

Please refer to
pages 5 and 6
for important information
regarding your
examination appointment.



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Before scheduling
your examination,
be sure you understand
the contents of this bulletin.
Please retain and use it as a
reference when contacting PSI.

Dental Board of California Registered Dental Assistant Combined Examination



CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

**The RDA Written Examination and the RDA Law and Ethics Examination
will be combined effective May 24, 2018.
Please see page 7 for the new examination plan.**

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Please refer to our website to check for the most updated information at www.psiexams.com.

EXAMINATION REGISTRATION PAYMENT AND SCHEDULING PROCEDURES

Once a candidate is determined to be eligible, the Board will notify the examination administration contractor, PSI licensure:certification (PSI). PSI will mail a scheduling notice indicating how the candidate may schedule an examination.

Your examination eligibility expires and your application is deemed abandoned if you fail to take the Registered Dental Assistant Combined written examination (RDAC) within two years after the date your application was received by the Board. When your eligibility expires, you will need to reapply to the Board to be considered eligible to take the combined written examination.

FEE

The following fee table lists the applicable fee for the examination. The fee is for each registration, whether you are taking the examination for the first time or repeating.

EXAMINATION FEE	
RDAC Examination Fee	\$38.50
NOTE: REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE	

In most California testing centers, testing does not take place on the following major holidays:

Memorial Day	Closed May 28, 2018
Independence Day	Closed July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Closed September 3, 2018
Thanksgiving	Closed November 22-23, 2018
Christmas	Closed December 24-25, 2018
New Years Day	Closed January 1, 2019
Martin Luther King Jr.	Closed January 21, 2019

INTERNET SCHEDULING

You may schedule for your test by completing the online Test Registration Form. The Test Registration Form is available at PSI's website, www.psiexams.com. You may schedule for a test via the Internet 24 hours a day.

1. Complete the registration form online and submit your information to PSI via the Internet.
2. Upon completion of the online registration form, you will be given the available dates for scheduling your test.
3. You will need to choose a date to complete your registration.
4. Upon successful registration, you will receive a traceable confirmation number.

TELEPHONE REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING

For telephone registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

1. Complete the Examination Registration Form, including your credit card number and expiration date, so that you will be prepared with all of the information needed to register by telephone.

Call PSI registrars at (877) 392-6422, Monday through Friday between 4:30 am and 7:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 6:00 am and 2:30 pm, Pacific Time, to receive the information listed on your Examination Registration Form and to schedule your appointment for the examination. TDD service is available at (800) 735-2929.

FAX REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING

For Fax registration, you will need a valid credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover).

Complete the Examination Registration Form, including your credit card number and expiration date.

1. Fax the completed form to PSI (702) 932-2666. Fax registrations are accepted 24 hours a day.
2. If your information is incomplete or incorrect, it will be returned for correction.

Please allow 4 business days to process your Registration. After 4 business days, call PSI at (877) 392-6422. Live registrars are available between 4:30 am and 7:00 pm, and Saturday-Sunday between 6:00 am and 2:30 pm, Pacific Time. You may also schedule online by accessing PSI's registration website at www.psiexams.com.

STANDARD MAIL REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULING

To pay by standard mail, follow the steps below:

1. Complete the PSI Examination Registration Form (found at the end of the bulletin).
2. Payment of fees may be made by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover), money order, company check or cashier's check. Make your money order or check payable to PSI and print your social security number on it to ensure that your fees are properly assigned. **CASH AND PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
3. Mail the completed Registration Form and payment to:

PSI licensure:certification
ATTN: Examination Registration CA DENTAL BOARD
3210 E Tropicana
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(877) 392-6422 • Fax (702) 932-2666 • TTY (800) 735-2929
www.psiexams.com

Please allow 2 weeks to process your Registration. After 2 weeks, you may schedule your examination by calling PSI at (877) 392-6422, Monday through Friday between 4:30 am and 7:00 pm, or Saturday-Sunday between 6:00 am and 2:30 pm, Pacific Time. You may also schedule online by accessing PSI's registration website at www.psiexams.com.



CANCELING AN EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

You may cancel and reschedule an examination appointment without forfeiting your fee *if your cancellation notice is received 2 days prior to the scheduled examination date.* For example, for a 9:00 a.m. Monday appointment, the cancellation notice would need to be received before 9:00 a.m. on the previous Saturday. You may call PSI at (877) 392-6422.

Note: A voicemail or email message is NOT an acceptable form of cancellation. Please use the PSI Website or call PSI and speak directly to a Customer Service Representative.

