

**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MEETING
May 14, 2024**

Council Members

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

**Action may be taken on any
item listed on the agenda.**

The Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) will meet in-person in accordance with Government Code section 11123, subdivision (a), at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the following location:

Hilton Anaheim
777 W. Convention Way (Room TBD)
Anaheim, CA 92802
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(916) 263-2300 or (877) 729-7789 (Board Office)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda **[4]**
Note: The Council may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this Public Comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a).)
3. Discussion and Possible Action on November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes **[5-14]**
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5. Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics **[16-18]**
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 - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Written Examination
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- a. Registered Dental Assistant License
 - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions License
 - c. Orthodontic Assistant Permit
 - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Permit
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 8. Update from the Board's Access to Care Committee **[34-39]**
 9. Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendations on Proposed Regulations
 - a. Status Update on Pending Regulations **[40]**
 - b. Update on the Progress of the Board's Infection Control Regulations Advisory Working Group **[41]**
 - c. Update on the Progress of the Council's Dental Assisting Regulations Advisory Working Group **[42-43]**
 - d. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Board to Make Non-Substantive Rule Changes Per Section 100 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to Repeal CCR, Title 16, Section 1069 and its Title, and Amend CCR, Title 16, Sections 1076 and 1086 Concerning the Permit Reform Act **[44-54]**
 10. Update on Legislation
 - a. Update Regarding the Board's 2024 Sunset Review **[55-56]**
 - b. Legislation of Interest **[57-59]**
 - i. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 2242](#) (Wendy Carrillo, 2024) Dentistry: dental assistants
 - ii. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1453](#) (Ashby, 2024) Dentistry: board meetings
 11. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

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

Notes



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**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2023**

The Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met by teleconference/WebEx Events on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, with the following location available for Council and public member participation:

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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Traci Reed-Espinoza, RDAEF, Chair

Staff Present:

Tracy A. Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer
Paige Ragali, Chief of Dental Programs and Customer Support
Tina Vallery, Chief of Dental Assisting
Jessica Olney, Anesthesia Unit Manager
Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager
David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
Joe Tippins, Investigator
Juan Fuentes, Investigator
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst
Kristy Schieldge, Regulatory Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Cesar Victoria, Office of Public Affairs, DCA
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, DCA

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

Council Vice Chair, Ms. Cara Miyasaki, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.; six members of the Council were present, and a quorum was established.

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

There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on August 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Fowler/Olague) to approve the August 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Reed-Espinoza.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 4: Executive Officer Report

Dr. Tracy Montez stated that by statute, the Board has authority to operate until January 1, 2025. The sunset date provision is applied to all DCA boards and bureaus on a staggered basis to allow California State Legislature to review each entity and its operation and amend that entity's laws as it sees fit. She shared that the Board last went through this process in 2018 and 2019 and that this process begins with the Board drafting a report based upon questions provided by the Legislature. In October of 2023, the Board approved the sunset review report and authorized her to make non-substantive changes that may be needed. Dr. Montez stated that this report will then be submitted to the Legislature by the due date of January 4, 2024, will be posted on the Board's website, and Board staff will await a hearing date. At that time, the Board President and she will be at the hearing to respond to any questions the Legislature may have. Upon that, the Legislature will make a determination whether or not to extend the Board's operations.

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

Agenda Item 5: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

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

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

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Agenda Item 6: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

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

Ms. Parks conveyed that one of the questions that has come up for Board staff is what are the most common reasons for incomplete registered dental assistant (RDA) applications. She stated that Board staff often receive applications for RDA licensure that are incomplete due to missing information, such as mailing address and a signature, failure to submit required course completion certificates, or failure to submit pathway documents, such as a diploma or a work experience. Another question was what are the common reasons for RDA application denial. She stated that Assembly Bill (AB) 2138 prevents the Board and other DCA boards from asking the applicant to report to the Board their prior convictions when applying. Additionally, the Board revised its applications to comply with AB 2138 a few years ago and has posted a link on the applicant page of its website that provides information about licensed applicants who were convicted of a crime or formally disciplined. The Board will consider convictions that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the profession. The Board also considers the nature and gravity of the offense and the number of years elapsed since the date of the offense.

Vice Chair Miyasaki asked for clarification regarding the applications and whether it is correct that convictions are discovered during the application process through fingerprinting as the Board is no longer asking about convictions on the application. Ms. Parks replied that was correct. Vice Chair Miyasaki asked whether an expunged criminal conviction will still show up. Ms. Parks replied that it will and is reported to the Board from the Department of Justice (DOJ). She added that AB 2138 outlined the information that can be part of the decision making when deciding to issue a license or not. Vice Chair Miyasaki asked whether the candidate is asked for documentation or whether that is decided solely on the information provided by the DOJ. Ms. Parks responded that the candidate can submit information on a voluntary basis. Vice Chair Miyasaki voiced her understanding that a program director cannot advise on whether an individual who discloses they have a misdemeanor or felony would be accepted for RDA licensure. The individual would have to go through the program, apply, and pass, and then would be examined by the Board for consideration. Ms. Parks replied that a final decision would not be made until the candidate has met all requirements, including the examination.

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

Ms. Claudia Pohl, representing California Dental Assistants Association (CDAA), stated that on page 19 of the meeting materials in Dental Assistant Applications Approved by Month, the number for the RDA exam in 2022/23 was 3,837, which is almost double the two previous years. However, on page 20 under Dental Assistant Licenses Issued by Month, it is up from previous years but not as much. As it is significantly lower than the

number of applications approved, she questioned that disconnect between application approval and licenses issued.

Dr. Montez noted that many variables are involved with approving applications, and there is not always going to be a perfect trend of how many individuals apply and how many are eventually licensed. She added that there are deficiencies involved in the process, and it sometimes takes individual up to a year to pass the examination.

Agenda Item 7: Update on the Occupational Analysis of the Registered Dental Assistant Profession

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

Vice Chair Miyasaki noted the test was or is now called the RDA General and Law and Ethics Written Exam, and the name of the test has changed to the RDA Written Exam. She asked whether that is the way the title of the test will be worded. Ms. Parks replied that it is also referred to as the RDA combined exam, and the Board's regulations are intertwined. Vice Chair Miyasaki noted she was not able to find the part where ethics was in the exam outline. Ms. Parks replied that it is in the task and knowledge statement ratings tables, which can be found on tables 13 and 14 of the Occupational Analysis of the Registered Dental Assistant Profession report.

Dr. Montez stated that if you look at those tables, it may not necessarily call out ethics, as ethics is woven throughout the exam plan, which is why they did the combined exam. When the item writers and subject matter experts write the test questions, they will write questions dealing with the ethics associated with performing those various tasks. When they write questions for the test, they are focusing on the task statements that are outlined in that examination plan, and then they use the knowledge base to support that. Dr. Montez added that the occupational analysis was a methodological study of the RDA profession of what is currently being done in the job. This process is mandated by Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 139, which is based on national testing standards and what makes the examination fair, valid, and legally defensible. She voiced that the Board does an occupational analysis about every five years, which is what drives the exam plan and can also be used for training and various other things. The exam does not test everything but tests what is most critical for safe and effective practice. Whereas educational programs test the entire profession, the exam only takes a sample of that. Dr. Montez noted that the Board is meeting this statutory mandate.

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

Agenda Item 8: Presentation from the Board's Access to Care Committee

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

Vice Chair Miyasaki voiced that a lot of individuals are always asking for review textbooks for examinations, and the review textbooks that are offered on a nationwide basis are often targeted toward the California Dental Association (CDA) exam and are at times better than the others. In California, there are RDA review courses offered by for-profit private programs that will review for the RDA exam on a weekend, or they might offer an online course for that. She stated that the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) that offers the CDA exam has the DALE Foundation, and their review materials for the general chairside, infection control, and radiology are excellent. She added that they also offer review tests at a cost.

Council Member De'Andra Epps-Robbins asked for clarification whether a foreign dentist could come in and possibly do a survey or some type of questionnaire. Secretary Larin responded that recommendation number 4 on the agenda item was merely a possibility. Council Member Epps-Robbins asked whether that would have a cost to them to do this and if that would be placed as a public survey once that data was received. Secretary Larin responded that recommendation number 4 will possibly look into foreign dental graduates being able to take their RDA exam for which they would study on their own, and there would be no cost.

Dr. Montez indicated that this is simply a general outline that the Board's Access to Care Committee has provided. After the new year, Board staff will delve in each of these and anticipate providing updates at future meetings. She asked the Council to work through her, and she can relay feedback to Secretary Larin and the Board to ensure collaboration on these issues. Dr. Montez cautioned that the Board is not permitted to ask any kind of information in a survey, as there are codes and laws that govern what the Board can and cannot ask for. Therefore, Board staff will be working with the Board's attorneys to receive guidance on how to gather information.

Regarding number 3 on the agenda item, Vice Chair Miyasaki commented that from her experience being an educator and hearing other educators discuss the work experience pathway, it should be noted that many people that do the work experience pathway may not work in a general chairside office but might work in pedodontics, periodontics, orthodontics, or endodontics. She added that many individuals have informed her that they go online and look at Quizlets. She has looked at the Quizlets and often the answers are wrong. Vice Chair Miyasaki suggested explaining to candidates via the Board's website that Quizlets not coming from a valid entity might not be a great resource.

She added that on agenda 6 under Dental Assistant License Status Statistics, in California for 2023, for RDA there are 28,000 active licenses, almost 4,000 inactive, almost 14,000 delinquent, and 54,000 cancelled. She noted that it seems hard to believe that they would all move out of the state, and that might be a source to investigate.

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

Tooka Zokaie, CDA representative, shared that CDA is aligned with the goals of the Board's Access to Care Committee and the actions to explore strategies to increase pathways to licensure. She noted that CDA also wanted to comment on opportunities to further these efforts and encouraged the Board to explore how the RDA exam can be offered in different languages as a recommendation from the data collected from AB 269. Ms. Zokaie conveyed that in January 2024, DANB will begin offering its Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam in Spanish, making it the first Spanish language dental assisting credentialing exam to be offered nationally. CDA encouraged the Board to explore dental assistant certification exams that can be offered in plain language similar to Oregon's House Bill 3223 that now offers exams in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Joan Greenfield, representing the Dental Assisting Alliance, stated that one of the big issues has been salary, which individuals who are trying to figure out how to bring more people into the profession are not addressing. There is a plethora of dental assistants, whether dental assistants or RDAs, who are getting paid \$20 an hour or less and have to jump through a lot more hoops than those outside of the profession who do not have a license. She conveyed that when the exams are done, there is an analysis of questions that are in the exam but not counted to see whether they are valid and so forth. She inquired as to whether anyone has done an analysis of what subject areas people are continuing to fail. In regard to failure on the exam, there could be some information there. She voiced that another issue is that perhaps there is a perception in the general public of what RDAs do, and maybe there needs to be more advertising on the part of the profession to interest people in the profession.

