

**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MEETING
August 14, 2025**

Council Members

De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA, Chair
Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Vice Chair
Jessica Gerlach, RDA, OA
Lilia Larin, DDS
Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS
Rosalinda Olague, RDA, PhD(c)
Carie Smith, RDAEF, OA

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

The Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) will meet in person in accordance with Government Code section 11122.5, subdivision (a), at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at:

Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 N. Market Blvd., Hearing Room #102
Sacramento, CA 95834

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda **[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 May 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes **[5-23]**
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 - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions General Written Examination
 - c. Orthodontic Assistant Written Examination
 - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Written Examination
6. Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics **[28-38]**
 - a. Registered Dental Assistant License
 - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions License
 - c. Orthodontic Assistant Permit
 - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Permit
 - e. Abandoned Dental Assisting Applications
7. Update and Discussion on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals and Re-Evaluations **[39-44]**
8. Update and Discussion on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 1741, 1750, 1750.2, 1750.4, 1752.1, 1752.6, 1753, 1753.51, 1754.5, 1755, and 1777, and Add Sections 1752.1, 1754.5, 1755, and 1778 Relating to Board Approval of Dental Assistant Educational Programs and Courses **[45-109]**
 - a. Presentation on Dental Assistant Examinations – *Dental Assisting National Board*
9. Update on Registered Dental Assistant General Written Law and Ethics Examination **[110-113]**
10. Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Pending Legislation **[114-116]**
 - a. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 873](#) (Alanis, 2025) Dentistry: Dental Assistants
11. Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Proposed Regulations
 - a. Status Update on Pending Regulations **[117]**
 - i. Update on Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control
12. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 21, 2025
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

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DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 14, 2025

In accordance with Government Code section 11123, subdivision (a), the Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the following location:

Hilton Anaheim
777 W. Convention Way
Anaheim, CA 92802

Members Present:

De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA, Chair
Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Vice Chair
Jessica Gerlach, RDA, OA
Lilia Larin, DDS
Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS
Rosalinda Olague, RDA, PhD(c)
Carie Smith, RDAEF, OA

Staff Present:

Christy Bell, Assistant Executive Officer
Tina Vallery, Chief of License and Program Compliance and Dental Assisting
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager
Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
Patrick Morrissey, Supervisory Investigator
Kaycee Hunter, Investigator
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst
Bryce Penney, Television Specialist, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Kristy Schieldge, Regulations Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, DCA (by phone)
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, DCA

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

Council Chair, Ms. De'Andra Epps-Robbins, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.; seven members of the Council were present, and a quorum was established.

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

There were no public comments made on this item.

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Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Council Member Cara Miyasaki requested an amendment to the meeting minutes on page 15, Agenda Item 9.b., fourth paragraph, first line, to strike and replace “noted on the public comment concerning a person in a rural area and being required to immediately take the course would be a hardship” with “wanted to address the public comment that a person in a rural area being required to immediately take the course might view this as a hardship”.

Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Fowler) to approve the February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes as revised.

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

Chair Epps-Robbins called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Mirela Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Gerlach, Larin, Miyasaki, Olague, Smith.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 4: Assistant Executive Officer Report

Christy Bell reported that regarding operations, the Board is working with DCA to comply with the Governor's return-to-work Executive Order. As the Board was already limiting telework to two days per week, there is minimal impact to Board staff in operations. The new requirement will be that Board staff be in the office four days a week. Ms. Bell declared that the Board has filled all vacant positions and noted that one caveat is that some positions are still in the final phase of background checks. She added that one of the Board's most recent hires, Albert Law, came from the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) where he was the Assistant Executive Officer. As shared at the February 2025 Board meeting, Ms. Bell indicated that DCA's SOLID Unit will be conducting strategic planning for the Board. The process is expected to begin this summer with a survey distribution and data compilation occurring over the summer months. She expressed that the current Strategic Plan is on the Board's website and that the Board lists four overarching goals, which include licensing and examinations, consumer protection and enforcement, communication and customer service, and administrative services. Ms. Bell shared that the Board has made excellent progress, and a more thorough and facilitated discussion will occur at the November Board meeting.

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Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 5: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

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

Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 6: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

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

Council Member Miyasaki pointed out that on page 30 of the meeting materials, there is information on the statistics on the licensure, and that for the registered dental assistant (RDA), it seems that the retention rate, 33%, is rather low. She encouraged stakeholders to possibly help with finding out the reason why the retention rate is not that great. She added that the Council could possibly invite the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB), which does research on labor statistics for dental assistants, mostly as certified dental assistants, as that information might be helpful to look at some of the issues regarding the labor shortage.

Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 7: Update and Discussion on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals and Re-Evaluations

Ms. Vallery provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials. Ms. Vallery highlighted that of the 21 reevaluations completed, 12 have resulted in withdrawal of Board approval. She stated this was due to a variety of reasons, such as programs and courses not responding to the reevaluation notices, insufficient clinical instruction hours, incomplete sequence of instruction, insufficient evaluation forms, and insufficient student records.

Council Member Lilia Larin voiced that she would like to know the percentage of RDAs who go through an educational program versus the ones who are trained in the office and then later take their RDA exam. Ms. Vallery responded that she could attempt to pull that information together and bring it back at a future meeting.

Council Member Miyasaki agreed with Council Member Larin that it would be an interesting statistic to find out about the educational based students versus the on-the-job training. She reiterated that she, along with Board staff, is concerned about the programs that either withdrew their re-evaluation or their application is found deficient. She added that it is a disservice to the students and not an ethically sound practice. Ms.