MISSED APPOINTMENT OR LATE CANCELLATION

If you miss your appointment, you will not be able to take the examination as scheduled, further you will forfeit your examination fee, if:

- You do not cancel your appointment 2 days before the scheduled examination date;
- You do not appear for your examination appointment;
- You arrive after examination start time;
- You do not present proper identification when you arrive for the examination.

EXAMINATION SITE CLOSING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In the event that severe weather or another emergency forces the closure of an examination site on a scheduled examination date, your examination will be rescheduled. PSI personnel will attempt to contact you in this situation. However, you may check the status of your examination schedule by calling (877) 392-6422. Every effort will be made to reschedule your examination at a convenient time as soon as possible. You will not be penalized. You will be rescheduled at no additional charge.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

Requests for special testing accommodation must be received by the Board at the time the examination application is submitted to allow for processing. Accommodations that fundamentally alter the measurement of the skills or knowledge the examination is intended to test will not be provided.

REQUESTING EXAMINATION ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will not be provided at the examination site unless prior approval by the Board has been granted. Reasonable, appropriate, and effective accommodations may be requested from the Board by submitting the "Request for Accommodation of Disabilities" package, which can be obtained by contacting the Dental Board at 916-263-2300.

PSI will contact you to schedule your appointment, once they receive approval from the Board. Do not call PSI to schedule your examination if you have submitted a request for accommodations.

EXAMINATION SITE LOCATIONS

The California examinations are administered at the PSI examination centers in California as listed below:

ANAHEIM

2301 W. LINCOLN AVE, SUITE 252
ANAHEIM, CA 92801
(714) 254-1453

DIRECTIONS FROM LA: TAKE 5 SOUTH EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN RIGHT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY), AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

(ORANGE COUNTY) DIRECTIONS FROM SAN DIEGO, IRVINE, MISSION VIEJO, ETC: TAKE 5N EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

IF BROOKHURST EXIT IS CLOSED: TAKE 5 N EXIT EUCLID AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ON LINCOLN (PASS BROOKHURST AND SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

*****KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EUCLID EXIT COMES FIRST AND THEN BROOKHURST.*****

OR 91 FREEWAY: TAKE 91 W EXIT BROOKHURST AND TURN LEFT. TURN RIGHT ONTO LINCOLN (PASS A SMALL STREET NAMED MONTEREY) AND GO TO THE FIRST OPEN DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT.

ATASCADERO

7305 MORRO RD, SUITE 201A
ATASCADERO, CA 93422
(805) 462-8983

FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219-TOWARD MORRO RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EL CAMINO REAL. Turn LEFT onto CA-41/MORRO RD.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE THE MORRO RD/CA-41 EXIT- EXIT 219, TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-41/MORRO RD.

BURBANK

2835 N. NAOMI STREET, SUITE 110
BURBANK CA 91504
(818) 566-9882

FROM I-5 SOUTH: TAKE HOLLYWOOD WAY EXIT 149. KEEP LEFT TO TAKE THE RAMP TOWARD WOODBURY UNIVERSITY. TURN LEFT ONTO N. HOLLYWOOD WAY. TURN RIGHT ONTO N. GLENOAKS BLVD. TURN RIGHT ONTO N. NAOMI ST. 2835 N NAOMI ST IS ON THE RIGHT.

FROM I-5 NORTH: TAKE BUENA VISTA STREET EXIT 148. TURN LEFT ONTO N. BUENA VISTA. TURN LEFT ONTO N. GLENOAKS BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO N. NAOMI ST. 2835 N. NAOMI ST IS ON THE RIGHT.



CARSON

17420 AVALON BLVD, SUITE 205

CARSON, CA 90746

(310) 400-7393

FROM CA-91 E/GARDENA FWY TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. OFF RAMP WILL LEAD YOU ONTO ALBERTONI ST. MAKE A RIGHT ONTO AVALON BLVD AND WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HANDSIDE (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).

FROM CA-91 W TAKE THE AVALON EXIT. MAKE A LEFT ONTO AVALON BLVD. MAKE A U-TURN ON AVALON BLVD AND ALBERTONI ST. WE ARE LOCATED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. (SAME PARKING LOT AS CARL'S JR).

EL MONTE - SANTA FE SPRINGS

10330 PIONEER BOULEVARD, SUITE 285

SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670

(562) 325-8113

FROM THE I-5 NORTH TAKE NORWALK BLVD EXIT #121, TURN RIGHT ONTO NORWALK BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO IMPERIAL HWY/CA-90. TURN RIGHT ONTO PIONEER BLVD, TESTING CENTER WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT.