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

Agenda Item 9.a.: Discussion and Possible Action to Form an Advisory Working Group to Review and Revise the Dental Assisting Comprehensive Rulemaking (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Sections 1014, 1067-1071, 1076-1077.3, 1080-1081.3, 1083, 1085-1087)

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

Kristy Schieldge expressed that she was the Board's Counsel around 13 or 14 years ago and worked on the existing dental assisting educational program regulations, which have not been updated since she left as Board Counsel. Now that she is back, it does seem that they do need to be updated again. As past Counsel for the Bureau for Private and Post-Secondary Education for a decade, she is very familiar with educational programs and how approvals work. Ms. Schieldge expressed that the best approach is that a one- or two-person Advisory Group be formed so that they can meet frequently and consistently over time to get these regulations where they need to be for the profession and for the Board's regulation of these professions.

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(M/S/C) (Olague/Epps-Robbins) to create a working group composed of Council Member Jeri Fowler and Vice Chair Miyasaki to review and make recommendations to possibly revise the Board's regulations on dental assisting in consultation with Regulations Counsel and Board staff and bring back any revised text for discussion and possible action at a future Council meeting.

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

Caller 3 requested an investigation or inquiry as to why the Board's complaint department has a poor rating and what can be done for improvement. The caller requested the item be put on a future meeting agenda.

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

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

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Reed-Espinoza.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 9.b.: Consideration of Proposed Regulatory Language, and Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Initiate a Rulemaking to Amend CCR, Title 16, Sections 1080, 1080.3, 1081, and 1081.2, Adopt Sections 1081.3 and 1081.4, and Repeal Sections 1080.1, 1080.2, 1081.1, 1082, 1082.1, 1082.3, and 1083 Related to Dental Assisting Examinations

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

Council Member Fowler indicated that on page 46 of the meeting materials referencing the proposed text of the dental assisting examination, it states "If an examinee does not have a thumb, or the print cannot be captured, the test center proctor shall scan the pointer finger. If the examinee has no thumbs or fingers, the test center...". Council Member Fowler asked whether the word "fingers" can be substituted for "fingerprints that are able to be captured".

Ms. Schieldge replied that Board staff have been advised not to use the word "fingerprints" because it implies collection for the purpose of checking criminal history. In previous interactions with the Department of General Services (DGS), Executive Officer Montez has advised that DGS requested Board staff to not to use that word when not actually talking about fingerprinting for rap sheets or running criminal

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background checks as it might confuse people into thinking that their fingerprints are being taken for that purpose when it is retained on site only to be used for identification purposes at the exam site. She mentioned that the test center specialists for the exam administrator told Board staff to use this language.

Dr. Montez added that this is model language that is used for other boards and bureaus when candidates go get their computer-based testing.

Vice Chair Miyasaki asked if the language could be revised to state that the candidate only be required to provide an anatomic landmark in order to avoid revisions in the near future. Ms. Schieldge responded that the problem is that the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) would probably raise a clarity problem with that language because not everyone has the same understanding of what that term means. Therefore, it has to be a universally understood and accepted term or the Board would have to define what “anatomic landmark” means in every case.

Vice Chair Miyasaki inquired whether the acceptable government-issued photographic identification cards include the Veterans Affairs (VA) identification as well. Ms. Schieldge responded that there is military identification that would include active duty, retiree, or reservist. Vice Chair Miyasaki asked if that applies to someone that works at the VA but is not in the military, such as in the dental clinic. Ms. Schieldge replied that DCA is looking for a photographic identification document (ID) that is typically accepted by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) or governmental entities that use photographic identification to verify an individual’s legal presence in the state, and this is the list of identifying documents that she believes has been used universally by the Board’s test administrator. The recommendation would be to stay consistent with test administrator procedures.

(M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Fowler) to recommend to the Board approval of the proposed regulatory text in Attachment A and recommend the Board consider all of the following actions: (1) Direct staff to submit the text in Attachment A to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. (2) If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations as noticed for title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1080, 1080.3, 1081,1081.2, 1081.3,and 1081.4, and repeal Sections 1080.1, 1080.2,1081.1, 1082, 1082.1, 1082.3, and 1083.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: Reed-Espinoza.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 10: Update on Legislation

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

He verbalized that AB 481, which is a bill introduced in the Legislature this year to make significant revisions to the dental assisting chapter of the Dental Practice Act, did not move out of the Senate Appropriations Committee and was not passed by the Legislature this year. As of November 7, 2023, it has not been designated as a two-year bill, and if that remains the case, once the Legislature reconvenes in 2024, the bill would need to be reintroduced or the stakeholders supporting that particular bill would seek to have the changes that were suggested in the bill incorporated into the Board's sunset legislation, which will be dealt with in the spring of 2024.

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

Agenda Item 11: Election of 2024 Council Chair and Vice Chair

Dr. Montez facilitated the election. She opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair. Dr. Montez stated that Vice Chair Miyasaki was nominated for appointment as the 2024 Council Chair; Vice Chair Miyasaki accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Dr. Montez requested public comment on the nomination. There were no public comments made on the nomination.

(M/S/C) (Fowler/Epps-Robbins) to elect Vice Chair Miyasaki as the 2024 Council Chair.

Dr. Montez requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on the motion.

Dr. Montez called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

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

Nays: None.

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Abstentions: None.
Absent: Reed-Espinoza.
Recusals: None.

The motion passed. Vice Chair Miyasaki was elected as 2024 Council Chair.

Dr. Montez opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Council. Dr. Montez stated that Council Member Fowler was nominated for appointment as the 2024 Vice Chair; Council Member Fowler accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.

(M/S/C) (Miyasaki/ Epps-Robbins) to appoint Council Member Fowler as the 2024 Council Vice Chair.

Dr. Montez requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. There were no public comments made on the motion.

Dr. Montez called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Miyasaki, Olague, Pacheco, Pliss.
Nays: None.
Abstentions: None.
Absent: Reed-Espinoza.
Recusals: None.

The motion passed. Council Member Fowler was elected as 2024 Council Vice Chair.

Dr. Montez noted the Chair and Vice Chair terms would begin on January 1, 2024.

Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

Vice Chair Miyasaki adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 2, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 4.: Executive Officer Report

Background

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

Action Requested

No action required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 11, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 5.: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

Background

The following table provides the examination statistics for candidates who attempted dental assisting examinations in fiscal years (FY) 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24, through March 31, 2024.

License Type		RDA	OA	DSA	RDAEF		
		Written	Written	Written	Clinical	Practical	Written
FY 2023/24	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	1,839	120	8	N/A	N/A	139
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,455	78	7	N/A	N/A	110
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	79%	65%	87.5%	N/A	N/A	79%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	384	42	1	N/A	N/A	29
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	21%	35%	12.5%	N/A	N/A	21%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	812	109	1	N/A	N/A	83
	Repeat Candidates Pass	372	36	1	N/A	N/A	36
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	46%	33%	100%	N/A	N/A	43%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	440	73	N/A	N/A	N/A	47
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	54%	67%	N/A	N/A	N/A	57%
	Total Candidates Tested	2,651	229	9	N/A	N/A	222
	Total Candidates Passed	1,827	114	8	N/A	N/A	146
	Total Candidates Pass %	69%	49.8%	89%	N/A	N/A	66%
	Total Candidates Failed	824	115	1	N/A	N/A	76
Total Candidates Failed %	31%	50.2%	11%	N/A	N/A	34%	
FY 2022/23	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	2,107	255	8	N/A	N/A	194
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,644	189	7	N/A	N/A	155
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	78%	74%	88%	N/A	N/A	80%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	463	66	1	N/A	N/A	39
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	22%	26%	12%	N/A	N/A	20%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	814	100	3	N/A	N/A	130
	Repeat Candidates Pass	361	54	3	N/A	N/A	52
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	44%	54%	100%	N/A	N/A	40%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	453	46	0	N/A	N/A	78
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	56%	46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%

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

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.

Due to the cancellation of the February 8, 2024, Dental Assisting Council meeting, Board staff received a request from stakeholders to provide the statistical reports that would have been presented at this meeting. On February 28, 2024, Board staff posted this information on its website, under the "News and Alerts" section, and distributed an email notification via the Board's Listserv.

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Additional information regarding written examination is 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

DATE	April 15, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 6.: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

Dental Assistant License Application Statistics

The following tables provide monthly dental assistant license application statistics for fiscal years (FY) 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23 and 2023-24, through March 31, 2024.

Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Received by Month													
	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 20-21	128	120	288	409	134	210	263	120	215	239	195	340	2,661
RDA 21-22	212	220	246	256	176	174	172	159	222	199	278	331	2,645
RDA 22-23	265	213	138	184	156	100	187	155	190	272	281	183	2,324
RDA 23-24	329	277	224	251	190	165	118	203	200				1,957
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
RDAEF 22-23	4	14	11	24	10	8	4	10	20	29	31	40	205
RDAEF 23-24	16	15	4	25	1	5	23	16	24				129
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
OA 22-23	16	28	23	16	18	8	27	19	19	25	17	13	228
OA 23-24	19	21	19	13	26	29	12	18	27				184
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
DSA 22-23	0	4	3	8	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	21
DSA 23-24	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0				7
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 20-21	65	47	248	188	69	89	261	239	219	244	146	92	1,907
RDA 21-22	225	273	225	209	176	108	71	118	114	139	118	121	1,897
RDA 22-23	129	271	846	378	480	338	180	140	286	252	247	284	3,831
RDA 23-24	171	332	232	407	152	203	130	251	270				2,148