Vallery responded that she is unaware of the percentage and added that the majority of the applications the Board receives are from educational avenues.

Council Member Miyasaki asked for clarification whether the educationally trained dental assistants come from other types of educational programs. Ms. Vallery responded that she does not know how many of the Board-approved programs are approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) [of the American Dental Association]. She conveyed that the applicants come from a variety of different programs, and that any of the programs that are on the Board's list of approved programs could be where the students are applying from.

Council Member Miyasaki expressed that it would be interesting to find out the number of schools that were CODA accredited.

Council Member Jeri Fowler indicated that of all the dental assisting educational institutions, she would like to know which programs are actually CODA approved.

Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 8.: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Legislative Proposal to Add Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 1778 Relating to Board Approval of Dental Assistant Educational Programs and Courses

Council Member Miyasaki introduced the report, which is available in the meeting materials. She further noted that California has many types of dental assisting programs; some programs are Board approved, while other programs offer dental assisting educational training through coursework and externships, to high school, adult education, apprenticeship, non-credited, and other pathways. Dental assisting programs can vary from community colleges to for-profit institutions, private dental offices, or individuals offering continuing education. Costs for these courses can range from free, utilizing the California Promise Program, with the first two years of community college or free, to several thousand dollars to \$30,000. Council Member Miyasaki discussed the on-the-job training pathway to RDA licensure.

She further noted that there are minimum requirements for unlicensed dental assistants, who are not regulated by the Board. In the past, groups have requested for the Board to regulate unlicensed dental assistants. For example, by permit, which would include permit applicant fingerprinting to perform a criminal history (background) check. After passage of SB 1453 [(Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024)], it was determined the new infection control and radiation safety course requirements had issues. In addition, Board staff continue to evaluate, reevaluate, and approve dental assisting programs and courses. The question before the Council was in order to find consistent program or course approval that does not require Board staff, should the Board consider having an appropriate agency, exam, or method responsible for program and course approval, evaluation, and reevaluation, or some process thereof.

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Ms. Vallery provided additional information from the report. She further noted the standard and complaint-driven program and course reevaluations being conducted by Board staff and have found major compliance issues with the majority. The issues include such things as:

- Failing to provide the minimum number of 265 hours; Board staff have found programs requiring as low as 98 hours, 170 hours, 180 hours, and 240 hours of clinical instruction.
- Program directors are failing to maintain accurate and complete individual student records to demonstrate successful completion of all components of the program or course.
- For modular or open entry programs, a lack of documentation that students receive basic instruction in infection control and basic chairside skills prior to other program content or activity involving patients or that they are sequenced appropriately.
- There are often missing areas of instruction, missing standards of performance on evaluation forms, performance evaluations not being used at all, issues with sterilizing armamentarium, issues with proper usage of extramural facilities.
- There is often no planned or supervised clinical instruction by the program or course faculty.
- Most course providers enroll students, cover the didactic instruction via electronic media, then send the students back to their employer dentists with a homework packet to complete the clinical instruction portion of the course. The student then returns their completed homework packet to the program or course, and the student is issued a certificate of completion.
- There is a lack of documentation of compliance with the required instructor to students ratios.
- There is a lack of documentation that students are provided with specific performance objectives and standards of performance for laboratory and clinical experiences. Some of the evaluation forms merely say “done” or “not done”.
- The Board often is not updated when programs and courses make changes to their curriculum, faculty, locations, and closures. By regulation, these changes must be reported to the Board within 10 days of the change.

Ms. Vallery also pointed out the Board has performed four program site visits in the last year; the Board has 92 programs to reevaluate every seven years. There are 903 other program and course providers that require the same Board oversight. Of the 21 reevaluations the Board has completed in the last year, 12 have had their approval

withdrawn, three have been granted continued approval, and six have reported they have closed. Of the four RDA programs that were reevaluated this past year, all four have had their approval withdrawn.

Ms. Vallery further noted that after conducting a fiscal analysis and desk audit relating to AB 873 [Alanis, 2025], for the interim therapeutic restoration and radiographic decisionmaking (ITR/RDM), radiation safety, and infection control courses, Board staff have identified that the \$300 fee to apply for Board approval of a course does not cover staff costs, and the application fees should be increased significantly to cover Board costs. To resolve these issues, Board staff proposes moving the approval of dental assisting educational programs and courses to education accrediting and approval agencies. Ms. Vallery stated the legislative proposal would enhance the existing Alternative Dental Assisting Program pathway [BPC, §§ 1741, subd. (a), 1752.1, subd. (a)(4)] established in SB 1453. This pathway allows students who complete a program offered by an institution of secondary or postsecondary education that has a current CODA accreditation or is accredited or approved by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or State Department of Education, including career health and technical education programs, regional occupation centers or programs, or apprenticeship programs registered by the State Department of Education or Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations in allied dental programs, to apply for RDA licensure.

Council Member Miyasaki expressed that after further research on this topic, it does seem that the legislative proposal is not going to be a viable option, because CODA approval requires a very rigorous application, and not all programs are going to qualify for it. Council Member Miyasaki also noted the expense to get accreditation and the annual fee, which is double during the time of the site visit. Additionally, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) approval cost can range anywhere between \$750 to \$5,000 to approve programs and courses. CODA would not accredit standalone courses, only programs. For the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), they are both for community college education or higher; and those also come a range of California law that has to do with diversity, equity, and inclusion and student learning outcomes that are required, regular substantive interaction for online courses, and also accessibility issues with online courses. She noted those are all things that some community colleges even now might struggle with, and it would be even more difficult for other organizations to adopt these policies.