FRESNO

351 E. BARSTOW, SUITE 101

FRESNO, CA 93710

(559) 538-3975

FROM CA-41 S, TAKE THE BULLARD AVE EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO E BULLARD AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO N FRESNO ST. PASS THROUGH THE INTERSECTION OF FRESNO AND BASTOW AVE. TAKE THE FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM CA-41 N, TAKE THE SHAW AVE EXIT TOWARD CLOVIS. TURN RIGHT ONTO E SHAW AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO N FRESNO ST. TURN LEFT INTO THE LAST DRIVEWAY BEFORE BARSTOW AVE.

TESTING CENTER IS IN THE OFFICE COMPLEX ON THE SW CORNER OF BARSTOW AND FRESNO ST.

HAYWARD

24301 SOUTHLAND DRIVE, SUITE B-1

HAYWARD, CA 94545

(510) 901-7992

FROM I-880 N TOWARD OAKLAND, TAKE THE WINTON AVENUE EXIT. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHLAND DR.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE/SAN MATEO BR, TAKE THE WINTON AVE WEST EXIT TOWARD HEALD COLLEGE. MERGE ONTO W WINTON AVE. TURN LEFT ONTO SOUTHLAND DR.

REDDING

2861 CHURN CREEK, UNIT C

REDDING, CA 96002

(530) 319-3615

FROM I-5 S, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVENUE EXIT (677). TURN RIGHT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ON CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM I-5 N TOWARDS SACRAMENTO, TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 E TOWARDS REDDING, START GOING WEST ON CA-299. MERGE ONTO I-5 S RAMP ON THE LEFT TOWARDS SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

FROM 299 W TOWARDS REDDING. START GOING EAST ON CA-299 TOWARDS WEAVERVILLE/REDDING. FROM 299 EAST TURN RIGHT ONTO CA-273/CA-299 E/MARKET STREET. TURN LEFT ONTO CA-299-E. MERGE ONTO I-5 S VIA EXIT 2A TOWARDS RED BLUFF/SACRAMENTO. TAKE THE CYPRESS AVE EXIT (677). TURN LEFT ONTO E. CYPRESS AVE. TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURN CREEK RD.

RIVERSIDE

7888 MISSION GROVE PARKWAY S., SUITE 130

RIVERSIDE, CA 92508

(951) 565-8037

FROM THE CA-91W TOWARD RIVERSIDE/BEACH CITIES, TAKE THE CENTRAL AVENUE EXIT TOWARD MAGNOLIA CENTER. TURN LEFT ONTO CENTRAL AVE. CENTRAL AVE BECOMES ALESSANDRO BLVD. VEER TO THE RIGHT, THEN STAY STRAIGHT TO GO ONTO TRAUTWEIN RD (YOU WILL PASS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DR). TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKY W.

FROM THE HIGH DESERT/SAN BERNARDINO AREA 215 S, WHERE THE 60 FWY, 91 FWY AND THE 215 FWY SPLIT, TAKE 215S (SIGNS FOR THE 60 EAST INDIO). TAKE EXIT 27C FOR ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN RIGHT ONTO E ALESSANDRO BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO MISSION GROVE PKWY S.

SACRAMENTO

8950 CAL CENTER DR, SUITE 158

SACRAMENTO, CA 95826.

916-476-5926

FROM US-50 E: USE THE RIGHT TWO LANES TO TAKE EXIT 11 FOR WATT AVE. USE THE RIGHT 2 LANES TO TURN RIGHT ONTO WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT LANE TO TURN LEFT AT THE FIRST CROSS STREET ONTO FOLSOM BLVD. USE THE LEFT TWO LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO MANLOVE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO CAL CENTER DR. BUILDING 8950 WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

FROM US-50 W: USE THE RIGHT TWO LANES TO TAKE EXIT 11 FOR WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT 2 LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO WATT AVE. USE THE LEFT LANE TO TURN LEFT AT THE FIRST CROSS STREET ONTO FOLSOM BLVD. USE THE LEFT TWO LANES TO TURN LEFT ONTO MANLOVE RD. TURN LEFT ONTO CAL CENTER DR. BUILDING 8950 WILL BE ON THE LEFT.

SAN DIEGO

5440 MOREHOUSE DRIVE, SUITE 2300

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(858) 550-5940

FROM I-805 S, TAKE THE SORRENTO VALLEY RD/MIRA MESA BLVD EXIT. TURN LEFT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD, TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DRIVE.

