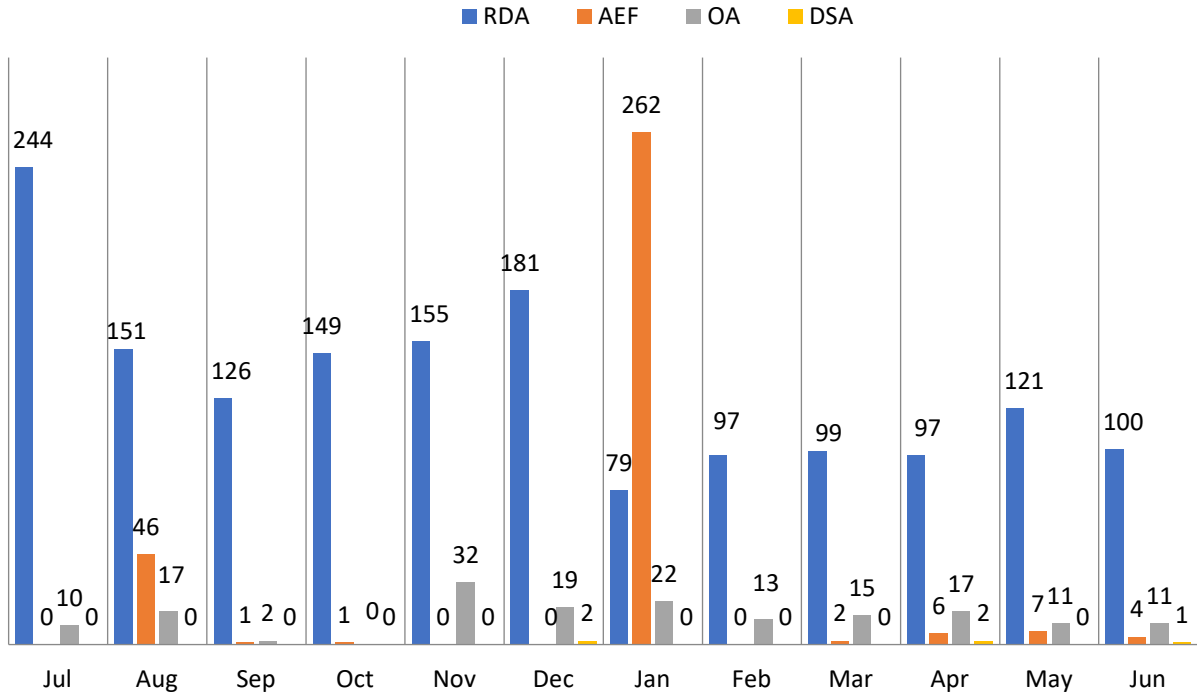


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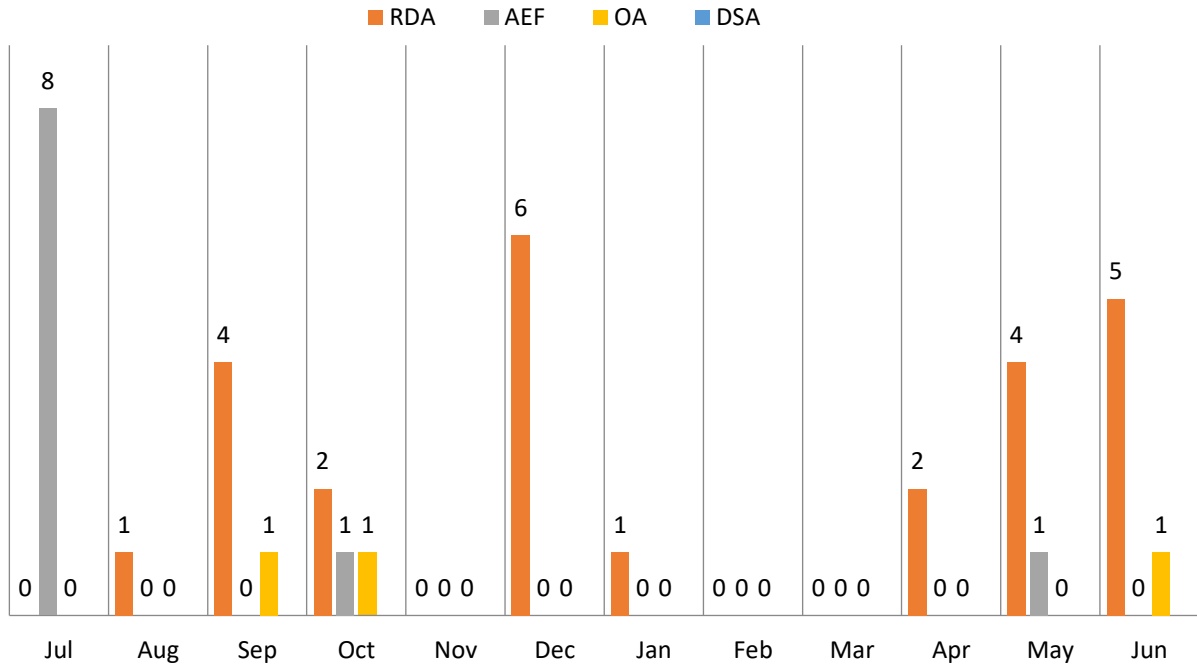