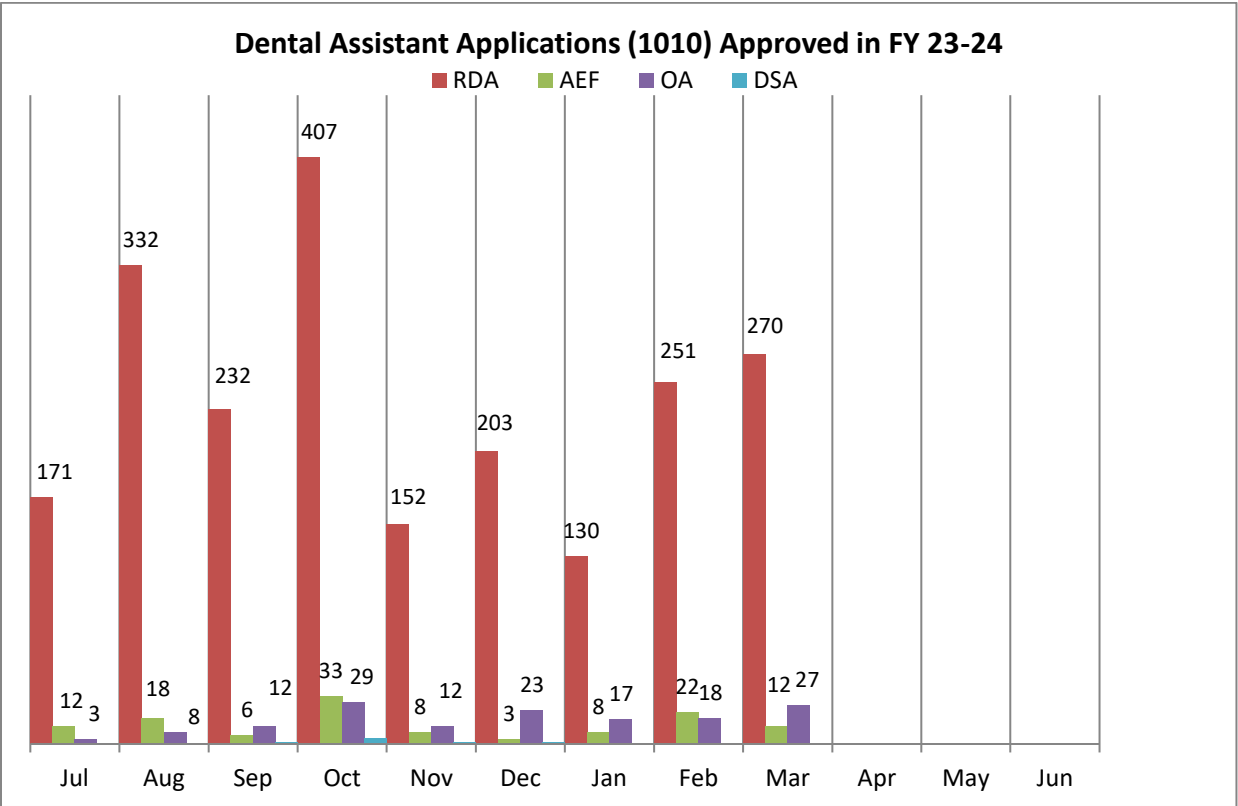
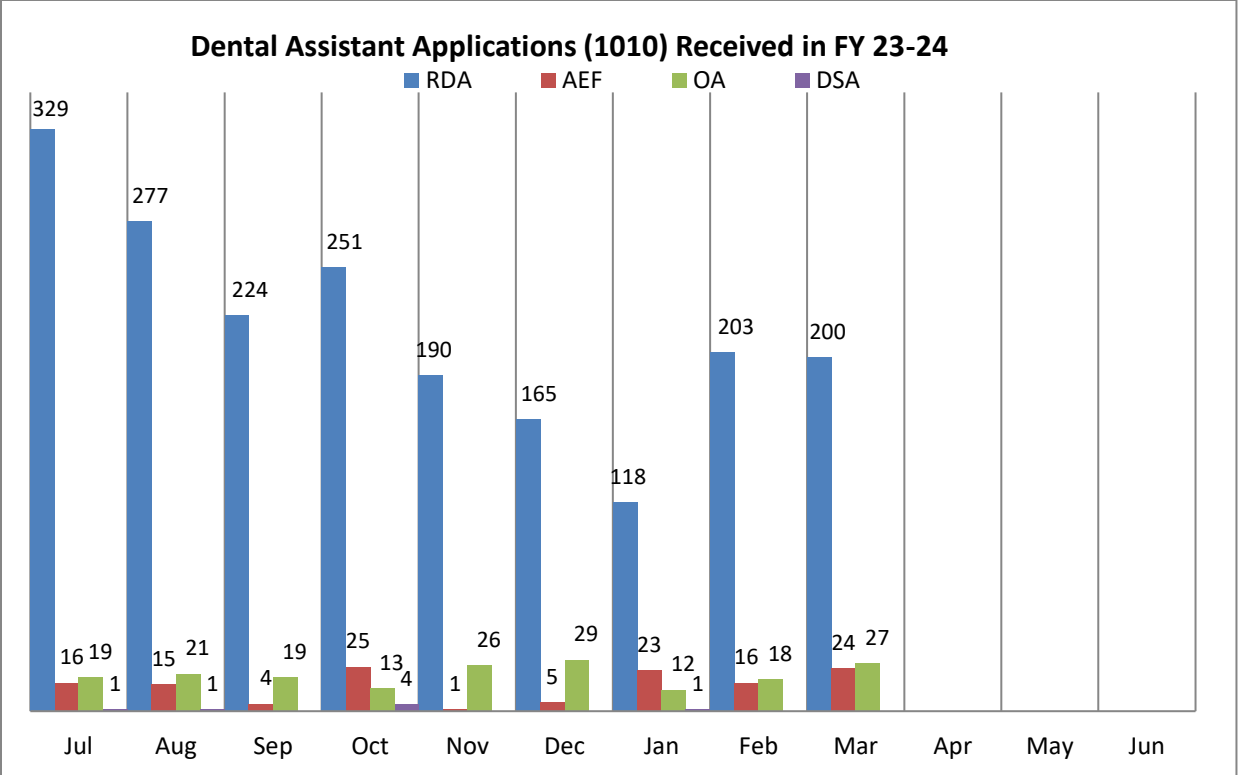
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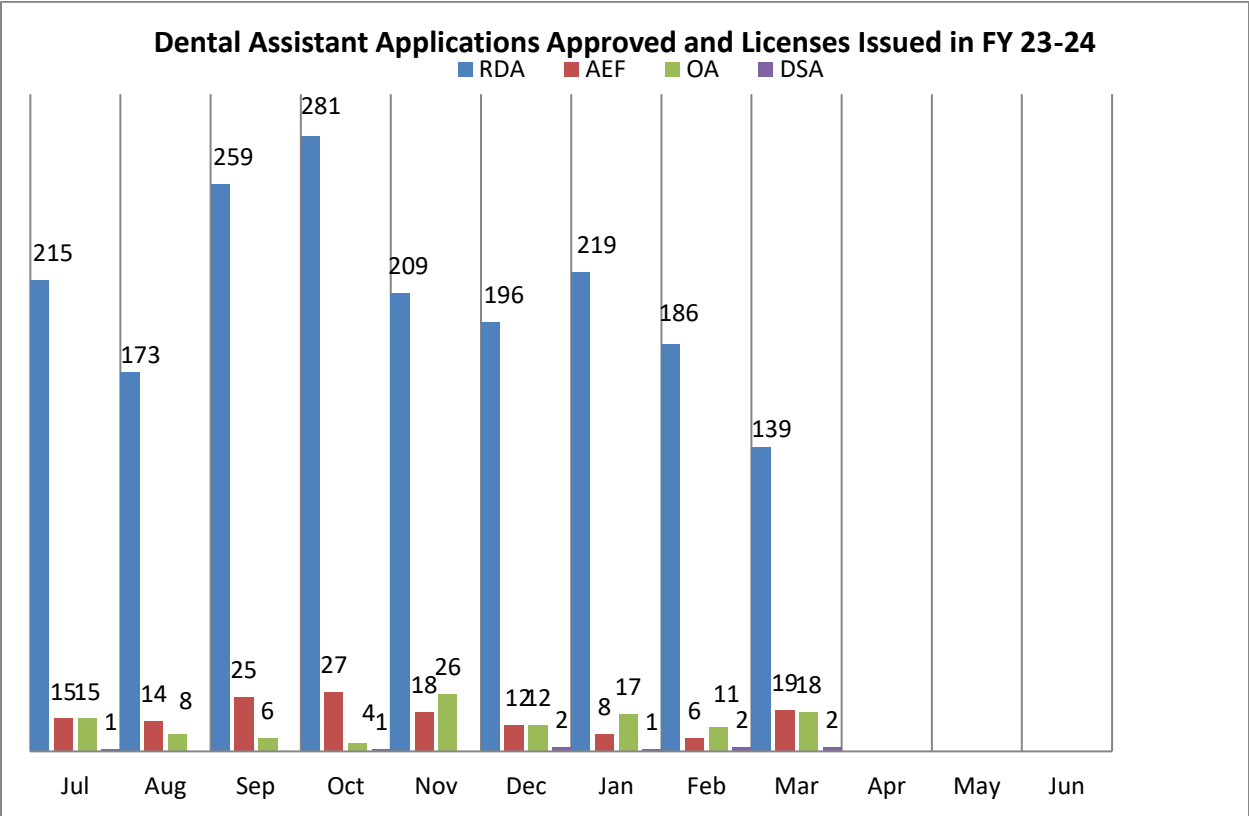
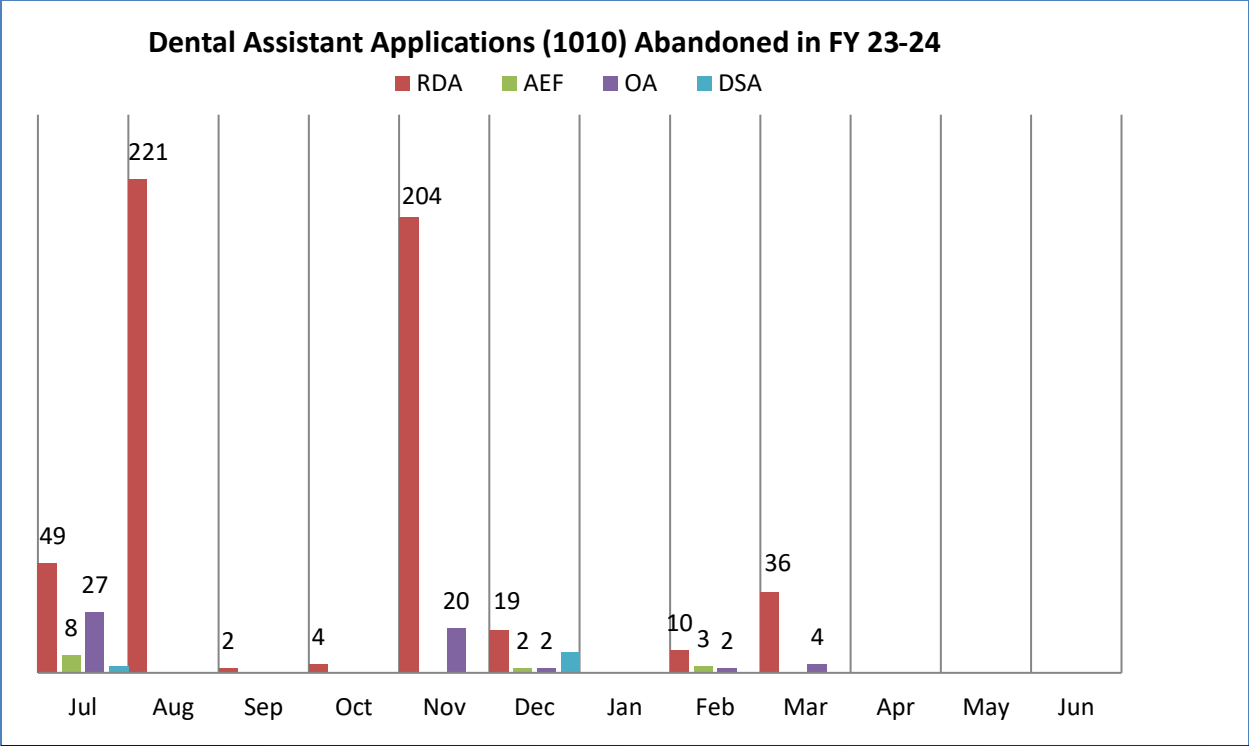
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month – Cont'd													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDAEF 20-21	36	19	23	17	1	5	2	3	19	10	23	20	178
RDAEF 21-22	18	1	4	22	25	12	3	11	9	7	24	35	171
RDAEF 22-23	25	20	0	21	18	10	17	4	32	26	20	33	226
RDAEF 23-24	12	18	6	33	8	3	8	22	12				122
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
OA 22-23	22	22	36	56	26	19	20	15	35	23	19	13	306
OA 23-24	3	8	12	29	12	23	17	18	27				149
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
DSA 22-23	2	1	0	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	1	3	17
DSA 23-24	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0				7
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Abandoned by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 23-24	49	221	2	4	204	19	0	10	36				545
RDAEF 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 23-24	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0				13
OA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 23-24	27	0	0	0	20	2	0	2	4				55
DSA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 23-24	3	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0				12
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
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
RDA 22-23	115	126	117	248	221	222	153	165	221	136	166	159	2,049
RDA 23-24	215	173	259	281	209	196	219	186	139				1,877
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
RDAEF 22-23	39	20	19	8	14	24	11	8	25	21	18	30	237
RDAEF 23-24	15	14	25	27	18	12	8	6	19				144