FROM I-805 N TOWARD LOS ANGELES, TAKE THE MIRA MESA BLVD/VISTA SORRENTO PKWY EXIT. TURN RIGHT ONTO MIRA MESA BLVD. TURN LEFT ONTO SCRANTON RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MOREHOUSE DR.

ADDITIONAL PARKING CAN BE FOUND (on top of the AT&T building) BY CONTINUING ON MOREHOUSE PAST OUR BUILDING AND TURNING LEFT AT THE NEXT DRIVEWAY UP THE HILL

SAN FRANCISCO

150 EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD., STE 2400

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134

(415) 494-5773

I-80 W BECOMES US-101 S. TAKE EXIT 429 A TOWARD MONSTER PARK/TUNNEL AVE. TAKE THE RAMP TOWARD 3COM PARK. TURN RIGHT ONTO ALANNA RD. TURN LEFT ONTO EXECUTIVE PARK BLVD.

SANTA CLARA

2936 SCOTT BLVD

SANTA CLARA, CA 95054

(408) 844-0008

FROM US-101 N, TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY/MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT- EXIT 392. TAKE THE SAN TOMAS EXPWY RAMP. MERGE ONTO SAN TOMAS EXPY/CR-G4. TURN LEFT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.

FROM I-880 S TOWARD SAN JOSE, TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY EXIT (7). TAKE THE MONTAGUE EXPWY WEST RAMP. MERGE ONTO MONTAGUE EXPY/CR-G4 E. TURN LEFT ONTO E TRIMBLE RD. E TRIMBLE RD BECOMES DE LA CRUZ BLVD. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO CENTRAL EXPY/CR-G6 W. TURN SLIGHT RIGHT ONTO SCOTT BLVD.



SANTA ROSA

160 WIKIUP DRIVE, SUITE 105
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403
(707) 791-3113

FROM US-101 N, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN RIGHT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

FROM US-101 S, TAKE MARK WEST SPRINGS/RIVER ROAD EXIT. TURN LEFT ON MARK WEST SPRINGS. TURN LEFT AT OLD REDWOOD HIGHWAY. TURN RIGHT ON WIKIUP DRIVE. FIRST DRIVEWAY ON RIGHT.

VENTURA

4245 MARKET ST, SUITE 208
VENTURA, CA 93003
(805) 650-5220

FROM US-101N, TAKE THE TELEPHONE ROAD EXIT 65. TURN LEFT ONTO TELEPHONE ROAD. TURN RIGHT ONTO MARKET STREET.

VISALIA

3400 W MINERAL KING AVE, SUITE D
VISALIA, CA 93291

FROM CA-99N, MERGE ONTO CA-198E VIA EXIT 96 TOWARD VISALIA/SEQUOIA NAT'L PARK. TAKE THE EXIT TOWARD DEMAREE STREET. MERGE ONTO W NOBLE AVENUE. TURN LEFT ONTO S COUNTY CENTER DRIVE. TAKE THE 1ST LEFT ONTO W MINERAL KING AVENUE.

WALNUT CREEK

175 LENNON LANE, SUITE 203
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598
(925) 906-9165

FROM I-5N, KEEP LEFT TO TAKE I-580W TOWARD TRACY/SAN FRANCISCO. MERGE ONTO I-680N VIA EXIT 44B TOWARD SACRAMENTO/WALNUT CREEK/CONCORD. TAKE THE YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD EXIT AND TURN RIGHT. TURN LEFT ONTO LENNON LANE.

REPORTING TO THE EXAMINATION SITE

*Please DO NOT wear scrubs to the exam(s).
Pocketed clothing is not permitted.*

On the day of the examination, you must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. This allows time for check-in and identification verification and provides time to familiarize yourself with the examination process. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the examination site and you may forfeit your examination registration fee. Even though candidates will be thumbprinted, you are still required to comply with any identification requirements established by the appropriate regulatory entity.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION AT EXAMINATION SITE

You must provide 1 form of identification, either:

- Non-expired government issued driver's license
- Non-expired government issued identification card (state, military)
- Non-expired passport
- U.S. issued passport card
- Non-resident alien card
- Non-expired Mexican Consulate Identification

If you cannot provide the required identification, you must call (877) 392-6422 at least 3 weeks prior to your scheduled

appointment to arrange a way to meet this security requirement. Failure to provide all of the required identification at the time of the examination without notifying PSI is considered a missed appointment, and you will not be able to take the examination.