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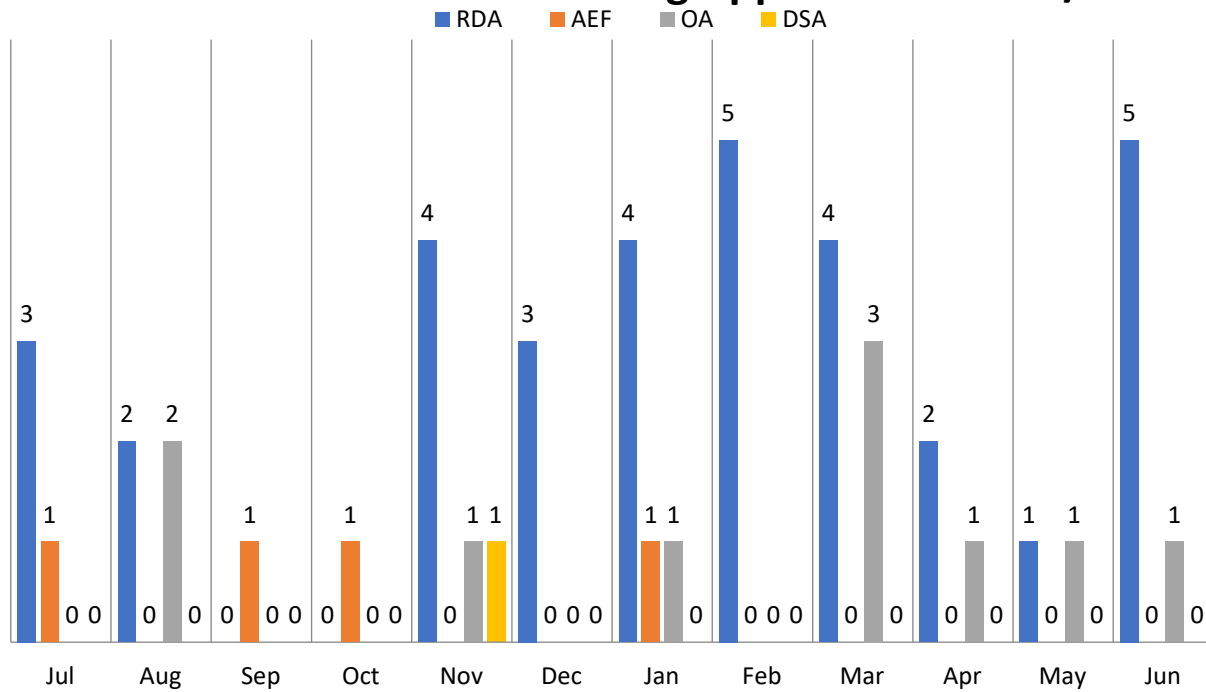
Dental Assisting Licenses Issued in Fiscal Year 21/22



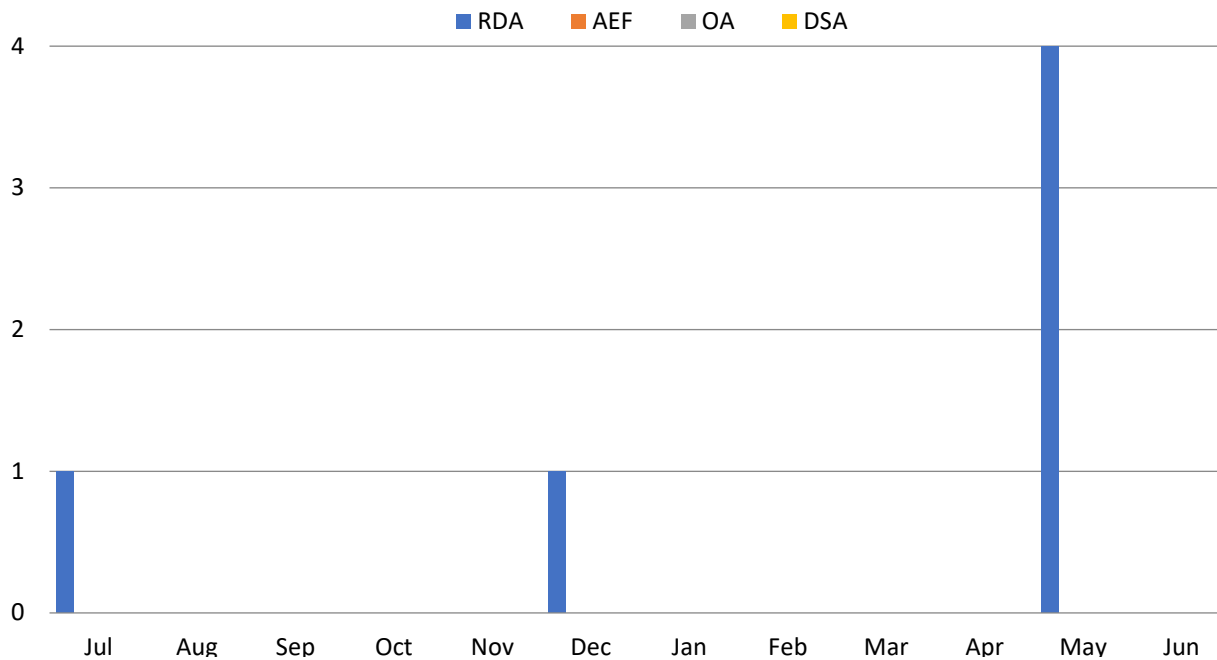
Cancelled Dental Assisting Applications FY 21/22



Withdrawn Dental Assisting Applications FY 21/22



Denied Dental Assisting Applications in Fiscal Year 21/22



Dental Assistant License Status Statistics

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

| License Type | License Status | FY18/19 | FY 19/20 | FY 20/21 | FY 21/22 |
|---|----------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Registered Dental Assistant | Active | 30,116 | 30,465 | 30,317 | 28,902 |
| | Inactive | 4,401 | 4,321 | 4,155 | 3,991 |
| | Delinquent | 11,471 | 11,636 | 11,802 | 12,992 |
| | Cancelled | 46,276 | 47,759 | 49,700 | 51,512 |
| License Type | License Status | FY18/19 | FY 19/20 | FY 20/21 | FY 21/22 |
| Registered Dental Assistant in Expanded Functions | Active | 1,542 | 1,584 | 1,522 | 1,756 |
| | Inactive | 72 | 75 | 74 | 75 |
| | Delinquent | 212 | 213 | 251 | 298 |
| | Cancelled | 323 | 350 | 379 | 420 |
| License Type | License Status | FY18/19 | FY 19/20 | FY 20/21 | FY 21/22 |
| Orthodontic Assistant | Active | 1,137 | 1,281 | 1,340 | 1,407 |
| | Inactive | 19 | 23 | 34 | 44 |
| | Delinquent | 109 | 158 | 211 | 286 |
| | Cancelled | 2 | 4 | 13 | 27 |
| License Type | License Status | FY18/19 | FY 19/20 | FY 20/21 | FY 21/22 |
| Dental Sedation Assistant | Active | 30 | 36 | 38 | 38 |
| | Inactive | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| | Delinquent | 16 | 15 | 13 | 16 |
| | Cancelled | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 |