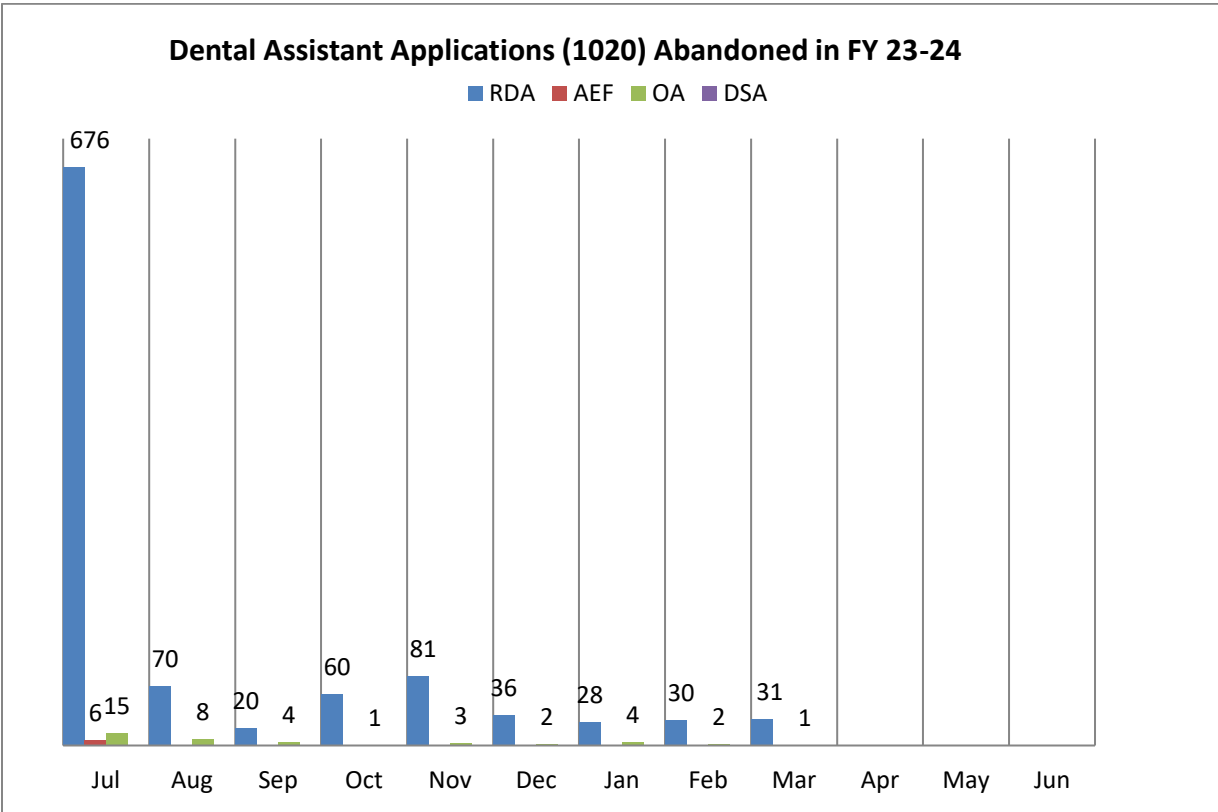
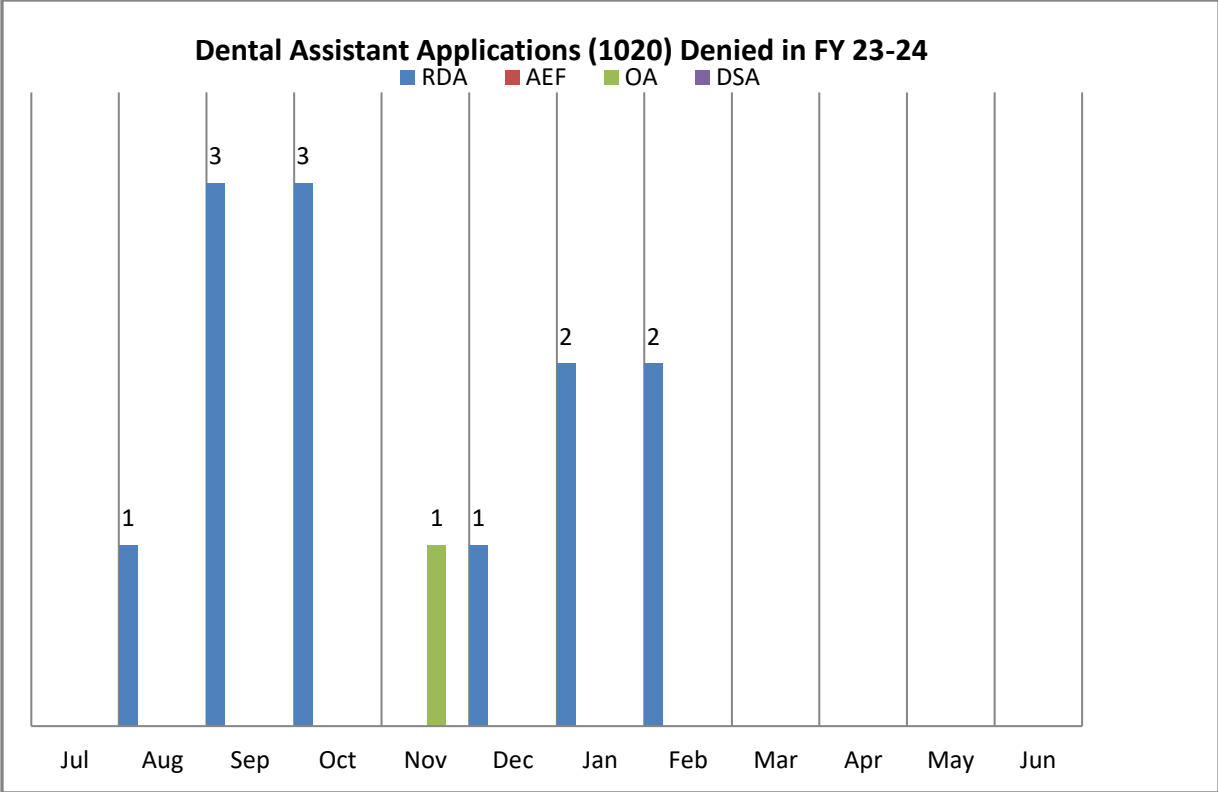
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month – Cont'd													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
OA 20-21	11	7	9	16	9	5	8	10	11	12	22	9	129
OA 21-22	10	17	2	0	32	19	22	13	15	17	11	11	169
OA 22-23	18	20	12	30	28	34	19	16	24	21	20	25	267
OA 23-24	15	8	6	4	26	12	17	11	18				117
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
DSA 22-23	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	3	10
DSA 23-24	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	2				9
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Denied by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
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
RDA 22-23	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	2	14
RDA 23-24	0	1	3	3	0	1	2	2	0				12
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
RDAEF 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
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
OA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 23-24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
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
DSA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Abandoned by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 23-24	676	70	20	60	81	36	28	30	31				1,032
RDAEF 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 23-24	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				6
OA 20-21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 23-24	15	8	4	1	3	2	4	2	1				40

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

Application Definitions	
Received	Application received in paper format or electronically through BreZze system.
Approved	Application for eligibility of licensure processed with required documentation and examination eligibility issued.
License Issued	Final application including examination results approved and license issued.
Abandoned (1010)	An applicant who fails to complete application requirements within one year after being notified by the Board of deficiencies.
Abandoned (1020)	<p>Pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 1004, an application is considered abandoned if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The applicant fails to submit the application, examination, or reexamination fee within 180 days after notification by the board that such fee is due and unpaid. 2) The applicant fails to take the licensing examination within two years after the date their application was received by the board. 3) ... [A]fter failing the examination, [the applicant] fails to take a reexamination within two years after the date the applicant was notified of such failure.
Denied	The Board denies an application on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or has been subject to formal discipline; in accordance with Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, Denial of Licenses.







Dental Assistant License Status Statistics

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

License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Registered Dental Assistant	Active	30,317	28,902	28,437	28,542
	Inactive	4,155	3,991	3,790	3,722
	Delinquent	11,802	12,992	13,543	13,676
	Cancelled	49,700	51,512	53,712	55,356
License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions	Active	1,522	1,756	1,950	2,036
	Inactive	74	75	77	77
	Delinquent	251	298	305	330
	Cancelled	379	420	462	487
License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Orthodontic Assistant	Active	1,340	1,407	1,602	1,656
	Inactive	34	44	46	50
	Delinquent	211	286	333	369
	Cancelled	13	27	51	74
License Type	License Status	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023-24
Dental Sedation Assistant	Active	38	38	45	53
	Inactive	3	2	4	4
	Delinquent	13	16	17	12
	Cancelled	4	7	9	14

License Status Definitions	
Active	An individual who has an active status and has completed all renewal requirements.
Inactive	An individual who has an inactive status and has paid the renewal fees, but who cannot perform the duties of the license unless the license is re-activated. Continuing education units are not required for inactive license renewal.
Delinquent	An individual who does not comply with renewal requirements. This status remains until renewal requirements are met.
Cancelled	An individual who fails to comply with renewal requirements by a set deadline

The following table provides statistics on population of current and active Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) licenses by county, population by county, population per RDA license by county, population of current and active dentist licenses by county, and RDA to dentist ratio, for fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023-24.