CALIFORNIA LAW SECURITY PROCEDURES

Section 123 of the California Business and Professions Code states: It is a misdemeanor for any person to engage in any conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert any licensing examination or the administration of an examination, including, but not limited to:

- Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials;
- Removing from the examination room any examination materials without authorization;
- The unauthorized reproduction by any means of any portion of the actual licensing examination;
- Aiding by any means the unauthorized reproduction of any portion of the licensing examination;
- Paying or using professional or paid examination-takers for the purpose of reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination;
- Obtaining examination questions or other examination material, except by specific authorization either before, during, or after an examination; or
- Selling, distributing, buying, receiving, or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination.
- Communicating with any other examinee during the administration of a licensing examination.
- Copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee.
- Having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any books, equipment, notes, written or printed materials, or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed, or otherwise authorized to be in one's possession during the examination.
- Impersonating any examinee or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

Nothing in this section shall preclude prosecution under authority provided for in any other provision of law. In addition to any other penalties, a person found guilty of violating this section, shall be liable for the actual damages sustained by the agency administering the examination not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and the costs of litigation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TAKING AN EXAMINATION

1. All candidates will have their thumbprint taken during examination check-in and re-entry into the testing room after an approved absence. If a candidate passes the examination, the thumbprint record will be destroyed. If a candidate abandons his or her application for licensure, as determined by the appropriate regulatory authority, the thumbprint will also be destroyed. If a candidate is unsuccessful, the thumbprint record will be retained by PSI to ensure proper identification on any subsequent examination attempts. If the thumbprint doesn't match upon exit and re-entry, the candidate shall be disqualified from the examination, his or her test results invalidated,



TAKING THE EXAMINATION BY COMPUTER

The examination will be administered via computer. You will be using a mouse and computer keyboard.

IDENTIFICATION SCREEN

You will be directed to a semiprivate testing station to take the examination. When you are seated at the testing station, you will be prompted to confirm your name, identification number, and the examination for which you are registered.

TUTORIAL

Before you start your examination, an introductory tutorial is provided on the computer screen. The time you spend on this tutorial, up to 15 minutes, DOES NOT count as part of your examination time. Sample questions are included following the tutorial so that you may practice answering questions, and reviewing your answers.

TEST QUESTION SCREEN

The “function bar” at the top of the sample question provides mouse-click access to the features available while taking the examination.

The screenshot shows a computer interface for a test question. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Mark, Comments, Goto, Help, and End. Below this, a status bar displays: Question: 3 of 40, Answered: 2, Unanswered: 1, Marked: 0, View: All, Time Left(Min): 359. The main question area contains the text: "3. What do the stars on the United States of America's flag represent?". Below the question, it says "(Choose from the following options)". There are four radio button options: "1. Presidents", "2. Colonies", "3. States", and "4. Wars". At the bottom of the question area, there are two buttons: "<< Back" and "Next >>".

One question appears on the screen at a time. During the examination, minutes remaining will be displayed at the top of the screen and updated as you record your answers

EXAMINATION ITEMS

The RDAC Examination is comprised of 125 scored and 25 pretest (unscored) multiple-choice items. Pretesting items allows performance data to be gathered and evaluated before the items are scored on an examination. These pretest (“experimental”) items will be distributed throughout the examination and WILL NOT be counted for or against the examination score. Pretest items WILL NOT be identified to candidates.

and the appropriate regulatory entity will be notified of the occurrence. The taking of the thumbprint is an additional measure to enhance examination security.

The Department’s Office of Professional Examination Services shall ensure that the appropriate safeguards for the storage and destruction of the thumbprint records are in place.

2. The temperature in the testing room is maintained at a moderate level. Candidates are advised to layer clothing. Acceptable layered clothing includes lightweight shirts, sweaters, and pullovers without pockets. These items must be worn upon check-in, while you wait to enter the testing room, and during your initial seating for the examination.
3. There are timing mechanisms available at the test site and on the computer console to help candidates keep track of time during the test administration. Watches or other timekeeping devices are not permitted in the examination rooms.
4. Only one candidate will be allowed to take a restroom break at a time. Candidates are required to sign out when you leave the room and when you return. If a candidate’s restroom break takes longer than 5 (five) minutes, a proctor will check on the candidate and will notify the applicable regulatory entity of the occurrence, which will take appropriate action.
5. The following items are not permitted in the examination rooms:
 - Cellular telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), recording devices, cameras, pagers, purses, notebooks, notebook computers, reference or readings material, music players, radios, electronic games, calculators, or briefcases.
 - Personal items including watches, backpacks, wallets, pens, pencils, or other writing devices, food, drinks (unless prior approval is obtained by your regulatory entity) and good-luck items.
 - Hats, baseball caps, or visors (with the exception of religious apparel), coats, shawls, hooded clothing, heavy jackets, overcoats or shirts with pockets.