Council Member Fowler concurred with Council Member Miyasaki and noted that by making even the existing approved courses be accredited by one of those other options is going to cause the elimination of most of the educational programs for dental assisting that is out there, which would cause an access to care issue. She affirmed that she is very empathetic with the struggles that the Board is going through. Council Member Fowler added that it is disheartening to hear that there are so many educational programs out there that are non-compliant, and there are also staffing

issues to be able to regulate all these different institutions. She expressed that she would like to do some brainstorming on what the Council can do to evaluate the existing programs and also manage this. She affirmed that it would be beneficial to be CODA approved, because that would fix the reciprocity issue in California.

Council Member Miyasaki mentioned that some of the things that could be considered from other states is that they consider the allied health students very valuable to the workforce. She added that other states do a lobby with their legislation to have the colleges that have allied health students paid more per student, making the colleges eager to have dental assisting programs that do not run in the red. Council Member Miyasaki conveyed that the accrediting bodies mentioned in the legislative proposal or the California Dental Association (CDA) exam would not cover California law, and that is something that is not going to be included, although in the chairside exam for DANB CDA, there is some ethical dilemma questions, but California laws would not be addressed in any of those items in the proposal.

Council Member Carie Smith voiced that she believes that the Council should allow time for stakeholders and interested parties to provide testimony on the possible changes and added that the revisions and accreditation regulations should be sent to the working group. She agreed with Ms. Vallery and Council Member Miyasaki that there should be discussion and input from the stakeholders prior to a decision being made.

Ms. Vallery affirmed that Board staff understood this proposal may require additional discussion and were very interested in continuing conversations with the working group. She added that Board staff also feel that it may be time to look at dental assisting as a whole and take this as an opportunity to discuss some of the many issues facing this workforce, such as reciprocity, the permitted duties of unlicensed dental assistants and RDAs, access to education, and consumer protection in relation to education and unlicensed practice. She noted that Board staff is requesting to send this back to the working group to set up future meetings with any interested stakeholders to discuss these issues and topics and to come up with legislative proposals to bring back to the Council and the Board that address these lingering issues.

Council Member Rosalinda Olague indicated that she would support having the working group [continue review of these issues,] and that the Council needs to look at this. She stated that capacity wise, it is not sustainable in the next three to four years. She added that the Council and stakeholders all need to have conversations about this. She requested that the working group look into how many of the Board approved dental assisting programs would fall into the [accrediting/approval] categories [provided in the legislative proposal] and inquired whether the working group would remain the same or would change the members involved.

Ms. Bell stated the working group members would stay the same since they have been involved to this point and done a lot of the research. However, the working group will be reaching out for additional comment and feedback to take into consideration. Ms.

Vallery conveyed that the RDA programs that are applying are not all just institutions anymore and could be merely a standalone person who wants to provide the course. A lot of them are not RDA programs but are offering all of the standalone courses, stacking them into an unlicensed dental assisting program. Therefore, there may be some of those that would not fall into one of these categories, but they could. Ms. Vallery added that the approval entities listed in the legislative proposal do offer support and guidance as far as making sure they are a valuable program. However, they may have to make some adjustments to be able to obtain the approval.

Council Member Miyasaki mentioned that in the past, all community colleges were CODA accredited, but now there are several community colleges that have dropped their CODA accreditation, and it is not mandatory for community colleges.

Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment.

Melodi Randolph, representing the Dental Assisting Alliance (Alliance), agreed with sending the agenda item back to a working group, and they understand the issues at hand in this agenda item. Ms. Randolph stated the Alliance was discouraged by the results of the re-evaluations and the problems that are happening. She added that they would like to participate in any type of discussions and working group to solve these issues. Regarding CODA accreditation, Ms. Randolph voiced that their research shows that there are 18 colleges in California that are CODA accredited out of the 90 some RDA approved programs. She conveyed that the problem with DANB certification is that even though they have the certifications for X-ray, coronal polish, and sealants, it is a written exam only, and there is no lab or clinical requirement to get these certifications. This means, for example, the coronal polish duty was changed from an RDA to a dental assistant duty this year, which means that a dental assistant could take a written exam on coronal polish, never get any training or skills in coronal polishing, then get a certificate from DANB or pass the DANB written exam, and go perform coronal polishing with no training.

Shari Becker, representing the Alliance, concurred with Ms. Randolph's comments and also with Ms. Valley's suggestion on the working group. Ms. Becker reiterated that they would be happy to assist in any way that they can.

Tooka Zokaie, representing CDA, agreed with a lot of what had been shared and stated that this is a starting point for a larger conversation; they would be interested in a working group to be formed to discuss this further. She stated that one of the major concerns is programs closing if there is no other affordable option. Looking at CODA, BPPE, and WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) as options, she raised concern about not having a similar option in rigor and affordability – those are the two items they would like to see the working group focus on, so they do not see a swath of program closures. Regarding the lift of switching to BPPE versus the Board continuing approval, Ms. Zokaie inquired whether the Board has considered expanding

appropriate settings of extramural sites for clinical and lab requirements. She offered to send a letter after the meeting specifying those few things for the working group to explore.