County	RDA 21-22	Pop. 21-22	Pop. per RDA 21-22	DDS 21-22	RDA to DDS Ratio 21-22	RDA 22-23	Pop. 22-23	Pop. per RDA 22-23	DDS 22-23	RDA to DDS Ratio 22-23	RDA 23-24	Pop. 23-24	Pop. per RDA 23-24	DDS 23-24	RDA to DDS Ratio 23-24
Alameda	1,185	1,651,979	1,394	1,492	1:1	1,221	1,651,979	1,352	1,485	0:1	1,109	1,636,194	1,475	1,486	0:1
Alpine	0	1,200	N/A	1	0:1	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	1,184	0	0	0
Amador	55	40,297	732	22	2:1	78	40,297	516	21	2:1	52	39,837	766	21	2:1
Butte	250	201,608	806	124	2:1	291	201,608	692	124	2:1	267	205,592	770	123	2:1
Calaveras	55	40,297	732	18	3:1	69	45,049	652	21	2:1	62	44,890	724	23	2:1
Colusa	28	21,807	779	6	4:1	28	21,807	778	6	4:1	29	21,771	750	4	4:1
Contra Costa	1,224	1,156,555	944	1,098	1:1	1320	1,156,555	876	1,103	1:1	1233	1,147,653	930	1,092	1:1
Del Norte	26	27,218	1,046	13	2:1	30	27,218	907	11	2:1	28	26,599	949	12	2:1
El Dorado	205	190,465	929	157	1:1	257	190,465	741	152	1:1	203	189,006	931	151	1:1
Fresno	884	1,011,273	1,143	613	1:1	962	1,011,273	1,051	620	1:1	883	1,011,499	1,145	625	1:1
Glenn	46	28,750	625	6	7:1	46	28,750	625	7	7:1	45	28,636	636	7	7:1
Humboldt	162	135,168	834	64	2:1	162	135,168	834	63	2:1	165	134,047	812	66	2:1
Imperial	83	179,329	2,161	38	2:1	102	179,329	1,758	39	2:1	87	179,476	2,062	40	2:1
Inyo	9	18,978	2,109	8	1:1	8	18,978	2,372	5	1:1	7	18,896	2,699	6	1:1
Kern	601	909,813	1,513	340	1:1	734	909,813	1,239	341	1:1	619	907,476	1,466	343	1:1
Kings	134	152,023	1,135	49	2:1	157	152,023	968	61	2:1	154	151,018	980	59	2:1
Lake	80	67,407	842	26	3:1	112	67,407	601	39	1:1	85	66,800	785	36	1:1
Lassen	40	30,274	756	23	1:1	40	30,274	756	22	1:1	35	28,275	807	21	1:1
Los Angeles	4,503	9,861,224	2,189	8,418	1:2	5099	9,861,224	1,933	8,416	0:1	4465	9,761,210	2,186	8,448	0:1
Madera	135	157,396	1,165	45	3:1	144	157,396	1,093	44	3:1	147	158,148	1,075	46	3:1
Marin	174	257,135	1,477	308	1:2	183	257,135	1,405	290	0:1	172	252,959	1,470	279	0:1
Mariposa	12	17,045	1,420	7	1:1	11	17,045	1,549	7	1:1	9	16,935	1,881	7	1:1
Mendocino	97	89,999	927	54	1:1	112	89,999	803	49	1:1	92	89,164	969	47	1:1

County	RDA 21-22	Pop. 21-22	Pop. per RDA 21-22	DDS 21-22	RDA to DDS Ratio 21-22	RDA 22-23	Pop. 22-23	Pop. per RDA 22-23	DDS 22-23	RDA to DDS Ratio 22-23	RDA 23-24	Pop. 23-24	Pop. per RDA 23-24	DDS 23-24	RDA to DDS Ratio 23-24
Merced	240	284,338	1,184	97	2:1	264	284,338	1,077	92	2:1	241	285,337	1,183	98	2:1
Modoc	2	8,690	4,345	3	1:2	3	8,690	2,896	3	0:1	3	8,527	2,842	4	0:1
Mono	6	13,379	2,229	5	1:1	5	13,379	2,675	5	1:1	5	13,156	2,631	5	1:1
Monterey	380	433,716	1,141	257	1:1	436	433,716	994	248	1:1	374	430,368	1,150	242	1:1
Napa	127	136,179	1,072	112	1:1	141	136,179	965	110	1:1	130	134,637	1,035	105	1:1
Nevada	88	101,242	1,150	77	1:1	100	101,242	1,012	72	1:1	85	100,720	1,184	70	1:1
Orange	1,742	3,162,245	1,815	4,044	1:2	1814	3,162,245	1,743	4,073	0:1	1611	3,137,164	1,947	4,165	0:1
Placer	465	409,025	879	466	1:1	534	409,025	765	472	0:1	474	410,305	865	471	0:1
Plumas	19	18,942	996	14	1:1	18	18,942	1,052	13	1:1	14	18,996	1,356	13	1:1
Riverside	1,982	2,435,525	1,228	1,122	1:1	2171	2,435,525	1,121	1,142	1:1	2019	2,439,234	1,208	1,163	1:1
Sacramento	1,619	1,576,618	973	1,175	1:1	1887	1,576,618	835	1,176	1:1	1583	1,572,453	993	1,210	1:1
San Benito	111	65,479	589	24	4:1	118	65,479	554	23	4:1	99	65,666	663	25	4:1
San Bernardino	1,505	2,187,665	1,453	1,370	1:1	1688	2,187,665	1,296	1,398	1:1	1505	2,182,056	1,449	1,410	1:1
San Diego	2,541	3,287,306	1,293	2,764	0:1	2808	3,287,306	1,170	2,820	0:1	2541	3,269,755	1,286	2,852	0:1
San Francisco	416	842,754	2,025	1,175	1:3	452	842,754	1,864	1,151	0:1	428	831,703	1,943	1,138	0:1
San Joaquin	777	784,298	1,009	371	2:1	873	784,298	898	376	1:1	785	786,145	1,001	388	1:1
San Luis Obispo	206	280,721	1,362	207	1:1	248	280,721	1,131	210	1:1	207	278,348	1,344	210	1:1
San Mateo	561	744,662	1,327	853	1:1	572	744,662	1,301	843	0:1	544	737,644	1,355	830	0:1
Santa Barbara	352	445,164	1,264	312	1:1	399	445,164	1,115	307	1:1	356	440,557	1,237	311	1:1
Santa Clara	1,598	1,894,783	1,185	2,284	1:1	1662	1,894,783	1,140	2,289	0:1	1505	1,886,079	1,253	2,296	0:1
Santa Cruz	214	266,564	1,245	166	1:1	225	266,564	1,184	168	1:1	200	262,051	1,310	170	1:1
Shasta	174	180,531	1,037	107	1:1	203	180,531	889	100	1:1	170	179,436	1,055	106	1:1
Sierra	2	3,229	1,614	0	4:0	2	3,229	1,614	0	0:1	2	3,193	1,596	0	0:1
Siskiyou	29	43,830	1,511	21	1:1	28	43,830	1,565	23	1:1	21	43,548	2,073	22	1:1
Solano	621	447,241	720	282	2:1	623	447,241	717	279	2:1	565	443,749	785	274	2:1
Sonoma	656	482,404	735	383	1:1	675	482,404	714	382	1:1	614	478,174	778	380	1:1

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Stanislaus	587	549,466	936	271	2:1	665	549,466	826	274	2:1	566	545,939	964	281	2:1
Sutter	120	99,145	826	52	2:1	143	99,145	693	51	2:1	116	98,952	853	49	2:1
Tehama	83	65,052	783	31	2:1	95	65,052	684	31	2:1	77	64,271	834	28	2:1
Trinity	5	16,023	3,204	3	1:1	5	16,023	3,204	3	1:1	6	15,939	2,656	2	1:1
Tulare	425	475,014	1,117	218	1:1	491	475,014	967	217	2:1	464	475,064	1,023	219	2:1
Tuolumne	69	55,291	801	48	1:1	81	55,291	682	47	1:1	75	54,590	727	45	1:1
Ventura	513	833,652	1,625	666	1:1	590	833,652	1,412	627	0:1	507	825,653	1,628	633	0:1
Yolo	190	221,165	1,164	118	1:1	210	221,165	1,053	122	1:1	183	220,880	1,206	125	1:1
Yuba	90	82,275	914	6	15:1	104	82,275	791	7	13:1	97	82,677	852	10	13:1
TOTAL	30,119	39,371,318	1,307	32,034	N/A	31,499	39,185,605	66,100	32,080	N/A	28,120	38,940,231	72,533	32,292	N/A

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

**Ratios are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Counties with the Highest Population per RDA:	Modoc County (1:2,842)	Counties with the Lowest Population per RDA:	Alpine County (No RDAs)
	Inyo County (1:2,699)		Glenn County (1:636)
	Trinity County (1:2,656)		San Benito County (1:663)
	Mono County (1:2,631)		Calaveras County (1:724)
	Los Angeles County (1:2,186)		Tuolumne County (1:727)

Due to the cancellation of the February 8, 2024, Dental Assisting Council meeting, Board staff received a request from stakeholders, to provide the statistical reports that would have been presented at the meeting. On February 28, 2024, Board staff posted this information on the home page of its website, under the “News and Alerts” section, and sent out an email notification to the subscribers on the Board’s Listserv, to ensure the information was shared timely.

Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 17, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Victor Libet, Manager of License and Program Compliance Unit Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7.: Update on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals

Dental Assistant Educational Program and Course Application Statistics

The following table provides dental assisting (DA; Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF), Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA), and Orthodontic Assistant (OA)) educational program and course application statistics for fiscal years (FY) 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24 through March 31, 2024.