During the check-in process, all candidates will be asked if they possess any of the prohibited items and all candidates will be asked to empty their pockets. If prohibited items are found during check-in, candidates shall return these items to their vehicle or other place of safekeeping. Neither PSI, nor the Department of Consumer Affairs, shall be responsible for the items. Any candidate possessing the prohibited items in the examination room shall have his or her test results invalidated, and PSI shall notify the appropriate regulatory entity of the occurrence.

6. Copying or communicating examination content is a violation of PSI security policy and existing law. Either one shall result in the disqualification or invalidation of examination results, the denial of your license, and may subject the candidate to criminal prosecution.

THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION

EXAMINATION RESULTS

You will receive the results of your RDAC Examination at the PSI test center. The results will also be sent to the Board.

Periodically, there may be a delay in providing your results due to the board performing a quality assurance assessment on the examination items. If an assessment is underway, information will be posted on the board's Web site at www.dbc.ca.gov informing applicants of the assessment and delay in receiving results. The board makes every effort to complete the assessment as quickly as possible.

You should contact the Board about 30 days after passing the RDAC examination if you have not received your license.

If you fail the RDAC examination, you will receive a failed score report and an application to retake the examination.

Licenses will not automatically be issued once you pass the examination. The Board must first complete its criminal history investigation of each applicant.

EXAMINATION PLAN SUMMARY

The written examination includes 125 scored and 25 pretest (unscored) multiple-choice items. It is functional in nature, covering the duties and settings for Registered Dental Assistants as defined in the California Dental Practice Act. You will have 3 hours to complete this examination.

Following is an outline of the RDAC examination. The numbers in parentheses indicate the approximate percentage of scored questions covering the topic in the examination. Questions may require knowledge of rationale (indications, contraindications), instrumentation, technique, and evaluation criteria in the following content areas:

1. Patient Treatment and Care (25%)
2. Dental Procedures (35%)
 - a. Direct and Indirect Restorations
 - b. Preventative Procedures
3. Dental Specialty Procedures (10%)
 - a. Endodontic Procedures
 - b. Periodontal Procedures
 - c. Orthodontic Procedures
 - d. Implants, Oral Surgery and Extractions
 - e. Prosthetic Appliances
4. Safety (30%)
 - a. Infection Control
 - b. Radiation Safety
 - c. Occupational Safety

**RDAC Examination Plan
General and Law/Ethics Combined
(EFFECTIVE MAY 24, 2018)**

1. PATIENT TREATMENT AND CARE (25%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
1 Review and report to dentist patient medical conditions, medications, and areas of medical/dental treatment history that may affect dental treatment.	1 Knowledge of effects of coexisting medical/dental conditions on dental treatment.
2 Take patient's blood pressure and vital signs.	2 Knowledge of common medical conditions that may affect dental treatment (e.g., asthma, cardiac conditions, diabetes).
3 Inspect patient's oral condition with mouth mirror.	3 Knowledge of allergic reactions and sensitivities associated with dental treatment and materials (e.g., latex, epinephrine).
4 Chart existing oral conditions and diagnostic findings at the direction of the licensed provider.	4 Knowledge of purposes and effects of commonly prescribed medications that may affect dental treatment (e.g., Coumadin, psychotropics).
5 Perform intraoral diagnostic imaging of patient's mouth and dentition (e.g., radiographs, photographs).	6 Knowledge of medical conditions that may require premedication for dental treatment (e.g., joint replacement, infective endocarditis, artificial heart valves).
6 Respond to patient questions about existing conditions and treatment following dentist's diagnosis.	7 Knowledge of acceptable levels of blood pressure for performing dental procedures.
7 Observe for signs and conditions that may indicate abuse or neglect.	8 Knowledge of methods and techniques for using medical equipment to take vital signs.
8 Perform dental procedures using professional chairside manner.	9 Knowledge of techniques and procedures for using imaging equipment to perform intraoral and extraoral diagnostic imaging.
9 Educate patient about behaviors that could affect oral health or dental treatment.	10 Knowledge of types of plaque, calculus, and stain formations of the oral cavity and their etiology.
10 Instruct patient about pre- and postoperative care and maintenance for dental procedures and appliances.	11 Knowledge of conditions of the tooth surfaces (e.g., decalcification, caries, stains, and fractures lines) and how to document them.
32 Utilize caries detection materials and devices to gather information for dentist.	12 Knowledge of effects of substance abuse on patient's physical condition including oral tissues.
48 Assist in the administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen when used for analgesia or sedation by dentist.	13 Knowledge of effects of nutrition and malnutrition on the oral cavity.
49 Assist in the administration of oxygen to patients as instructed by dentist.	14 Knowledge of effects of smoking and smokeless tobacco on oral tissue.
51 Assist in emergency care of patient.	15 Knowledge of the professional and ethical principles related to communicating with, and fair treatment of patient.
	16 Knowledge of professional and ethical principles regarding patient care.
	17 Knowledge of legal requirements and ethical principles regarding patient confidentiality.
	18 Knowledge of types of dental conditions of hard and soft tissue and how to identify and document them.
	19 Knowledge of basic oral and dental anatomy (e.g., nomenclature, morphology, and tooth notation).
	20 Knowledge of legal requirements and ethical principles regarding mandated reporting (abuse and neglect).
	22 Knowledge of the RDA/RDAEFs legal and ethical responsibilities to report violations of the state dental practice act, administrative rules or regulations to the proper authorities.
	23 Knowledge of methods and techniques patients can perform to improve oral health.
	24 Knowledge of pre- and postoperative care and maintenance for dental procedures and appliances.
	25 Knowledge of requirements for the supervision of RDAs and RDAEFs related to different dental procedures.
	26 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs and RDAEFs related to initial patient assessment.
	64 Knowledge of types of automated caries detection devices, materials, and procedures for their use.
	68 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs related to use of caries detection devices and materials.
	92 Knowledge of procedures for the use and care of equipment used to administer oxygen and nitrous oxide/oxygen.
	93 Knowledge of signs and symptoms indicating the need to implement first aid and basic life support measures.