Dr. Bruce Whitcher, CDA representative, seconded Ms. Zokaie's comments and added that the states that accept only graduates of CODA approved programs have severe shortages of dental assistants. As these other pathways all have pros and cons, he believes evaluating them through a larger conversation would be helpful. With respect to DANB programs, although they do not offer hands-on clinical training, he believes that is still a requirement that is covered in their application. With the infection control course, there is the option of taking a proctored exam or completing the exam in a secure environment. He further noted that the radiation safety course can also be taken as a proctored exam. He stated that it is selling those courses short to say that there is no clinical component at all.

Council Member Miyasaki voiced that she believes the proctored exams mean giving the testing company access to the student's microphone and camera to see whether they are talking or their eyes are shifting around to see if they are cheating on the exam while they are taking the exam on their computer at home.

Tara Welch stated the goal is to keep something moving forward now, and hopefully the working group can have three or four stakeholder meetings. The idea is that the Board would send out a ListServ notice about the dates and times of stakeholder meetings. Ms. Welch communicated that the point of having a two-member working group is to make it more efficient to hold these meetings as the working group members are available and receive as much information as possible to start the process of preparing a legislative proposal to resolve a lot of these issues. She stated Board staff hope to have more language for the Council's review at the August meeting to keep this moving forward, because the Board is experiencing some significant issues with continuing this approval program, as well as the concerns raised with respect to the education the students are receiving. Students need to be properly prepared to provide dental services to patients in California.

Agenda Item 9: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Proposed Legislation

Agenda Item 9.a.: AB 873 (Alanis, 2025) Dentistry: dental assistants: infection control course

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

Ms. Bell pointed out that the fees that were provided in the meeting materials did not include the travel costs that would be required to go to these site visits, which is why Mr. Nelson had different numbers that he was speaking to. She added that the reason as to why there is a difference between the two courses is that one is a virtual course, so there is no requirement for Board staff to go out and visit the location.

Ms. Welch noted that BPC section 1725, subdivision (l), in AB 873 should be revised to remove the infection control course and set the course application fee amount at \$7,330. A new subdivision (m) would need to be added to set the electronic infection control course application fee at \$3,830. She stated these revisions are requested to be added to AB 873 to resolve the concern raised in the Assembly Appropriations Committee that the \$300 fee would not cover the cost to administer the program. Ms. Welch also noted BPC section 1755, subdivision (g), was requested by the Board and added to AB 873 to prohibit use of the electronic infection control course for RDA and RDAEF licensure and orthodontic assistant (OA) and dental sedation assistant (DSA) permits. She explained the Board requested that provision be added by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee to resolve the issue with CDA, which argued the electronic infection control course should have no restriction for its use. She stated CDA submitted a letter providing their arguments in favor of not prohibiting use of the electronic infection control course. She further clarified that removing subdivision (g) from BPC section 1755, as requested by CDA, would mean everyone could take the electronic infection control course, with no clinical instruction, for any purpose, including RDA/RDAEF licensure and dental assisting permits.

Council Member Fowler asked if the infection control, the hands-on component, is embedded into RDA programs now, why they would need to take the hands-on. She added that you have to be a licensed RDA before you can be a registered dental assistant in extended functions (RDAEF) and inquired why they would need the hands-on component for infection control. Council Member Miyasaki responded that she believes not all work experienced or on-the-job dental assistants take an educational program, and there is a large majority of work experience and on-the-job training dental assistants. She expressed that they would only take the infection control, coronal polishing, pit and fissure sealants, and the Dental Practice Act courses, and do not go through a program where they have the hands-on course.

Council Member Fowler disclosed that she knows some programs have the 8-hour embedded and some do not and inquired whether you had it while you went through the existing RDA program and then applied for licensure, you would still have to retake it again.

Council Member Miyasaki responded that on-the-job trained dental assistants work in a dental office, do 15 months or 1,250 hours, and can apply; they do not have to go through a program.

Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment.

Ms. Randolph, representing the Alliance, on the specific issue regarding the lab component, clarified that some individuals become an RDA through an RDA approved program and get the hands-on training for infection control. However, if you take out the hands-on training for infection control for the work experience or on-the-job training, you

are setting a precedent for two different pathways. She added that some would have the hands-on training and some would not for the RDA. Ms. Randolph voiced that is not a good precedent to set two different pathways in a topic such as this. Although the Alliance can sympathize with the challenges associated with having [the infection control course] completed before a new employee can start working in areas of potential contamination, she stated that this training is critical to the safety of all patients in California. They understand that CDA wants to put in a 90-day time limit to have the course done within 90 days of their first day of employment, but the Alliance respectfully requests that the Board take a position of 30 days at the most, which is plenty of time for people to take this course.

Ms. Randolph stated that in CDA's letter, they make reference to the fact that there has to be Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training and expressed that OSHA training is for the protection of the employee, whereas the 8-hour infection control course by the Board would be for the protection of patients. She added that there are many things that are not in OSHA training that are required in the Board 8-hour infection control course, such as the categorization of critical, semi-critical, and non-critical instruments, how to process those instruments, and the difference between them. Although there is some overlap in the courses, they are for totally different purposes. On the modality, requiring individuals who have already completed the infection control course virtually to retake it in person, Ms. Randolph indicated that is one of the things that CDA mentioned in their letter, and they noted that it is redundant to have to retake it. She voiced that the Alliance's argument is if that is the case, why do licensed individuals have to retake an infection control class every two years to maintain their license; she stated that CDA's argument that retaking the course is redundant does not make sense because all licensed dental professionals have to take it multiple times.

Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, communicated support for Ms. Randolph's comments.