DA Educational Program and Course Applications Approved				
Program/Course	2020-21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24
RDA Program	0	1	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	9	9	11	4
Coronal Polishing	14	9	9	2
Pit & Fissure Sealant	10	9	5	3
Ultrasonic Scaling	2	7	0	2
Infection Control	11	11	4	2
DSA Permit	3	13	3	0
OA Permit	7	9	19	2
Total Applications Approved	56	68	51	15
DA Educational Program and Course Applications Denied				
Program/Course	2020-21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24
RDA Program	0	1	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	1
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	2	3	0	5
Coronal Polishing	1	0	0	3
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	1	0	0
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	1	0	1
Infection Control	0	3	1	13

DSA Permit	2	1	1	1
OA Permit	0	0	0	2
Total Applications Denied	5	10	2	26
DA Program and Course Applications Deficient				
Program/Course	2020–21	2021–222	2022–23	2023–24
RDA Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	3	0	0	0
Coronal Polishing	0	0	0	0
Pit & Fissure Sealant	2	0	0	0
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	0	0
Infection Control	1	0	0	0
DSA Permit	2	1	0	0
OA Permit	1	1	1	3
Total Applications Deficient	9	2	1	0
DA Program and Course Applications Pending				
Program/Course	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24
RDA Program	0	0	0	2
RDAEF Program	0	0	1	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	1	6	0	11
Coronal Polishing	1	4	0	8
Pit & Fissure Sealant	1	2	0	4
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	0	1
Infection Control	0	3	0	8
DSA Permit	0	0	0	0
OA Permit	0	6	0	6
Total Applications Pending	3	21	1	40

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

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The following table provides the number of Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF) program site visits conducted in fiscal years 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23, and 2023–24, through March 31, 2024.

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

The following table provides approved DA educational programs and courses by name and type of program from July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

Approved DA Educational Programs and Courses by Name and Type of Program Approved 7/1/2023 through 3/31/2024											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF ITR	Radiation Safety	CP	P/F	US	IC	DSA	OA
Continuing Education School for Dentistry	8/2/2023						X				
Reedley College	8/2/2023						X				
Sheila MT Luwiharto DDS MS PC	8/2/2023						X				
Diablo Valley College	8/3/2023								X		
Fresno City College	8/3/2023								X		
Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	8/4/2023				X						
College and Career Advantage	8/4/2023					X					
Glendale Orthodontics	8/4/2023										X
OC Dental Academy	8/4/2023				X						
Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	10/27/2023							X			
Lincoln Dental Assisting Academy	10/27/2023				X						
Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Dental Assisting	10/27/2023					X					
My LA Braces	11/1/2023										X
Karin Irani	2/5/2024				X						
Sheila Luwiharto	2/8/2024							X			
PROGRAM/COURSE TOTALS		0	0	0	4	2	3	2	2	0	2
TOTAL APPROVALS = 15											

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The following table provides the total number of approved DA educational programs and courses as of March 31, 2024.

Total Approved DA Educational Programs and Courses in Active Status									
RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF-ITR	Radiation Safety	Coronal Polishing	Pit & Fissure Sealant	Ultrasonic Scaling	Infection Control	DSA Permit	OA Permit
86	9	4	177	123	161	47	157	53	204

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Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 2, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Access to Care Committee Lilia Larin, DDS Yogita Thakur, DDS, MS
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 8.: Update from the Board's Access to Care Committee

Background

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

Recent Committee Actions

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further, the following questions will be added to the PSI computer-based testing survey offered at the end of each RDA applicant testing experience to gather feedback about applicants prepare to take examinations.

1. After completing the RDA educational or work experience requirements, how did you prepare for the RDA exam? (Select all that apply)
 - a. Self-study
 - b. Additional education course(s)
 - c. Peer study
 - d. Examination prep course
 - e. On-the-job training
 - f. Other
 - g. I did not engage in any other preparation activities.

2. How much time did you spend preparing for the RDA exam?
 - a. 2 months or less
 - b. 3 – 4 months
 - c. 5 – 6 months
 - d. 7 – 8 months
 - e. More than 8 months

3. Once approved to sit for the RDA exam, how much time passed before you scheduled your exam appointment?
 - a. 2 months or less
 - b. 3 – 4 months
 - c. 5 – 6 months
 - d. 7 – 8 months
 - e. More than 8 months

4. Do you feel the steps you took to get ready for the RDA examination helped prepare you sufficiently?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Somewhat

Finally, OPES generated statistics to inform pass rates for the different RDA pathways to licensure and submitted a memorandum discussing these pass rates, attached. OPES also included two recommendations regarding the RDA Written Examination.

Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.

Attachment

March 5, 2024 Memorandum from OPES Registered Dental Assistant General and Law and Ethics Written Examination Pass Rates



MEMORANDUM

DATE	March 5, 2024
TO	Tracy Montez, Ph.D., Executive Officer Dental Board of California
FROM	<i>Karen Okicich</i> Karen Okicich, Research Data Supervisor II Office of Professional Examination Services
SUBJECT	Registered Dental Assistant General and Law and Ethics Written Examination Pass Rates

In May 2018, the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) worked with the Dental Board of California (Board) to implement a new written licensure examination for the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) profession. This new examination, the Registered Dental Assistant General and Law and Ethics Written Examination (RDA Written Examination), combined the previous Registered Dental Assistant General Written Examination and the Registered Dental Assistant Law and Ethics Examination. The new RDA Written Examination also incorporated clinical skills previously measured by the RDA practical examination.

Due to the significant format change of the RDA Written Examination, there was a period of adjustment during which pass rates fluctuated. This is not atypical when examination programs change. Since the new format was implemented, OPES has closely monitored examination statistics and has made data-driven changes to improve the RDA Written Examination. These improvements, along with candidate familiarity with the new format, have resulted in an increase in candidate pass rates that has remained relatively stable since May 2022.

At the Board's request, OPES performed an analysis of examination pass rates by qualification pathway between May 2022 and December 2023 to determine whether subgroup differences exist. OPES also analyzed the average percentage of candidates who answered correctly within each of the examination's content areas to determine whether candidates have difficulty with any of the examination's content.

Pass Rate by Qualification Pathway

To qualify to take the RDA Written Examination, candidates must meet the requirements associated with one of the following three pathways:

- 1) Board-Approved Education Pathway (EDU) — completion of an educational program from a Board-approved institution.
- 2) Work Experience Pathway (OTJ) — satisfactory completion of at least 15 months of work experience as a dental assistant performing the duties specified in Business and Professions Code (BPC) § 1750.1.
- 3) Blended Education/Work Experience Pathway (MEO) — completion of fewer than 15 months of work experience as a dental assistant with graduation from a dental assisting program that is not Board-approved.

Between May 2022 and December 2023, OPES performed analyses to identify differences in candidate pass rates by qualification pathway. The results showed that most candidates qualified through the EDU pathway (N=2517), followed by candidates who qualified through OTJ (N=1315). Few candidates qualified through the MEO pathway (N=262).

Candidates who qualified through the EDU pathway had the highest pass rates for all attempts and for first-time test-takers. However, the eventual pass rate of EDU, OJT, and MEO candidates were relatively consistent. The eventual pass rate indicates the percentage of repeat candidates, across all attempts, that eventually passed the examination during the analysis period. This statistic indicates that for all qualification pathways, over 93% of candidates were eventually successful. It should be noted that this is a conservative percentage, as additional candidates may continue to take the examination and will eventually pass. Table 1 shows the overall, first-time, and eventual pass rates of EDU, OJT, and MEO candidates by pathway for May 2022 through December 2023.

Table 1. Pass Rate by Qualification Pathway

Qualification Pathway	Overall Pass Rate	First-Time Pass Rate	Repeat Eventual Pass Rate
EDU	71.0%	76.8%	94.3%
OTJ	65.4%	73.2%	93.0%
MEO	63.9%	67.9%	93.5%

Candidate Performance by Content Area

To determine whether candidates experienced greater difficulty with any of the examination's content areas, OPES also analyzed candidate performance by content area for the same examination administration period. The results of the analysis show that all content areas performed consistently. Table 2 shows the average percentages of candidates who answered correctly by content area for examination administrations between May 2022 and December 2023.

Table 2. Average Percent of Candidates Answering Correctly by Content Area

Exam Date	Percent Content Area 1	Percent Content Area 2	Percent Content Area 3	Percent Content Area 4
May 2022	70%	73%	67%	75%
Nov 2022	71%	71%	63%	75%
May 2023	69%	71%	69%	74%
Nov 2023	71%	71%	66%	75%

Recommendations and Conclusion

OPES is making the following two recommendations:

- 1) In 2023, OPES worked with the Board to conduct an occupational analysis (OA) of the RDA profession. The results of the OA were used to update the examination content outline for the RDA Written Examination. These updates will be reflected in the examination beginning May 2024. OPES is coordinating with the test administration vendor to ensure candidates are provided with the updated examination outline when they register to take the examination. OPES recommends that the Board also announce the updated examination outline on its website and in any related publications.
- 2) At the recommendation of OPES, the Board has initiated a regulatory change to transition from a set minimum passing score for the RDA Written Examination to a criterion-referenced passing score. Once this regulation is enacted, OPES recommends that the Board reduce the number of items on the examination from 125 scorable items to 100 items. Fewer items will help reduce barriers to licensure, while maintaining the reliability of the examination.

In conclusion, OPES will continue to work with the Board to review the RDA Written Examination and to make adjustments as needed.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 15, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9.a.: Status Update on Pending Regulations

Background

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

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

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

Update: The proposed text was approved by the Board at the November 2023 Board meeting. Board staff have developed the rulemaking package, which is currently under review by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Budget Office. Staff anticipate that the package will be moved for review by the DCA Director and the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (Agency) by the time of this meeting. These are the final reviews that must be completed prior to filing with the Office of Administrative Law and beginning the rulemaking process.

Action Requested

This item is informational. No action is requested.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 15, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9.b.: Update on the Progress of Board's Infection Control Regulations Advisory Working Group

Background

Since the previously approved language to update infection control regulations was voted on at the May 2018 Dental Board of California (Board) meeting, Board staff recommended it be rescinded and that a two-person working group be appointed to work with Board staff and consult with the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) on updates to the infection control guidelines. At the February 9, 2024 Board meeting, the Board moved to rescind previously approved proposed updates to the Board's infection control guidelines. Board President Felsenfeld appointed Dental Assisting Council (Council) Chair Cara Miyasaki and Board Vice-President Joanne Pacheco to serve as the working group to develop updated language.

The infection control guidelines (guidelines) are found in California Code of Regulations Title 16, section 1005. Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1680(ad) obligates the Board to review these guidelines on an annual basis and to confer with DHBC to establish a consensus on any updates. Section 1680(ad) also provides:

As necessary, the board shall consult with the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, to encourage appropriate consistency in the implementation of this subdivision.

The working group met on April 15, 2024 to discuss a plan for updating the guidelines, including plans for consultation with staff, subject matter experts from DHBC and possibly other boards to encourage appropriate consistency in the implementation of these guidelines. The working group plans to have additional meetings in the coming months to further develop specific recommendations for discussion at future Council and Board meetings.

Action Requested

This item is informational only. No action is requested.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 15, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9.c.: Update on the Progress of the Council's Dental Assisting Regulations Advisory Working Group

Background

At its November 8, 2023 meeting, the Dental Assisting Council (Council) moved to appoint Council Chair Cara Miyasaki and Vice Chair Jeri Fowler to a two-person working group to review proposed changes to the Board's dental assisting regulations and develop updated language for future rulemaking packages.