95 Knowledge of signs and symptoms indicating possible allergic reactions and/or sensitivities to medications or materials used in dentistry.

2. DENTAL PROCEDURES (35%)

2A Dental Procedures: Direct and Indirect Restorations (30%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
13 Place bases and liners.	28 Knowledge of types of base and liner materials and the techniques and procedures for their application and placement.
14 Place matrices and wedges.	29 Knowledge of types of wedges and the techniques and procedures for their use.
15 Place temporary filling material.	30 Knowledge of techniques and procedures for using matrix bands with or without band retainers.
16 Apply etchant to tooth surface (tooth dentin or enamel) for direct and indirect provisional restorations.	31 Knowledge of types of temporary filling materials and the techniques and procedures to mix, place, and contour them.
17 Place bonding agent.	32 Knowledge of types of bonding agents and the techniques and procedures for their application and placement.
18a Fabricate and adjust indirect provisional restorations.	33 Knowledge of types of etchants and the techniques and procedures for their application and placement.
18b Place, adjust, and finish direct provisional restorations.	34 Knowledge of irregularities in margins that affect direct and indirect provisional restorations.
19 Perform cementation procedure for indirect provisional restorations.	35 Knowledge of techniques used to eliminate open margins when placing restorative materials.
20 Obtain intraoral images using computer generated imaging system (e.g., CAD/CAM).	36 Knowledge of methods for identifying improper occlusal contacts, proximal contacts, or embrasure contours of provisional restorations.
21 Take impressions for indirect provisional restorations.	37 Knowledge of techniques and procedures for mitigating the effects of improper occlusal contacts, proximal contacts, or embrasure contours of provisional restorations.
22 Remove indirect provisional restorations.	38 Knowledge of instrumentation and techniques related to the removal of indirect provisional restorations.
23 Perform in-office whitening (bleaching) procedures (e.g., Boost, Opalescence).	39 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs and RDAEFs related to applying bases, liners, and bonding agents.
	40 Knowledge of equipment and procedures used to obtain intraoral images for computer-aided, milled restorations.
	41 Knowledge of types of impression materials and techniques and procedures for their application and placement.
	42 Knowledge of techniques and procedures used to mix and place provisional materials.
	43 Knowledge of techniques and procedures for bonding provisional veneers.
	44 Knowledge of indications and contraindications for the use of whitening (bleaching) agents.
	45 Knowledge of indications and contraindications for the use of bonding agents.
	46 Knowledge of indications and contraindications for the use of etching agents.
	47 Knowledge of types of whitening (bleaching) agents and the techniques and procedures for their application.
	48 Knowledge of types of cements and the techniques and procedures for their application, placement, and removal.
	49 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs and RDAEFs related to applying and activating whitening (bleaching) agents.
	50 Knowledge of RDA and RDAEF scopes of practice related to direct restorations.
	51 Knowledge of RDA and RDAEF scopes of practice related to indirect restorations.
	52 Knowledge of RDA and RDAEF scopes of practice related to final impressions.