Council Member Larin noted that although she believes it is crucial to have infection control, she does think that it is redundant to have two courses and that it is not feasible to have a practical part of this infection control in regard to access to care. She added that the 30-day limit is not feasible for dentistry and suggested to keep it at least three months after employment.

Chair Epps-Robbins responded that she believes 30 days is sufficient, and she does not see why it should be extended out to three months for the 90 days when there are available programs. She added that she believes this will facilitate those programs that are out there to getting these individuals to be more diligent in their time frames. The longer a period, it could be lost in translation or lost in the tracking of these individuals. Chair Epps-Robbins conveyed that infection control is so necessary and validated, that if the gauge is moved or continues to move for three months and beyond that, that is almost a working 90-day period of retention for a job, but potentially patients would be

worked on by these dental assistants from day one. She added that the Council wants to make sure that the safety of the patients is upfront.

Council Member Larin voiced that she does believe that infection control is extremely important, but all these courses is affecting access to care. She requested to allow the dentist at least 30 days, as they are still in charge of what happens in their office. Chair Epps-Robbins responded if the Council does not give it a guideline from a time stand of a period of a timeline, then it will be lost, and that it is going to be too fluent and not managed correctly. She added that these courses cannot be shined away, banished, or dismantled in order to make it more effective to have more staff and to have obtained staff quicker.

Council Member Miyasaki, from the perspective of being an educator and visiting many externship offices, temping in many offices during the summer when she was not under contract, and listening to the infection control providers and what their students tell them, noted that there are many dentists who do their due diligence. She added that the dental assistants often have the burden of training the dental assistants, although the dentist is the one who supervises and is ultimately in charge. She provided many examples of infection control mistakes she has seen. Council Member Miyasaki conveyed that she believes that a time limit on the infection control class is needed, and 30 days would be reasonable.

Council Member Jessica Gerlach voiced that she agrees with Council Member Miyasaki and Chair Epps-Robbins.

Council Member Smith indicated that she agrees that all personnel working with patients should go through proper training and noted that one of the things on the table is the time limit that they should have some proper training, being 30, 90, or 120 days. The other bigger picture is whether we decide to have that unlicensed dental assistant only do a virtual training versus virtual and hands on, which some believe is a repeat that they are going to get through OSHA. Council Member Smith affirmed that she thoroughly believes that the unlicensed dental assistant should have at minimum the virtual training and believes that is probably enough in a lot of areas when they are unlicensed.

Council Member Olague voiced that she seconds that the virtual infection control course can be leveraged and agrees that this is two different conversations, the course and the days, and that the Council needs to keep that in mind here, where do we fall in our conversations of how the 8-hour infection control is administered and then the days.

Ms. Welch commented that the issue with BPC section 1755 is not changing the way unlicensed dental assistants would take the electronic infection control course as that is already in the law as of last year or January 1. The issue is whether or not somebody who already took the electronic version has to go back and take an 8-hour with clinical instruction to become an RDA or get a DSA or OA permit. Unlicensed dental assistants

will now have this virtual option, pending the Board's ability to implement it based upon charging fees, which needs to be added to the statute. She reminded the Council that as of January 1, the infection control course is required on day one when there is exposure to infectious material and noted that the Legislature did that last year, moving it from the 120 days to as soon as the dental assistant is potentially exposed to infectious material. Ms. Welch added that CDA has proposed moving that immediate requirement to 90 days from employment, whereas the Alliance wants 30 days at minimum. She noted that the Board has stayed out of this fight on AB 873, and the Board has not provided any position on changes to BPC section 1750. It sounded like the Council may want to support or oppose changes to BPC section 1750, subdivision (c). She also asked the Council to look at BPC section 1755, subdivision (g), and the Board really needed changes to BPC section 1725 to set the fees for ITR/RDM, radiation safety, and infection control course applications.

(M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Epps-Robbins) to propose amendments to AB 873 to the Board to recommend to the California State Legislature amending BPC section 1750, subdivision (c), to change 90 days to 30 days as the infection control requirement for dental assistants, amending BPC section 1725, subdivision (l), to set an interim therapeutic restorations and radiographic decisionmaking (ITR/RDM) and radiation safety course fee in the amount of \$7,330, and adding new subdivision (m) to set the infection control course fee at \$3,830, and make no changes to BPC section 1755 which would maintain current subdivision (g).

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

Anthony Lum, Executive Officer of the DHBC, voiced that they had some concerns with AB 873, particularly with the infection control course requirement, and that at the DHBC's March 2025 Board meeting, the DHBC voted to submit a letter of opposition to the Legislature on the amendments of the statutory language, specifically BPC section 1750, subdivision (c), pertaining to the infection control course. He added that the letter was submitted to the Legislature in early April, and they believe that the existing statutory language where the infection control course needs to be completed prior to starting employment is fine. Since it pertains to the unlicensed dental assistant, this person is unlicensed, untrained, and uneducated at least in the dental realm to participate with patient care for up to 90 days without any infection control training. Mr. Lum conveyed that they believe this compromises consumer protection and patient safety, and therefore the DHBC opposes the amendments to the statutory language and hope it is amended soon to correct those deficiencies.

Joanne Pacheco, representing herself as a previous unlicensed dental assistant, RDA, current registered dental hygienist (RDH), program director, and longtime educator, voiced that she is in opposition of two separate courses for the RDA and unlicensed dental assistant. Having been an educator for a long time, she believes the laboratory component for both should be in person.