The first rulemaking package associated with these regulations, addressing dental assisting examinations (Article 4. "Examinations," California Code of Regulations, Title 16 (16 CCR), §§ 1080 et seq.), was approved for initiation of the rulemaking process by the Dental Board of California (Board) at the November 2023 Board meeting. As of this writing, staff have prepared the rulemaking package, and it is under review by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Budget Office.

Vice Chair Fowler, on behalf of the working group, met with staff, the Board's Executive Officer and Regulations Counsel on January 24, 2024 to identify a strategy for revising the remaining dental assisting regulations. As a result of that meeting, the working group began preparing the following proposals for Council and Board consideration at future meetings:

- A Section 100 rulemaking package to repeal 16 CCR section 1069, and to amend sections 1076 and 1086 to remove references to section 1069 (related to permit processing times). Section 1069 concerns the implementation of requirements for minimum and maximum permit and license processing times in accordance with the Permit Reform Act of 1981, a part of the Government Code that has since been repealed. A Section 100 rulemaking package is intended to address changes without regulatory effect as authorized by Title 1, CCR section 100 (e.g., non-substantive grammatical changes, renumbering, or deleting a regulatory provision for which all statutory or constitutional authority has been

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repealed) and permits updating of existing regulations through a shorter procedure than what is required for a regular rulemaking.

- A rulemaking package to update the Board’s regulations in Article 3. “Application for Licensure” (16 CCR, §§ 1076–1079.3) of Chapter 3 of Division 10, which addresses Registered Dental Assistant, Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions, Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) and Registered Dental Hygienist in Extended Functions (RDHEF) applications. The package would update the existing language; add language for Orthodontic Assistant (OA) and Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) permit applications; and, in consultation with Dental Hygiene Board of California staff, repeal any language for RDH or RDHEF applications that have been supplanted by Dental Hygiene Board of California laws and regulations (“dental assisting licensure applications”).

The working group met again on April 3, 2024, to review proposed language for the packages described above. The working group believes the Section 100 package is ready for Council review and possible Board consideration, and this is addressed in Agenda item 9.d.for this meeting. The working group will continue developing the dental assisting licensure applications rulemaking package for consideration at a future Council meeting.

Once the Section 100 and dental assisting licensure applications rulemaking packages are approved by the Board, the working group will shift focus to the remaining articles of the dental assisting regulations: Article 1. “General Provisions,” Article 2. “Educational Programs,” and Article 5. “Duties and Settings.” The plan at this time is to develop separate packages for each article.

Action Requested

This item is informational, no action is requested.



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 15, 2024
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	David Bruggeman, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9.d.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Board to Make Non-Substantive Rule Changes Per Section 100 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to Repeal CCR, Title 16, Section 1069 and its Title, and Amend CCR, Title 16, Sections 1076 and 1086 Concerning the Permit Reform Act

Background

Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1069 concerns the implementation of requirements for minimum and maximum permit and license processing times related to Registered Dental Assistants, Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions, Registered Dental Hygienists and Registered Dental Hygienists in Extended Functions in accordance with the Permit Reform Act of 1981, found in sections 15375 and 15376 of the Government Code (GC). There are also references to section 1069 in CCR sections 1076(b) and 1086(d).

GC sections 15375 and 15376 were repealed by AB 1757 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 229, Statutes of 2003).

As explained in Attachment 2 to this memo, following the creation of the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) in 2019 through Senate Bill 1482 (Hill, Chapter 858, Statutes of 2018), the regulatory oversight authority of dental hygienists was transferred from the Dental Board of California (Board) to DHBC.

A Section 100 rulemaking package is intended to address changes without regulatory effect and permits updating of existing regulations through a shorter procedure than what is required for a regular rulemaking. Because the underlying statutes for the affected regulations were repealed, and the Board no longer has regulatory authority over dental hygienists, Regulations Counsel and Board staff believe proposed changes would qualify for this abbreviated 1 CCR Section 100 rulemaking process. The plan would be to move these changes forward first to the Office of Administrative Law, then Agenda Item 9.d.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Board to Make Non-Substantive Rule Changes Per Section 100 of Title 1 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) to Repeal CCR, Title 16, Section 1069 and its Title, and Amend CCR, Title 16, Sections 1076 and 1086 Concerning the Permit Reform Act

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address other more substantive changes to the dental assisting regulations through the regular rulemaking process.

Action Requested

Board staff requests the Council review and consider the proposed regulatory changes in Attachment 1 and the justification for those changes in Attachment 2. If the Council agrees that the Board should consider the proposed Section 100 package to repeal CCR section 1069 and amend sections 1076 and 1086, it should move to make that recommendation. Suggested motion language follows:

Motion A – (To be used if the Council recommends the Board consider and approve the proposed rulemaking with no changes).

Move to recommend to the Board that it consider and approve the proposed regulatory text described in Attachment 1 and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to pursue the rulemaking through the Title 1, CCR section 100 rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the text and/or rulemaking package as needed throughout the process and to repeal CCR, title 16, section 1069, and amend sections 1076 and 1086 as described in the proposed text.

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

Move to recommend to the Board that it consider and approve the proposed regulatory text as set forth in Attachment 1 and as amended with the following changes (describe the changes here) and authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to pursue the rulemaking through the Title 1, CCR section 100 rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the text and/or rulemaking package as needed throughout the process and to repeal CCR title 16, section 1069, and amend sections 1076 and 1086 as described in the proposed text as amended at this meeting.

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

Attachments:

1. Section 100 Filing – Repeal of Permit Processing Times: Proposed Text to Repeal Section 1069 and its title of Article 1, amend Section 1076 of Article 3 of Chapter 3, and amend Section 1086 of Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

2. Written Justification for Section 100 Change Without Regulatory Effect

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**TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL
REGULATIONS
DIVISION 10. DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

**Repeal of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 1069, and
Amend CCR Sections 1076 and 1086**

SECTION 100 CHANGE WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT

Pursuant to Title 1, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 100(b)(3), of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), the Department of Consumer Affairs' Dental Board of California (Board) submits this written statement explaining why the proposed repeal of section 1069 of Article 1, and the proposed amendment of section 1076 of Article 3, and section 1086 of Article 5 of Chapter 3, Division 10 of Title 16, CCR does not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription, or other regulatory element of any CCR provision. Subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law, the Board would amend text in the CCR as follows:

§ 1069. Permit Reform Act.

The Board proposes to delete section 1069 and its title "Permit Reform Act" because Government Code sections 15375 and 15376, the statutes that authorized the Board to adopt regulations regarding processing times for permits, were repealed by Assembly Bill 1757 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 229, Statutes of 2003), and the Board no longer regulates hygienists.

Permit Reform Act Authority Repealed

Government Code section 15376 provided, before repeal:¹

All state agencies that issue permits shall adopt regulations regarding their procedures for considering and issuing permits, specifying the following criteria.

(a) A period dating from the receipt of a permit application within which the agency must either inform the applicant, in writing, that the application is complete and accepted for filing, or that the application is deficient and what specific information is required.

(b) A period dating from the filing of a completed application within which the agency must reach a permit decision.

¹ Section 15376 was repealed by Stats. 2003, c. 229 (A.B. 1757), §1.8

(c) The agency's median, minimum, and maximum times for processing a permit, from the receipt of the initial application to the final permit decision, based on the agency's actual performance during the two years immediately preceding the proposal of the regulation.

(d) Any new or additional permits required by any state agency after the effective date of this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(e) An agency may amend its regulations to modify the agency's time periods.

(f) The rulemaking file submitted to the Office of Administrative Law shall contain a justification for time periods proposed.

(g) A state agency shall be deemed to have good cause for exceeding the maximum time period established for processing a permit under either of the following circumstances:

(1) The number of permits to be processed exceeds by 15 percent the number processed in the same calendar quarter the preceding year.

(2) The permit-issuing agency must rely on another public or private entity for all or part of the processing and the delay is caused by that other entity.

Government Code section 15376 required state agencies, including the Board, to adopt regulations regarding their procedures for considering and issuing permits.

Authority for Regulating Hygienists Repealed

On August 9, 1972, Assembly Bill 1953 (Stats. 1972; ch. 645), was enacted and created the Advisory Committee on the Utilization and Education of Dental Auxiliaries, later to be known as the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) under the jurisdiction of the Board, whose function was to consult with and make recommendations to the Board regarding the utilization and regulation of all dental auxiliaries. In consultation with these committees, the Board adopted regulations regarding dental auxiliaries in Chapter 3 of Division 10 of the CCR, including CCR sections 1069, 1076 and 1086.

The Board adopted section 1069 to implement Government Code section 15376 with respect to permit processing times for the following types of dental auxiliary licensees or permit holders: Registered Dental Assistants (RDA), Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEF), Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH), Registered Dental Hygienists in Extended Functions (RDHEF), RDA educational courses and programs, and auxiliary license renewal.

Effective July 1, 2009, Senate Bill 853 (Peralta, Chapter 31, Statutes of 2008) (SB 853, copy attached) abolished COMDA and created the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC, Committee) under the statutory jurisdiction of the Dental Board of California (DBC), whose duties included: issuing, reviewing, and revoking licenses, developing and administering examinations, determining fees and education programs and continuing education requirements for a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, and a registered dental hygienist in extended functions, and adopting regulations.

Effective January 1, 2019, Senate Bill 1482 (Hill, Chapter 858, Statutes of 2018) (SB 1482) removed the DHCC from the jurisdiction of the DBC and transferred regulatory oversight of dental hygienists from this Board to a new independent Board entitled the “Dental Hygiene Board of California” (DHBC) within the Department of Consumer Affairs

The Board requests the repeal of section 1069 because the statutory authority therefor, Government Code sections 15375 and 15376, have been repealed and the Board is no longer authorized to regulate or set processing times for either RDH or RDHEF licensees who are now regulated by the DHBC. California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, subd (a) states, in part:

“Changes without regulatory effect include, but are not limited to: ... (2) deleting a regulatory provision for which all statutory or constitutional authority has been repealed[.]”.

Thus, the Board’s proposed deletions for this section may be considered a change without regulatory effect.

§ 1076. General Application Requirements.

The Board proposes amending CCR section 1076 to remove the reference to section 1069 found in the second paragraph of subsection 1076(b). The Board requests this amendment because it is requesting the repeal of CCR section 1069 because the statutory authority for section 1069 has been repealed as noted in the above-referenced justification for the repeal of CCR section 1069. Additionally, eliminating the reference to CCR section 1069 would avoid confusion regarding the purpose of the reference and prevent a clarity problem if the repeal of section 1069 is approved.

In addition, as noted above in the justification for repeal of CCR section 1069, all statutory authority for the Board to regulate RDH and RDHEF licensees has been repealed. Therefore, the Board proposes to delete references in this section to “hygiene” practice in subsection (a), references to “RDH” and “RDHEF” completed application deadlines in subsection (b), and corresponding references to prior statutory

authority in the “Note” section of this regulation for RDH and RDHAEF licensees that has been repealed.