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

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

| County | RDA 19/20 | Pop. 19/20 | Pop. per RDA 19/20 | DDS 19/20 | RDA to DDS Ratio 19/20 | RDA 20/21 | Pop. 20/21 | Pop. per RDA 20/21 | DDS 20/21 | RDA to DDS Ratio 20/21 | RDA 21/22 | Pop. 21/22 | Pop. per RDA 21/22 | DDS 21/22 | RDA to DDS Ratio 21/22 |
|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Alameda | 1,275 | 1,669,301 | 1,309 | 1,475 | 1:1 | 1,252 | 1,670,834 | 1,334 | 1,497 | 1:1 | 1,185 | 1,651,979 | 1,394 | 1,492 | 1:1 |
| Alpine | 1 | 1,162 | 1,162 | 1 | 1:1 | 0 | 1,142 | N/A | 1 | 0:1 | 0 | 1,200 | N/A | 1 | 0:1 |
| Amador | 59 | 38,294 | 649 | 23 | 3:1 | 57 | 37,676 | 660 | 23 | 2:1 | 55 | 40,297 | 732 | 22 | 2:1 |
| Butte | 263 | 226,466 | 861 | 130 | 2:1 | 267 | 210,291 | 787 | 126 | 2:1 | 250 | 201,608 | 806 | 124 | 2:1 |
| Calaveras | 59 | 45,117 | 764 | 17 | 3:1 | 61 | 45,023 | 738 | 18 | 3:1 | 55 | 40,297 | 732 | 18 | 3:1 |
| Colusa | 26 | 22,117 | 850 | 6 | 4:1 | 28 | 21,902 | 782 | 6 | 5:1 | 28 | 21,807 | 779 | 6 | 4:1 |
| Contra Costa | 1,284 | 1,155,879 | 900 | 1,117 | 1:1 | 1,285 | 1,153,561 | 897 | 1,123 | 1:1 | 1,224 | 1,156,555 | 944 | 1,098 | 1:1 |
| Del Norte | 29 | 27,401 | 944 | 13 | 2:1 | 29 | 27,298 | 941 | 15 | 2:1 | 26 | 27,218 | 1,046 | 13 | 2:1 |
| El Dorado | 227 | 191,848 | 845 | 160 | 1:1 | 220 | 193,227 | 878 | 161 | 1:1 | 205 | 190,465 | 929 | 157 | 1:1 |
| Fresno | 874 | 1,018,241 | 1,165 | 613 | 1:1 | 907 | 1,023,358 | 1,128 | 622 | 1:1 | 884 | 1,011,273 | 1,143 | 613 | 1:1 |
| Glenn | 45 | 29,132 | 647 | 10 | 5:1 | 49 | 29,400 | 600 | 10 | 5:1 | 46 | 28,750 | 625 | 6 | 7:1 |
| Humboldt | 168 | 135,333 | 805 | 70 | 2:1 | 170 | 133,302 | 784 | 68 | 2:1 | 162 | 135,168 | 834 | 64 | 2:1 |
| Imperial | 92 | 190,266 | 2,068 | 40 | 2:1 | 85 | 188,777 | 2,220 | 38 | 2:1 | 83 | 179,329 | 2,161 | 38 | 2:1 |
| Inyo | 13 | 18,593 | 1,430 | 11 | 1:1 | 11 | 18,584 | 1,689 | 9 | 1:1 | 9 | 18,978 | 2,109 | 8 | 1:1 |
| Kern | 628 | 916,464 | 1,459 | 360 | 2:1 | 624 | 917,553 | 1,470 | 350 | 2:1 | 601 | 909,813 | 1,513 | 340 | 1:1 |
| Kings | 139 | 153,710 | 1,105 | 67 | 2:1 | 139 | 153,608 | 1,105 | 64 | 2:1 | 134 | 152,023 | 1,135 | 49 | 2:1 |
| Lake | 84 | 65,071 | 774 | 46 | 2:1 | 90 | 64,040 | 711 | 45 | 2:1 | 80 | 67,407 | 842 | 26 | 3:1 |
| Lassen | 54 | 30,150 | 558 | 24 | 2:1 | 48 | 28,833 | 600 | 24 | 2:1 | 40 | 30,274 | 756 | 23 | 1:1 |
| Los Angeles | 4,776 | 10,253,716 | 2,146 | 8,426 | 1:2 | 4,748 | 10,172,951 | 2,142 | 8,502 | 1:2 | 4,503 | 9,861,224 | 2,189 | 8,418 | 1:2 |
| Madera | 133 | 159,536 | 1,199 | 45 | 3:1 | 137 | 158,147 | 1,154 | 43 | 3:1 | 135 | 157,396 | 1,165 | 45 | 3:1 |
| Marin | 186 | 262,879 | 1,413 | 310 | 1:2 | 183 | 260,831 | 1,425 | 304 | 1:2 | 174 | 257,135 | 1,477 | 308 | 1:2 |
| Mariposa | 13 | 18,068 | 1,389 | 7 | 2:1 | 15 | 18,067 | 1,204 | 7 | 2:1 | 12 | 17,045 | 1,420 | 7 | 1:1 |
| Mendocino | 103 | 89,009 | 864 | 53 | 2:1 | 103 | 87,946 | 853 | 52 | 2:1 | 97 | 89,999 | 927 | 54 | 1:1 |