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Ms. Zokaie, CDA representative, expressed that regarding the time limit proposal for within 30 days, prior to 2025, it was 120 days of continuous employment and then one year to complete the course. She stated that CDA recognizes that timeline is an extremely long time with only having the OSHA training course, which is still a significant training course but not enough to meet the unique dental office needs. She noted that this proposal moves it from 120 days of continuous employment and a year to complete to 90 days. Ms. Zokaie stated that CDA has seen a surge of dental offices having extreme difficulty, especially in rural areas, to meet this requirement before exposure to blood and saliva. However, the OSHA course is required. She added that they have had significant challenges in meeting this because this currently is not available online. Ms. Zokaie voiced that CDA hopes there is going to be progress and eventually there will be an appropriate online course. Regarding the request to keep BPC section 1755, subsection (g), she stated that they would recommend striking that because if this course is available online, it should meet the rigor and the needs of the 8-hour infection control course, be it online with distance learning or in person. Ms. Zokaie verbalized that they think that taking that course again would be redundant, and there is no additional practical experience in the clinical setting that would make a difference if it were to be in person versus online. She stated that CDA would want identical curriculum across formats.

Dr. Witcher, CDA representative and practicing dentist, spoke in support of CDA's comments. He noted that the requirement was 120 days plus one year and moving it all the way back to 90 days is a pretty significant change. He conveyed that he believes that is going to be sufficient. With respect to the fee increases, Dr. Witcher declared that CDA understands the need for the Board to recover its costs and suggested that the Board look at why a site visit is required for the ITR and the radiation safety courses. Based on the statute, he does not see that is a necessary requirement. He voiced that is a big component of the cost due to all the travel involved and suggested to take a look at that again and clarify why that needs to be a site visited type of a program.

Amanda, representing Central California Dental Academy, stated that she finds that they do not have problems getting this course offered to people who have less access as they are centrally located. She noted that there are a lot of other schools that offer this and suggested to keep the laboratory component.

Ms. Becker, representing herself, reminded the Council that the infection control regulation had been in place for the unlicensed dental assistants since 2010, and it has been 15 years that they have been able to take this course and had 120 days plus 12 months to take the course. She added that the fact that for patient safety, this requirement was being looked at, reviewed, and revisited is a little dumbfounding. As far as the lab component goes, Ms. Becker verbalized that skills for dental assistants were being watered down and not requiring certain education; the dentists want educated and well-trained staff, but the educational requirements and skill opportunities for them to be trained were being cut down.

Chair Epps-Robbins called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Mirela Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

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

Nays: Larin, Olague, Smith.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 10.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 7 Title Regarding Dental Auxiliaries

This item is being tabled until the August 2025 Dental Assisting Council and Board meetings.

Agenda Item 11.: Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Sections 1753 and 1753.5 Regarding Authorized Duties and Procedures of Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions

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

Council Member Larin declared that she believes this issue with the amalgam polishing might have been intentionally removed as there is another line that says “place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations”. She added that direct restorations can be composite or amalgam, and it already includes the finish and adjust. She conveyed that paragraph (9) [in BPC section 1753.5, subdivision (b)] would cover the amalgam polishing.

Council Member Fowler verbalized that for finishing, adjusting, and placing permanent or direct restorations for composites, as soon as staff place them, they finish them. However, for amalgams, it is almost a separate procedure because it takes 24 hours afterwards to actually bring the patient back and focus in on polishing the amalgams. Therefore, that is why it was added back in. Council Member Fowler added that the proposal seeks to be more specific with allowable duties to eliminate gray areas.

(M/S/C) (Fowler/Epps-Robbins) move to recommend to the Board the legislative proposal in Attachment 1 for submission to the California State Legislature to amend BPC sections 1753 and 1753.5 regarding RDAEF duties and education requirements.

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

Chair Epps-Robbins called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Mirela Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Gerlach, Miyasaki, Smith.

Nays: Larin.

Abstentions: Olague.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 12: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendations to the Board on Proposed Regulations

Agenda Item 12.a.: Status Update on Pending Regulations

Brant Nelson provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment on this item. There were no public comments made on this item.

Agenda Item 12.b.: Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Initiation of a Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control

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

(M/S/C) (Fowler/Miyasaki) to move to recommend to the Board the proposed regulatory text in Attachment 2 for approval and recommend that Board staff submit Attachment 2 to the Dental Hygiene Board of California for their review and reconsideration of their prior action on this item, and to obtain a consensus with this Board on the Guidelines. Upon receiving notice that the Dental Hygiene Board of California has approved Attachment 2 and thereby reached consensus with the Board, submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency for review. 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 text and the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received, and no public hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking, and adopt the proposed regulations as noticed for CCR, title 16, section 1005.

Chair Epps-Robbins requested public comment before the Council acted on the motion. The Council received public comment.

Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, brought to the Council's attention some minor things in the regulatory text. She stated that in Attachment 2, on page 84 of the meeting materials, paragraph (4)(E) states "Reusable protective eyewear, face shields, and

visors shall be washed with soap and water, or if visibly soiled, cleaned and disinfected between patients". She conveyed they suggest striking the "washed with soap and water" provision as just an alternative; the safety eyewear would be cleaned and disinfected, so it would not make sense to just wash with soap and water. On page 85, paragraph (6)(B) states "...utility gloves shall be cleaned and disinfected or sterilized in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions". She noted that paragraph (6)(C) states "...utility gloves shall be cleaned and sterilized in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions after each use" but that provision is missing "disinfected," so subparagraphs (B) and (C) are not congruent. They recommended the phrase in subparagraph (C) be changed to cleaned and disinfected or sterilized.