§ 1086. RDA Duties and Settings.

The Board proposes amending CCR section 1086 to remove the references to section 1069 found in subsections 1086(d)(15) and (d)(16). The Board requests these amendments because it is requesting the repeal of CCR section 1069 because the statutory authority for section 1069 has been repealed as noted in the above-referenced justification for the repeal of CCR section 1069. Additionally, eliminating the references to section 1069 would avoid confusion regarding the purpose of the reference and prevent a clarity problem if the repeal of section 1069 is approved.

**TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL
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**SECTION 100 FILING – REPEAL OF PERMIT PROCESSING
TIMES**

Deleted text is indicated by strikethrough.

Repeal Section 1069 and its title of Article 1, amend Section 1076 of Article 3 of Chapter 3, and amend Section 1086 of Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Division 10 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

~~§ 1069. Permit Reform Act.~~

~~Permit” as defined by the Permit Reform Act of 1981 means any license, certificate, registration, permit, or any other form of authorization required by a state agency to engage in a particular activity or act. Processing times for the committee's programs are set forth below. The actual processing times apply to those persons who take and pass the first available examination.~~

	<i>Maximum period of time in which the Board will notify applicant that application is complete or deficient and what specific information</i>	<i>Maximum period of time after the filing of a complete application in which the Board will notify applicant of a permit</i>	<i>Actual Processing Times Based On Prior Two Years</i>		
<i>Name of Program</i>	<i>is required</i>	<i>decision</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
RDA Licensure	90 days	180 days	75 days	114 days	358 days
RDAEF Licensure	75 days	120 days	28 days	35 days	55 days
RDH Licensure	90 days	120 days	32 days	113 days	270 days
RDHEF Licensure	75 days	120 days	32 days	113 days	270 days
<i>Education Program</i>					
<i>Review and Approval</i>					
RDA Educational	120 days	150 days	64 days	219	370 days

Programs				days	
RDA Coronal Polish and/or Ultrasonic Scaler Course	90 days	120 days	67 days	102 days	191 days
RDAEF Educational Programs	90 days	120 days	60 days	90 days	150 days
RDHEF Educational Programs	90 days	120 days	60 days	90 days	150 days
Auxiliary Licensure Renewal	30 days	90 days	20 days	39 days	60 days

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1614, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 15375 and 15376, Government Code; and Section 1614, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1076. General Application Requirements.

(a) Application for licensure as a registered dental auxiliary shall be made on a form prescribed by the board and shall be accompanied by the following:

- (1) The fees fixed by the board;
- (2) Two classifiable sets of fingerprints on forms provided by the board;
- (3) Where applicable, a record of any previous dental assisting or hygiene practice and verification of license status in another jurisdiction.

(b) Completed applications shall be filed with the board not later than the following number of days prior to the date set for the examination for which application is made:

	RDH	-- 45 days
	RDA	-- 60 days
	RDAEF and RDHEF	-- 45 days

An incomplete application shall be returned to the applicant together with a statement setting forth the reason for returning the application and indicating the amount of money, if any, which will be refunded.

An application shall not be deemed incomplete for failure to establish compliance with educational requirements if the application is accompanied by a certification from an

approved program that the applicant is expected to meet all educational requirements established for the license for which application has been made and if the approved program certifies not less than 30 days prior to examination that the applicant has in fact met such educational requirements.

~~The processing times for dental auxiliary licensure are set forth in Section 1069.(c)~~
Permission to take an examination shall be granted to those applicants who have paid the necessary fees and whose credentials have been approved by the executive officer. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the board's authority to seek from an applicant such other information as may be deemed necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1614, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1614, and 1753, ~~1754, 1758 and 1759~~, Business and Professions Code; ~~and Section 15376, Government Code.~~

§ 1086. RDA Duties and Settings.

- (a) Unless specifically so provided by regulation, the prohibitions contained in section 1085 of these regulations apply to registered dental assistants.
- (b) A registered dental assistant may perform all functions which may be performed by a dental assistant.
- (c) Under general supervision, a registered dental assistant may perform the following duties:
- (1) Mouth-mirror inspection of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations and missing teeth;
 - (2) Placement and removal of temporary sedative dressings.
- (d) A registered dental assistant may perform the following procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist when done so pursuant to the order, control and full professional responsibility of the supervising dentist. Such procedures shall be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the office of said dentist.
- (1) Obtain endodontic cultures;
 - (2) Dry canals, previously opened by the supervising dentist, with absorbent points;
 - (3) Test pulp vitality;

- (4) Place bases and liners on sound dentin;
- (5) Remove excess cement from supragingival surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument or floss;
- (6) Size stainless steel crowns, temporary crowns and bands;
- (7) Fabrication of temporary crowns intra-orally;
- (8) Temporary cementation and removal of temporary crowns and removal of orthodontic bands;
- (9) Placement of orthodontic separators;
- (10) Placement and ligation of arch wires;
- (11) Placement of post-extraction and periodontal dressings;
- (12) Apply bleaching agents;
- (13) Activate bleaching agents with non-laser light-curing device;
- (14) Take bite registrations for diagnostic models for case study only;
- (15) Coronal polishing (Evidence of satisfactory completion of a board-approved course of instruction in this function must be submitted to the board prior to any performance thereof). ~~The processing times for coronal polishing course approval are set forth in section 1069.~~

This procedure shall not be intended or interpreted as a complete oral prophylaxis (a procedure which can be performed only by a licensed dentist or registered dental hygienist). A licensed dentist or registered dental hygienist shall determine that the teeth to be polished are free of calculus or other extraneous material prior to coronal polishing.

(16) Removal of excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth under orthodontic treatment by means of an ultrasonic scaler. (Evidence of satisfactory completion of a board-approved course of instruction or equivalent instruction in an approved RDA program in this function must be submitted to the board prior to any performance thereof.) ~~The processing times for ultrasonic scaler course approval are set forth in section 1069.~~

(e) Settings. Registered dental assistants may undertake the duties authorized by this section in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the board.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1614, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 1614 and 1754, Business and Professions Code; and ~~Section 15376, Government Code.~~



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MEMORANDUM

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Background

Every few years, each board and bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is statutorily repealed, also known as sunset, rendering each board subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the California State Legislature. The Dental Board of California (Board) currently will be repealed as of January 1, 2025 (Business and Professions Code (BPC), § 1601.1, subd. (d)), pending its sunset review by the California Assembly Committee on Business and Professions and Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (Committees).

As part of the sunset review process, the Board submitted its Sunset Review Report to the Committees on December 28, 2023, which describes the Board, indicates Board activity since the last sunset review, and presents new issues affecting the Board's regulation and enforcement of the practice of dentistry. The Board's Sunset Review Report included many legislative proposals, including proposed amendments to the dental assisting statutes reviewed by the Council. The Board's Sunset Review Report is available through the Reports section of the Board's website at https://dbc.ca.gov/formspubs/reports.shtml.

Sunset Review Update

The Committees held the Sunset Review Oversight Hearing (Hearing) for the Board on March 12, 2024. Board President Alan L. Felsenfeld, MA, DDS, and Executive Officer Tracy A. Montez, Ph.D., appeared on behalf of the Board. Archived video of the hearing is available at: https://www.assembly.ca.gov/media/joint-hearing-assembly-business-and-professions-and-senate-business-professions-and-economic-development-20240312.

Members of the public may remark on the hearing by submitting comments in writing via the Position Letter Portal at <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/faces/index.xhtml>.

Prior to the Hearing, the Committees issued a Background Paper, which was informed by the Board's Sunset Review Report and comments from stakeholders. The Background Paper is available at <https://sbp.senate.ca.gov/sunsetreviewhearings>. The Board was required to submit a formal response to the issues identified 30 days after the Hearing, which it did on April 5, 2024.

These materials, including public comments, will inform the Board's sunset bill, potentially extending the Board's regulatory authority beyond the current January 1, 2025 expiration date and amending the Dental Practice Act. The Board's sunset bill is available at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB1453.

Following introduction of the bill, it will be assigned to legislative policy and appropriations committees for review and vote by the members of the Legislature. The Board will continue to work with the Committees to resolve any issues that may arise as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Action Requested

This item is informational only. No action is requested.



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Background

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

Discussion

Board staff have, as of this writing, identified two bills of interest to the Dental Assisting Council (Council).

AB 2242 (Wendy Carrillo, 2024) Dentistry: dental assistants.

SB 1453 (Ashby, 2024) Dentistry: board meetings.

Action Requested

If desired, the Council may recommend that the Board take one of the following actions regarding a bill:

- Support
Support if Amended
Oppose
Oppose unless Amended
Watch
Neutral
No Action

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[AB 2242](#) (Wendy Carrillo, 2024) Dentistry: dental assistants.

Introduced: February 8, 2024

Last Amended: N/A

Location: Assembly Business and Professions Committee

Status: February 26, 2024, Referred to Assembly Business and Professions Committee

Summary: This bill would significantly alter the dental assisting statutes under the Dental Practice Act, mostly duplicating the final version of [AB 481](#) (Wendy Carrillo, 2023), which was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file and held under submission last year. AB 2242 expands the number of dental assisting licensure pathways to five (Board-approved registered dental assistant (RDA) program, alternative dental assisting program, preceptorship, Certified Dental Assistant Certificate issued by the Dental Assisting National Board, or 1,280 hours of work experience) and revises the duties for RDA, Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF), Orthodontic Assistant (OA) and Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) credentials. The bill also amends statutes concerning Board approval of Interim Therapeutic Restoration and Radiographic Decision-Making courses and revises application procedures for OA and DSA permits. It does not include the Board-approved legislative proposals concerning dental auxiliaries.

Board Impact: Much like AB 481, this bill, if enacted, would require the development of new applications and the revision of others, development and process of regulatory amendments, and Board staff will be challenged to meet the stated compliance dates for certain provisions.

Recommended Board Position: Watch

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

Introduced: February 16, 2024

Last Amended: N/A

Location: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

Status: February 29, 2024 – Referred to Committee

Summary: The bill would repeal Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1607, which requires the Board to meet once each year in the San Francisco Bay Area and once each year in Southern California.

Board Impact: By repealing BPC section 1607, the Board's geographic meeting requirements would rely on BPC section 101.7, subdivision (a), which requires DCA boards and bureaus to meet once each year in Northern California and once each year in Southern California. This bill reflects one of the Board's legislative proposals included in the Board's Sunset Review Report. The bill may result in cost savings to the Board in that the Board could hold the Northern California meetings in Sacramento, where most Board staff are

located, rather than having to travel to the Bay area to satisfy the existing statutory requirement.

Staff anticipates that this bill will be amended to serve as the Board's sunset legislation, but that has not occurred at the time this memo was prepared.

Recommended Board Position: Support