2B Dental Procedures: Preventive Procedures (5%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
31 Perform coronal polishing. 33 Prepare teeth and apply pit and fissure sealants.	60 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs related to coronal polishing and the application of pit and fissure sealants.

3. DENTAL SPECIALTY PROCEDURES (10%)

3A Dental Specialty Procedures: Endodontic Procedures (2%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
58 Test pulp vitality. 59 Dry canals with absorbent points.	102 Knowledge of techniques and procedures for testing pulp vitality. 103 Knowledge of techniques and procedures for measuring canal length and size. 104 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs and RDAEFs related to initial pulp vitality testing and other endodontic procedures.

3B Dental Specialty Procedures: Periodontal Procedures (1%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
62 Place periodontal dressings at surgical site.	108 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs and RDAEFs related to the placement of periodontal dressing materials. 109 Knowledge of types of periodontal dressings and techniques for their application.

3C Dental Specialty Procedures: Orthodontic Procedures (3%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
63 Place orthodontic separators. 64 Place and remove ligature ties and arch wires. 65 Place elastic ties to secure arch wires. 66 Remove orthodontic bands. 67 Take impression for fixed and removable orthodontic appliances.	110 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs and RDAEFs related to the placement of orthodontic materials. 111 Knowledge of techniques for placement and removal of orthodontic separators and bands, arch wires, and ties. 112 Knowledge of techniques for placement and removal of removable orthodontic appliances. 113 Knowledge of types of materials for taking impressions for removable orthodontic appliances and the techniques for their application.

3D Dental Specialty Procedures: Implants, Oral Surgery and Extractions (3%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
69 Remove post-extraction and post-surgery sutures as directed by dentist. 70 Place and remove dry socket dressing as directed by dentist.	114 Knowledge of techniques for removing post-extraction and post-surgery sutures. 115 Knowledge of methods for treating dry socket.

3E Dental Specialty Procedures: Prosthetic Appliances (1%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
71 Adjust prosthetic appliances extraorally.	116 Knowledge of methods for identifying pressure points (sore spots) related to ill-fitting prosthetic appliances. 117 Knowledge of materials, equipment, and techniques used for adjustment of prosthetic appliances. 118 Knowledge of scope of practice for RDAs and RDAEFs related to the adjustment of extraoral prosthetic appliances.

4. SAFETY (30%)

4A Safety: Infection Control (24%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
34 Wear personal protective equipment during patient-based and non-patient-based procedures as specific to the tasks.	69 Knowledge of laws and regulations pertaining to infection control procedures related to "Dental Healthcare Personnel" (DHCP) environments.
35 Purge dental unit lines with air or water prior to attachment of devices.	74 Knowledge of protocols and procedures for purging dental unit waterlines and hand pieces (DUWL).
36 Use germicides for surface disinfection (e.g., tables, chairs, counters).	84 Knowledge of procedures and protocols for the disposal of biological hazardous waste and Other Potentially Infectious Materials (OPIM).
37 Use surface barriers for prevention of cross-contamination.	
38 Perform instrument sterilization in compliance with the office's infection control program.	
39 Disinfect and sterilize laboratory and operatory equipment in compliance with the office's infection control program.	
40 Use hand hygiene procedures.	
41 Conduct biological spore testing to ensure functioning of sterilization devices.	
42 Dispose of biological hazardous waste and Other Potentially Infectious Materials (OPIM).	
43 Dispose of pharmaceuticals and sharps in appropriate container.	

4B Safety: Radiation Safety (3%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
44 Implement measures to minimize radiation exposure to patient during radiographic procedures.	89 Knowledge of legal and ethical requirements for RDAs and RDAEFs related to radiation safety.
45 Implement measures to prevent and monitor scatter radiation exposure (e.g., lead shields, radiation dosimeter) to self and others during radiographic procedures.	90 Knowledge of methods for the storage and disposal of radiographic film.
47 Implement measures for the storage and disposal of radiographic film.	

4C Safety: Occupational Safety (3%)

Task Statements	Knowledge Statements
55 Implement protocols and procedures to protect operator from exposure during hazardous waste management.	99 Knowledge of what constitutes hazardous waste and the protocols and procedures for its disposal.
56 Package, prepare, and store hazardous waste for disposal.	101 Knowledge of requirements for placing hazardous substances in secondary containers, (e.g., labeling, handling, applicable containers).
57 Store, label, and log chemicals used in a dental practice.	

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