Ms. Randolph, representing the Alliance, asked for clarification on page 88 of the meeting materials, fourth paragraph down, whether the verbiage "A chemical indicator shall be used inside every sterilization package to verify..." is intended to add an additional indicator into packages that already have their own indicator on them as this could be read that you have to do it as well, which would be redundant. She asked if the wording could be changed to clarify if the package has internal and external indicators, that is sufficient, or if an additional one is needed. Regarding page 89 of the meeting materials, third paragraph down, fifth line, about flushing the water lines, she voiced they suggest the word "after" be changed to "before" as the purpose of flushing the water lines is to ensure the water is as fresh as possible before working on the patient. If the line is flushed after and then there is not another patient for two or three hours, it is sitting stagnant. Additionally, Ms. Randolph expressed that on page 91 of the meeting materials, subdivision (c) has been stricken. She stated that they understand that reviewing this annually is probably too often, but striking subdivision (c) removes any type of review of CCR, title 16, section 1005. She suggested that it could be biannually or have some kind of review requirement.

Mr. Lum said a thank you for the collaborative effort on this regulation update and noted that they appreciate the efforts between both boards.

Kristy Schieldge recommended the Council move the proposal forward as she believes the Board is going to get comments no matter what. Further changes suggested at this meeting would need to be run by the Board's and the Dental Hygiene Board's working groups, thus, further delaying the Board's ability to update existing standards. At this point, she expects more comments during the public comment period for this regulation as it is such a highly technical subject matter that is very important for the protection of the public and the staff who work at dental offices and the dentists. These public comments could be addressed during the public comment period for the regulation once it is noticed so that the Board can continue its progress on updating these standards.

Council Member Miyasaki voiced that she believes there were two points stated during the public comment section and believes that stakeholders sometimes are not available for public comment in person. If that is the case, they can submit their letters in person. She mentioned that on page 86 of the meeting materials under the second paragraph,

“Utility gloves shall be cleaned and sterilized...” is not consistent with the language prior to that. She added if the Board’s [Regulations] Counsel believes that can be easily fixed during the public comment, then she does not request an amendment. Additionally, on page 89 of the meeting materials, under subparagraph (D), the dental unit water lines should be “before” each patient. She voiced that upon reading the materials, it does say “after”. She believes that the “after” needs to be replaced with “before”.

Council Member Smith requested clarification on which Attachment the Council was voting on. Ms. Welch replied that Ms. Schieldge’s recommendation was to move Attachment 2 forward to the Board, which will then go to the DHBC for their approval as well, and then possibly make these additional changes during the 45-day public comment period.

Council Member Miyasaki inquired on the likelihood the requested changes would be made to the text. Mr. Nelson responded that it is his understanding that in the 45-day comment period, an individual can come in with any comment, and the Board can still work with the language. He explained that one of the issues with working on regulations is the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) looks at the language and determines if it meets certain standards. Contingent that these changes meet with OAL approval and Ms. Schieldge agrees that they can proceed, and he was optimistic it could happen. He believed these were important changes and will be treated as such. Mr. Nelson added that one of the issues is the timing as it takes very long to get something into regulations. Therefore, it is very important that we start now.

Ms. Welch added that this regulation was so time-consuming because Board staff have to go back and forth with the DHBC. She noted the Board had been seeking public comment on this package for quite a while, and Board staff had hoped to have all public comment on this regulation before it was presented today. This rulemaking was also presented to the Council and Board in February, and Ms. Welch noted that it is frustrating to continue to get public comments on this regulation. She stated the Board needs to get the rulemaking moving and into law, as the current regulation is significantly outdated. She stated that Ms. Schieldge will need to review the proposed edits. Ms. Welch requested the proposed edits be submitted to the Board in writing, because it was difficult to hear the edits on the webcast. The additional edits then will have to be submitted to the DHBC and their expert before there will be any agreement to make the edits. Ms. Welch conveyed her hope to resolve any additional requests for edits during the 45-day public comment period.

Chair Epps-Robbins called for the vote on the motion. Ms. Mirela Taran took a roll call vote on the motion.

Ayes: Epps-Robbins, Fowler, Gerlach, Larin, Miyasaki, Olague, Smith.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

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Recusals: None.

The motion passed.

Agenda Item 13: Adjournment

Chair Epps-Robbins adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 21, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 4.: Interim Executive Officer Report

Background

Christy Bell will provide an update on Board activities.

Action Requested

No action required.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 21, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 5.: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

Background

The following table provides the examination statistics for candidates who attempted dental assisting examinations in fiscal years (FY) 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25.