| County | RDA 19/20 | Pop. 19/20 | Pop. per RDA 19/20 | DDS 19/20 | RDA to DDS Ratio 19/20 | RDA 20/21 | Pop. 20/21 | Pop. per RDA 20/21 | DDS 20/21 | RDA to DDS Ratio 20/21 | RDA 21/22 | Pop. 21/22 | Pop. per RDA 21/22 | DDS 21/22 | RDA to DDS Ratio 21/22 |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Merced | 249 | 282,928 | 1,136 | 93 | 3:1 | 252 | 283,521 | 1,125 | 91 | 3:1 | 240 | 284,338 | 1,184 | 97 | 2:1 |
| Modoc | 5 | 9,602 | 1,920 | 4 | 1:1 | 4 | 9,570 | 2,392 | 5 | 1:1 | 2 | 8,690 | 4,345 | 3 | 1:2 |
| Mono | 6 | 13,616 | 2,269 | 3 | 2:1 | 5 | 13,464 | 2,692 | 3 | 2:1 | 6 | 13,379 | 2,229 | 5 | 1:1 |
| Monterey | 400 | 445,414 | 1,113 | 263 | 2:1 | 392 | 441,143 | 1,125 | 259 | 2:1 | 380 | 433,716 | 1,141 | 257 | 1:1 |
| Napa | 149 | 140,779 | 944 | 115 | 1:1 | 137 | 139,088 | 1,015 | 113 | 1:1 | 127 | 136,179 | 1,072 | 112 | 1:1 |
| Nevada | 94 | 98,904 | 1,052 | 79 | 1:1 | 96 | 98,114 | 1,022 | 77 | 1:1 | 88 | 101,242 | 1,150 | 77 | 1:1 |
| Orange | 1,847 | 3,222,498 | 1,744 | 3,901 | 1:2 | 1,823 | 3,194,332 | 1,752 | 4,005 | 1:2 | 1,742 | 3,162,245 | 1,815 | 4,044 | 1:2 |
| Placer | 509 | 396,691 | 779 | 468 | 1:1 | 507 | 403,711 | 796 | 471 | 1:1 | 465 | 409,025 | 879 | 466 | 1:1 |
| Plumas | 20 | 19,779 | 988 | 13 | 2:1 | 19 | 18,260 | 961 | 15 | 1:1 | 19 | 18,942 | 996 | 14 | 1:1 |
| Riverside | 2,089 | 2,440,124 | 1,168 | 1,102 | 2:1 | 2,126 | 2,442,304 | 1,148 | 1,111 | 2:1 | 1,982 | 2,435,525 | 1,228 | 1,122 | 1:1 |
| Sacramento | 1,679 | 1,546,174 | 920 | 1,109 | 2:1 | 1,662 | 1,555,365 | 935 | 1,159 | 1:1 | 1,619 | 1,576,618 | 973 | 1,175 | 1:1 |
| San Benito | 97 | 62,296 | 642 | 21 | 5:1 | 106 | 62,353 | 588 | 23 | 5:1 | 111 | 65,479 | 589 | 24 | 4:1 |
| San Bernardino | 1,620 | 2,192,203 | 1,353 | 1,352 | 1:1 | 1,567 | 2,180,537 | 1,391 | 1,381 | 1:1 | 1,505 | 2,187,665 | 1,453 | 1,370 | 1:1 |
| San Diego | 2,656 | 3,351,786 | 1,261 | 2,750 | 1:1 | 2,659 | 3,343,355 | 1,257 | 2,779 | 1:1 | 2,541 | 3,287,306 | 1,293 | 2,764 | 0:1 |
| San Francisco | 449 | 883,869 | 1,968 | 1,243 | 1:3 | 437 | 897,806 | 2,054 | 1,225 | 1:3 | 416 | 842,754 | 2,025 | 1,175 | 1:3 |
| San Joaquin | 771 | 770,385 | 999 | 370 | 2:1 | 792 | 773,632 | 976 | 371 | 2:1 | 777 | 784,298 | 1,009 | 371 | 2:1 |
| San Luis Obispo | 227 | 280,393 | 1,235 | 230 | 1:1 | 222 | 277,259 | 1,248 | 225 | 1:1 | 206 | 280,721 | 1,362 | 207 | 1:1 |
| San Mateo | 629 | 774,485 | 1,231 | 872 | 1:1 | 605 | 773,244 | 1,278 | 858 | 1:1 | 561 | 744,662 | 1,327 | 853 | 1:1 |
| Santa Barbara | 352 | 454,593 | 1,291 | 326 | 1:1 | 352 | 451,840 | 1,283 | 324 | 1:1 | 352 | 445,164 | 1,264 | 312 | 1:1 |
| Santa Clara | 1,707 | 1,954,286 | 1,144 | 2,270 | 1:1 | 1,673 | 1,961,969 | 1,172 | 2,292 | 1:1 | 1,598 | 1,894,783 | 1,185 | 2,284 | 1:1 |
| Santa Cruz | 232 | 274,871 | 1,184 | 175 | 1:1 | 234 | 271,233 | 1,159 | 170 | 1:1 | 214 | 266,564 | 1,245 | 166 | 1:1 |
| Shasta | 199 | 178,773 | 898 | 107 | 2:1 | 189 | 178,045 | 942 | 115 | 2:1 | 174 | 180,531 | 1,037 | 107 | 1:1 |
| Sierra | 5 | 3,213 | 642 | 1 | 5:1 | 5 | 3,201 | 640 | 1 | 5:1 | 2 | 3,229 | 1,614 | 0 | 4:0 |
| Siskiyou | 33 | 44,584 | 1,351 | 23 | 1:1 | 34 | 44,461 | 1,307 | 24 | 1:1 | 29 | 43,830 | 1,511 | 21 | 1:1 |
| Solano | 646 | 441,307 | 683 | 283 | 2:1 | 641 | 440,224 | 686 | 287 | 2:1 | 621 | 447,241 | 720 | 282 | 2:1 |
| Sonoma | 686 | 500,675 | 729 | 397 | 2:1 | 671 | 492,980 | 734 | 393 | 2:1 | 656 | 482,404 | 735 | 383 | 1:1 |

| County | RDA 19/20 | Pop. 19/20 | Pop. per RDA 19/20 | DDS 19/20 | RDA to DDS Ratio 19/20 | RDA 20/21 | Pop. 20/21 | Pop. per RDA 20/21 | DDS 20/21 | RDA to DDS Ratio 20/21 | RDA 21/22 | Pop. 21/22 | Pop. per RDA 21/22 | DDS 21/22 | RDA to DDS Ratio 21/22 |
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| Stanislaus | 596 | 558,972 | 937 | 275 | 2:1 | 594 | 557,709 | 938 | 273 | 2:1 | 587 | 549,466 | 936 | 271 | 2:1 |
| Sutter | 116 | 97,490 | 840 | 54 | 2:1 | 124 | 100,750 | 812 | 56 | 2:1 | 120 | 99,145 | 826 | 52 | 2:1 |
| Tehama | 86 | 64,387 | 748 | 27 | 3:1 | 87 | 65,129 | 748 | 29 | 3:1 | 83 | 65,052 | 783 | 31 | 2:1 |
| Trinity | 5 | 13,688 | 2,737 | 3 | 2:1 | 4 | 13,548 | 3,387 | 4 | 1:1 | 5 | 16,023 | 3,204 | 3 | 1:1 |
| Tulare | 457 | 479,112 | 1,048 | 218 | 2:1 | 451 | 479,977 | 1,064 | 227 | 2:1 | 425 | 475,014 | 1,117 | 218 | 1:1 |
| Tuolumne | 73 | 54,590 | 747 | 45 | 2:1 | 75 | 54,917 | 732 | 47 | 2:1 | 69 | 55,291 | 801 | 48 | 1:1 |
| Ventura | 544 | 856,598 | 1,574 | 670 | 1:1 | 550 | 842,886 | 1,532 | 666 | 1:1 | 513 | 833,652 | 1,625 | 666 | 1:1 |
| Yolo | 194 | 222,581 | 1,147 | 113 | 2:1 | 196 | 221,705 | 1,131 | 114 | 2:1 | 190 | 221,165 | 1,164 | 118 | 1:1 |
| Yuba | 90 | 77,916 | 865 | 8 | 11:1 | 88 | 78,887 | 896 | 7 | 13:1 | 90 | 82,275 | 914 | 6 | 15:1 |
| TOTAL | 30,048 | 39,927,315 | 66,593 | 32,007 | N/A | 29,887 | 39,782,870 | 65,490 | 32,308 | N/A | 28,475 | 39,185,605 | 72,524 | 32,034 | 1:1 |

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

**Ratios are rounded to the nearest whole number

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| Counties with the Highest Population per RDA: | Modoc County (1:4,345) | Counties with Lowest Population per RDA: | Alpine County (No RDAs) |
| | Trinity County (1:3,204) | | San Benito County (1:589) |
| | Mono County (1:2,229) | | Glenn County (1:625) |
| | Los Angeles County (1:2,189) | | Amador County (1: 732) |
| | Imperial County (1:2,160) | | Solano County (1:741) |



MEMORANDUM

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| DATE | August 9, 2022 |
| TO | Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council) |
| FROM | Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing Dental Board of California (Board) |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item 6: Update on Status of Surveys Regarding Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide |

Background

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

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

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

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

At the November 2021 meeting, the Council was asked to reevaluate whether a survey and study of these issues needed to be performed, and if so, the Council was asked to define the specific issues to be studied and surveyed, with a list of pertinent survey questions, regarding allowing RDAEF administration of local anesthesia and nitrous oxide. Given the lack of Board staff resources and complexity of these issues, the Council established a two-member working group consisting of Jerri Fowler, DA, RDAEF, OA, Council Chair, and Traci Reed-Espinoza, RDAEF, Council Vice Chair (Working Group), to discuss the specific issues to be studied, create relevant survey questions, and return to the Council with a list of the specific issues to be studied and survey questions.

At the January 2022 meeting, the Working Group presented their proposed survey questions to the Council. After a robust discussion, the Council made a motion to delegate authority to the Working Group to continue working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) to finalize the surveys and bring them back at a future DAC meeting and the motion passed.

The Working Group reviewed OPES' recommendations to the surveys and brought their revised draft back to the Council at the May 2022 meeting, for their consideration and feedback. At that meeting, the Council delegated authority to the Working Group to work with OPES to finalize the surveys and distribute to stakeholders.

At a previous Council meeting, Board staff had reported that OPES would not be available to assist in the implementation of the project due to their current workload; however, in July 2022 staff were notified that OPES now has the availability to assist the Working Group with this project. Specifically, they will be assisting with the following:

- Administration of the survey to dentists and RDAEFs via SurveyMonkey,
- Monitor survey responses and provide follow up,
- Analyze the results of the survey, and
- Provide the board with a memo summarizing the results.

Update

On August 8, 2022, the Working Group and Board staff met with OPES to discuss the next steps in the finalization and distribution of the survey. It was determined that the anticipated release date of the survey will be early September 2022. The survey will be open for licensees for a period of one month, after which OPES will compile and analyze the data and provide a summary of the results. The analysis is anticipated to be completed in advance of the November Council meeting.

Action Requested

No action requested.



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| DATE | August 10, 2022 |
| TO | Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council) |
| FROM | Tina Vallery, Chief of Administration and Licensing Dental Board of California (Board) |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item 7: Presentation from Dental Assisting National Board Regarding Dental Auxiliary Certifications for Board Licensure |

Background

As applicable to the Council, the Board licenses and regulates dental auxiliaries, including registered dental assistants (RDAs), registered dental assistants in extended functions (RDAEFs), orthodontic assistants (OAs), and dental sedation assistants (DSAs). Application requirements, including successful completion of board-approved courses, for each of these licenses and permits is found in Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code (BPC). In addition, unlicensed dental assistants who perform basic supportive dental procedures, as specified, must complete specific board-approved courses. (BPC, § 1750, subd. (c).)

The Council is tasked with considering all matters relating to dental assistants in California and, on its own initiative or upon request of the Board, makes appropriate recommendations to the Board regarding, among other things, requirements for standards and criteria for approval of dental assisting educational programs, courses, and continuing education. (BPC, § 1742, subd. (a)(2).)

Dental auxiliary courses required for performance of dental procedures and/or licensing or permitting that must be Board-approved include:

1. Dental Practice Act
2. Infection Control
3. Orthodontic Assistant Course
4. Dental Sedation Assistant Course
5. Radiation Safety
6. Coronal Polishing
7. Pit and Fissure Sealants
8. Ultrasonic Scaling
9. Interim Therapeutic Restoration

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The Board also approves RDA and RDAEF educational programs that can be completed by applicants for RDA and RDAEF licensure. To receive Board approval, programs and course providers must apply to the Board for approval and satisfy the regulatory requirements established in California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, division 10, chapter 3, article 2, as applicable.

The following are the total numbers of Board-approved programs and courses:

- RDA Programs – 134
- RDAEF Programs – 12
- OA Programs – 181
- DSA Programs – 50
- Coronal Polishing – 113
- Radiation Safety – 189
- Pit and Fissure Sealants – 171
- Ultrasonic Scaling – 45
- Infection Control – 166
- Interim Therapeutic Restoration – 4

All RDA and RDAEF programs and courses are required to be re-evaluated approximately every seven years and may be subject to re-evaluation and inspection by the Board at any time to review and investigate compliance with the Dental Practice Act and supporting regulations. (CCR, tit. 16, § 1070, subs. (a)(2).)

Discussion

Board staff have identified inefficiencies in the regulations for approving, inspecting, and evaluating RDA and RDAEF educational programs and courses. Further, recent trends suggest a decline of licensed dental auxiliaries, which impacts consumer access to dental care. Board staff seek Council review of dental auxiliary education requirements to determine if legislative or regulatory amendments may improve dental auxiliary licensure, education and/or licensure portability, and Board program/course approval.

Alternatives for Dental Auxiliary Education Certification

To inform the Council on potential dental auxiliary licensure improvements regarding education and certification of dental auxiliary applicants, Board staff have asked DANB to provide a presentation to the Council regarding their dental auxiliary examinations and certifications.

The Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) provides credentialing services to the dental community and is a national certification board for dental assistants. DANB offers numerous Dental Assistant Certifications that include: National Entry Level Dental Assistant; Certified Dental Assistant; Certified Orthodontic Assistant; Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant; Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant; Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control; and Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control. DANB also offers examinations in Radiation Health and Safety,

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Infection Control, General Chairside Assisting, Orthodontic Assisting, Sealants, Coronal Polishing, Topical Fluoride, Impressions, Temporaries, and Restorative Functions.

Action Requested

Board staff anticipate additional presentations by other dental auxiliary program and course accrediting bodies. In the meantime, the Council is asked to consider creating a two-member working group to review these issues, research dental auxiliary certification and education requirements in other states and review the applicable statutes and regulations regarding Board approval of RDA and RDAEF educational programs and courses for potential amendments.



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| DATE | August 10, 2022 |
| TO | Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council) |
| FROM | Rikki Parks, Associate Governmental Program Analyst Dental Board of California (Board) |
| SUBJECT | Agenda Item 8: Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 1752.1, 1752.4, and 1907 and Repeal BPC Section 1752.6 Relating to Registered Dental Hygienist Application Requirements to Obtain a Registered Dental Assistant License and Permitted Duties |

Identification of Issue(s)

Existing law authorizes a registered dental hygienist (RDH), registered dental hygienist in alternative practice (RDHAP), or registered dental hygienist in extended functions (RDHEF) to perform duties of a registered dental assistant (RDA) and allows those licensees to qualify for and receive an RDA license prior to the performance of the duties of an RDA, as specified. Existing law also specifies RDA licensure course requirements. However, existing law contains conflicting and/or redundant RDA licensing provisions that should be clarified.

Background

Pursuant to BPC section 1907, subdivision (a), an RDH can perform all functions that may be performed by an RDA. Further, BPC section 1907, subdivision (b), provides that all persons holding a license as an RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF (collectively, RDH) on or after January 1, 2006, shall qualify for and receive an RDA license prior to performance of the duties of an RDA, as specified. The Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) licenses and regulates RDHs.

RDAs are licensed and regulated by the Board. Pursuant to BPC section 1752.1, subdivision (a), the Board may license as an RDA a person who files an application and, among other things, submits written evidence of one of the qualifying eligibility requirements, and successfully completes the RDA Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination, courses in radiation safety and coronal polishing, and within five years of the application, courses in the Dental Practice Act, infection control, and basic life support, as specified. BPC section 1752.1 does not indicate that a licensed RDH can qualify for RDA

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licensure by means other than what is present in statute, and, therefore, the RDH is required to show evidence of completion of each of the items listed in this section.

The Board has seen an increase in the number of RDH licensees who are applying for RDA licensure, but there is confusion regarding the license application requirements for RDH licensees. Currently, applicants are confused that either the RDH licensee must provide, among other things, proof of successful completion within five years prior to the application of a board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act, infection control, and basic life support, as established in BPC section 1752.4, subdivision (d), or an RDH automatically qualifies for RDA licensure on the basis of having an RDH license, as interpreted from BPC section 1907, subdivision (b). Board staff believe statutory amendments are necessary to clarify what is required of an RDH when applying for RDA licensure.

Additionally, BPC section 1752.4 states that an RDA may only perform the procedure of applying pit and fissure sealants if they have completed a Board-approved RDA educational program in those duties, or if they have provided evidence, satisfactory to the Board, of having completed a Board-approved course in those duties. BPC section 1752.6 also states that an RDA licensed on and after January 1, 2010, shall provide evidence of successful completion of a Board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants prior to the first expiration of their license that requires the completion of continuing education as a condition of renewal.

Notably, a licensed RDA who also holds an RDH license can apply pit and fissure sealants pursuant to the RDH license (BPC, § 1915), and, therefore, would not have to separately complete a pit and fissure sealants course. Board staff currently process the evidence of this additional duty of pit and fissure sealants submitted to the Board by adding the additional duty to the RDA license profile that can be verified online thru BreZE. However, the Board is not authorized to issue or charge a fee to issue a revised RDA license listing additional duties. Pursuant to BPC section 1752.4, subdivision (c), the supervising licensed dentist is responsible for determining whether each authorized procedure should be performed. Accordingly, Board staff recommend removing the requirement for RDA licensees to submit additional duty course completion to the Board and placing responsibility on the supervising dentist for ensuring RDA completion of the required Board-approved educational program or course to perform the additional duties. Board staff have also identified minor, technical revisions that should be made to these statutes.

Discussion and Recommendations:

Board staff propose the following statutory changes to clarify the requirements of an RDH to obtain an RDA license, reduce RDA licensure redundancies, and make other clarifying changes.

Eliminating Redundant License Requirements (BPC, § 1752.1)

Board staff propose adding to BPC section 1752.1, subdivision (a), a new paragraph (4) to clarify that a licensed RDH could meet the requirements for RDA licensure by submitting an application to the Board, satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination, and completion of a course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, or any other course approved by the Board as equivalent. This amendment would reduce RDA licensure redundancies so that the licensed RDH would not have to retake courses in the Dental Practice Act, infection control, radiation safety, or coronal polishing previously completed for RDH licensure. This amendment also would make this statute consistent with BPC section 1907, subdivision (b).

The proposed amendments also would revise BPC section 1752.1, subdivision (d), by clarifying that non-RDH licensed applicants for RDA licensure would have to provide evidence of successful completion of radiation safety and coronal polishing. The amendments to this subdivision would incorporate the amendments requiring these courses to be taken within five years of application previously approved by the Board at its November 2021 meeting, as well as restructure the sentences and strike subdivision (e) for decreased redundancies and improved clarity.

Clarifying RDA Additional Duties Educational Requirements (BPC, §§ 1752.4, 1752.6)

Board staff propose to amend BPC section 1752.4, subdivision (b), to remove gender identifying language and restructure the sentence for improved clarity. In addition, Board staff propose removing the requirement in subdivision (b) for RDA submission to the Board of evidence of completion of courses in additional duties, and clarify in subdivision (c) the supervising dentists responsibility to ensure the RDA has completed required courses to perform additional duties. Board staff further propose repealing BPC section 1752.6, which is outdated and unnecessary. These amendments would make the statute consistent with California's movement to gender neutral terminology, improve Board licensing efficiencies, reduce Board staff costs associated with issuing duty-specific RDA licenses for which the Board cannot otherwise recover such costs, and reduce RDA requirements to submit additional duty course documents to the Board.

Clarifying Requirements for RDH Licensure as RDA (BPC, § 1907)

Board staff propose to amend BPC section 1907 to clarify the RDA duties that may be performed by an RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF. Board staff further propose to amend BPC section 1907, subdivision (a), to add the statutory reference of the RDA functions that may be performed by an RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF. In addition, Board staff propose to add new subdivision (b) to better inform an RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF that additional RDA duties may be performed upon successful completion of an RDA educational program or course, to ensure consistency with BPC section 1752.4 and the educational requirements to perform those additional RDA duties. Finally, Board staff propose to re-letter existing subdivision (b) as new subdivision (c) and clarify that a licensed RDH, RDHAP, or RDHEF shall qualify for and receive an RDA license in accordance with BPC section 1752.1,

subdivision (a)(4) (further described above); this amendment will clarify for RDH, RDHAP, and RDHEF licensees the requirements to obtain a Board-issued RDA license.

Action Requested:

The Council is asked to discuss and consider the above-described legislative proposal. If the Council approves of the legislative proposal, the Council is asked to make a recommendation to the Board to include, in the Board's next Sunset Review Report, a recommendation to amend Business and Professions Code sections 1752.1, 1752.4, and 1907 and repeal section 1752.6 to clarify the application requirements of a RDH to obtain a RDA license and educational requirements to perform additional RDA duties.

Attachment: Legislative Proposal Regarding Registered Dental Hygienist Licensure as Registered Dental Assistant and Permitted Duties (Business and Professions Code Sections 1752.1, 1752.4, 1752.6, and 1907)

DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL REGARDING REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST LICENSURE AS REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT AND PERMITTED DUTIES

Additions are indicated in underline text.

Deletions are indicated in ~~striketrough text~~.

An act to amend sections 1752.1, 1752.4, and 1907 and repeal section 1752.6 of the Business and Professions Code.

Section 1752.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

Section 1752.1. (a) The board may license as a registered dental assistant a person who files an application and submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of one of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Graduation from an educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board, and satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.

(2) For individuals applying prior to January 1, 2010, evidence of completion of satisfactory work experience of at least 12 months as a dental assistant in California or another state and satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.

(3) For individuals applying on or after January 1, 2010, evidence of completion of satisfactory work experience of at least 15 months as a dental assistant in California or another state and satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.

(4) For individuals with current and active California licensure as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions, satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board, and completion of a course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, or any other course approved by the board as equivalent.

(b) For purposes of this section, "satisfactory work experience" means performance of the duties specified in Section 1750.1 in a competent manner as determined by the employing dentist, who shall certify to such satisfactory work experience in the application.

(c) The board shall give credit toward the work experience referred to in this section to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution approved by the Department of Education or in a secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, that are not, however, approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (a). The credit shall equal the total

weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis. The board, in cooperation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall establish the minimum criteria for the curriculum of nonboard-approved programs. Additionally, the board shall notify those programs only if the program's curriculum does not meet established minimum criteria, as established for board-approved registered dental assistant programs, except any requirement that the program be given in a postsecondary institution. Graduates of programs not meeting established minimum criteria shall not qualify for satisfactory work experience as defined by this section.

~~(d) In addition to the requirements specified in subdivision (a),~~ Each applicant applying for registered dental assistant licensure pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (3) of subdivision (a) shall provide evidence of having successfully completed within five years prior to application all of the following board-approved courses:

~~(1) in r~~Radiation safety, the length and content which shall be governed by applicable board regulations.

~~(2) and c~~Coronal polishing as a condition of licensure, the length and content which shall be governed by applicable board regulations.

~~The length and content of the courses shall be governed by applicable board regulations.~~

~~(e) In addition to the requirements specified in subdivisions (a) and (d), individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure on or after January 1, 2010, shall demonstrate satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board and shall provide written evidence of successful completion within five years prior to application of all of the following:~~

~~(43) A board-approved two-hour course in the Dental Practice Act.~~

~~(24) An board-approved eight-hour course in infection control.~~

~~(35) A course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, or any other course approved by the board as equivalent.~~

(f) A registered dental assistant may apply for an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit, or both, by submitting written evidence of the following:

(1) Successful completion of a board-approved orthodontic assistant or dental sedation assistant course, as applicable.

(2) Passage of the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board that shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform the duties of the particular permit.

(g) A registered dental assistant with permits in either orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting shall be referred to as an "RDA with orthodontic assistant permit," or "RDA with dental sedation assistant permit," as applicable. These terms shall be used for reference purposes only and do not create additional categories of licensure.

(h) Completion of the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 by a registered dental assistant who also holds a permit as an orthodontic assistant or dental sedation assistant shall fulfill the continuing education requirements for the permit or permits.

(i) The board shall, in consultation with the Office of Professional Examination Services, conduct a review to determine whether a practical examination is necessary to demonstrate competency of registered dental assistants, and if so, how this examination should be developed and administered. The board shall submit its review and determination to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature on or before July 1, 2017.

(j) Notwithstanding any other law, if the review conducted by the Office of Professional Examination Services pursuant to subdivision (i) concludes that the practical examination is unnecessary or does not accurately measure the competency of registered dental assistants, the board may vote to suspend the practical examination. The suspension of the practical examination shall commence on the date the board votes to suspend the practical examination.

(k) The Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination required by this section shall comply with Section 139.

Section 1752.4 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1752.4. (a) A registered dental assistant may perform all of the following duties:

- (1) All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform.
- (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
- (3) Apply and activate bleaching agents using a nonlaser light-curing device.
- (4) Use of automated caries detection devices and materials to gather information for diagnosis by the dentist.
- (5) Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations.
- (6) Pulp vitality testing and recording of findings.
- (7) Place bases, liners, and bonding agents.
- (8) Chemically prepare teeth for bonding.
- (9) Place, adjust, and finish direct provisional restorations.
- (10) Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration.
- (11) Place post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.
- (12) Place periodontal dressings.
- (13) Dry endodontically treated canals using absorbent paper points.

- (14) Adjust dentures extra-orally.
 - (15) Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument.
 - (16) Polish coronal surfaces of the teeth.
 - (17) Place ligature ties and archwires.
 - (18) Remove orthodontic bands.
 - (19) All duties that the board may prescribe by regulation.
- (b) A registered dental assistant may only perform the following additional duties ~~if he or she has completed~~ after successfully completing a board-approved registered dental assistant educational program or a board-approved course in those duties, ~~or if he or she has provided evidence, satisfactory to the board, of having completed a board-approved course in those duties.~~
- (1) Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.
 - (2) The allowable duties of an orthodontic assistant permitholder as specified in Section 1750.3. A registered dental assistant 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.
 - (3) The allowable duties of a dental sedation assistant permitholder as specified in Section 1750.5.
 - (4) The application of pit and fissure sealants.
- (c) Except as provided in Section 1777, the supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for ensuring completion of courses to perform additional duties and determining whether each authorized procedure performed by a registered dental assistant should be performed under general or direct supervision.
- (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

Section 1752.6 of the Business and professions Code is repealed.

~~**1752.6.** A registered dental assistant licensed on and after January 1, 2010, shall provide evidence of successful completion of a board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants prior to the first expiration of his or her license that requires the completion of continuing education as a condition of renewal. The license of a registered dental assistant who does not provide evidence of successful completion of that course shall not be renewed until evidence of course completion is provided.~~

Section 1907 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

1907. The following functions may be performed by a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in

extended functions in addition to those authorized pursuant to Sections 1908 to 1914, inclusive:

(a) All functions that may be performed by a registered dental assistant pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1752.4.

(b) Additional duties specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1752.4 upon successful completion of a registered dental assistant educational program or course approved by the Dental Board of California in those duties.

(c) All persons holding a license as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions as of December 31, 2005, are authorized to perform the duties of a registered dental assistant specified in this chapter. All persons issued a license as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions on or after January 1, 2006, shall qualify for and receive a registered dental assistant license in accordance with paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 1752.1 prior to performance of the duties of a registered dental assistant specified in this chapter.