License Type		RDA	OA	DSA	RDAEF		
		Written	Written	Written	Clinical	Practical	Written
FY 2024/25	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	2,251	212	3	N/A	N/A	166
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,871	187	3	N/A	N/A	148
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	83%	88%	%	N/A	N/A	89%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	380	25	0	N/A	N/A	18
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	17%	18%	N/A	N/A	N/A	11%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	795	78	2	N/A	N/A	65
	Repeat Candidates Pass	349	44	1	N/A	N/A	34
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	44%	56%	50%	N/A	N/A	52%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	446	34	1	N/A	N/A	31
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	56%	44%	50%	N/A	N/A	48%
	Total Candidates Tested	3,046	290	5	N/A	N/A	231
	Total Candidates Passed	2,220	231	4	N/A	N/A	182
	Total Candidates Pass %	73%	80%	80%	N/A	N/A	79%
	Total Candidates Failed	826	59	1	N/A	N/A	49
	Total Candidates Failed %	27%	20%	20%	N/A	N/A	21%
FY 2023/24	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	2,466	171	8	N/A	N/A	213
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,973	123	7	N/A	N/A	176
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	80%	72%	87.5%	N/A	N/A	83%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	493	48	1	N/A	N/A	37
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	20%	28%	12.5%	N/A	N/A	17%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	1,065	150	1	N/A	N/A	107
	Repeat Candidates Pass	504	47	1	N/A	N/A	46
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	47%	31%	100%	N/A	N/A	43%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	561	103	0	N/A	N/A	61

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	Repeat Candidates Fail %	53%	69%	0	N/A	N/A	57%
	Total Candidates Tested	3,531	321	9	N/A	N/A	320
	Total Candidates Passed	2,477	170	8	N/A	N/A	222
	Total Candidates Pass %	70%	53%	89%	N/A	N/A	69%
	Total Candidates Failed	1,054	151	1	N/A	N/A	98
	Total Candidates Failed %	30%	47%	11%	N/A	N/A	31%
FY 2022/23	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	2,107	255	8	N/A	N/A	194
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,644	189	7	N/A	N/A	155
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	78%	74%	88%	N/A	N/A	80%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	463	66	1	N/A	N/A	39
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	22%	26%	12%	N/A	N/A	20%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	814	100	3	N/A	N/A	130
	Repeat Candidates Pass	361	54	3	N/A	N/A	52
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	44%	54%	100%	N/A	N/A	40%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	453	46	0	N/A	N/A	78
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	56%	46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	60%
	Total Candidates Tested	2,921	355	11	N/A	N/A	324
	Total Candidates Passed	2,005	243	10	N/A	N/A	207
	Total Candidates Pass %	69%	68%	91%	N/A	N/A	64%
	Total Candidates Failed	916	112	1	N/A	N/A	117
	Total Candidates Fail %	31%	32%	9%	N/A	N/A	36%
FY 2021/22	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	1,556	137	5	54	58	160
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,077	102	4	37	46	111
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	69%	74%	80%	69%	79%	69%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	479	35	1	17	12	49
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	31%	26%	20%	31%	21%	31%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	1,001	130	1	14	19	108
	Repeat Candidates Pass	411	66	1	9	12	43
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	41%	51%	100%	64%	63%	40%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	590	64	N/A	5	7	65
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	59%	49%	N/A	36%	37%	60%
	Total Candidates Tested	2,557	267	6	68	77	268
	Total Candidates Passed	1,488	168	5	46	58	154
	Total Candidates Pass %	58%	63%	80%	68%	75%	57%
	Total Candidates Failed	1,069	99	1	22	19	114
	Total Candidates Fail %	42%	37%	20%	32%	25%	43%

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

At the May 14, 2025, Dental Assisting Council meeting, Council Member Larin mentioned that she would like to know the percentage of RDA's that apply for licensure utilizing an educational program pathway versus those that apply utilizing an on-the-job training

pathway. The following chart provides the data for applicants that applied for RDA licensure each year from 2020 through 2024.

Application Pathway	Number of Applications Received Per Year					Total Apps Received
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020 - 2024
Education Pathway	1,249	1,788	1,682	2,282	2,435	9,436
Work Experience	504	716	784	1,020	1,040	4,064
Mixed Education and Experience	131	140	176	144	135	726
Totals	1,884	2,644	2,642	3,446	3,610	14,226
Application Pathway	Percentage of Applications Received Per Year					Total Apps Received
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2020 - 2024
Education Pathway	66%	68%	64%	66%	67%	66%
Work Experience	27%	27%	30%	30%	29%	29%
Mixed Education and Experience	7%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%

Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 14, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 6.: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

Dental Assistant License Application Statistics

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

Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Received by Month													
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	212	220	246	256	176	174	172	159	222	199	278	331	2,645
RDA 22-23	265	213	138	184	156	100	187	155	190	272	281	183	2,324
RDA 23-24	329	277	224	251	190	165	118	203	200	171	291	246	2,665
RDA 24-25	189	238	213	220	144	158	185	142	163	159	291	242	2,344
RDAEF 21-22	4	7	27	14	21	13	9	9	5	42	10	29	190
RDAEF 22-23	4	14	11	24	10	8	4	10	20	29	31	40	205
RDAEF 23-24	16	15	4	25	1	5	23	16	24	37	10	25	201
RDAEF 24-25	24	8	12	20	24	0	13	8	19	22	46	22	218
OA 21-22	14	24	26	25	30	28	18	14	25	26	22	20	272
OA 22-23	16	28	23	16	18	8	27	19	19	25	17	13	229
OA 23-24	19	21	19	13	26	29	12	18	27	23	24	17	248
OA 24-25	20	21	24	26	14	16	30	20	28	27	19	24	269
DSA 21-22	0	0	1	5	0	2	0	1	2	6	1	0	18
DSA 22-23	0	4	3	8	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	21
DSA 23-24	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	11
DSA 24-25	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	225	273	225	209	176	108	71	118	114	139	118	121	1,897
RDA 22-23	129	271	846	378	480	338	180	140	286	252	247	284	3,831
RDA 23-24	171	332	232	407	152	203	130	251	270	210	227	326	2,911
RDA 24-25	179	296	281	340	169	177	217	154	161	158	164	320	2,616

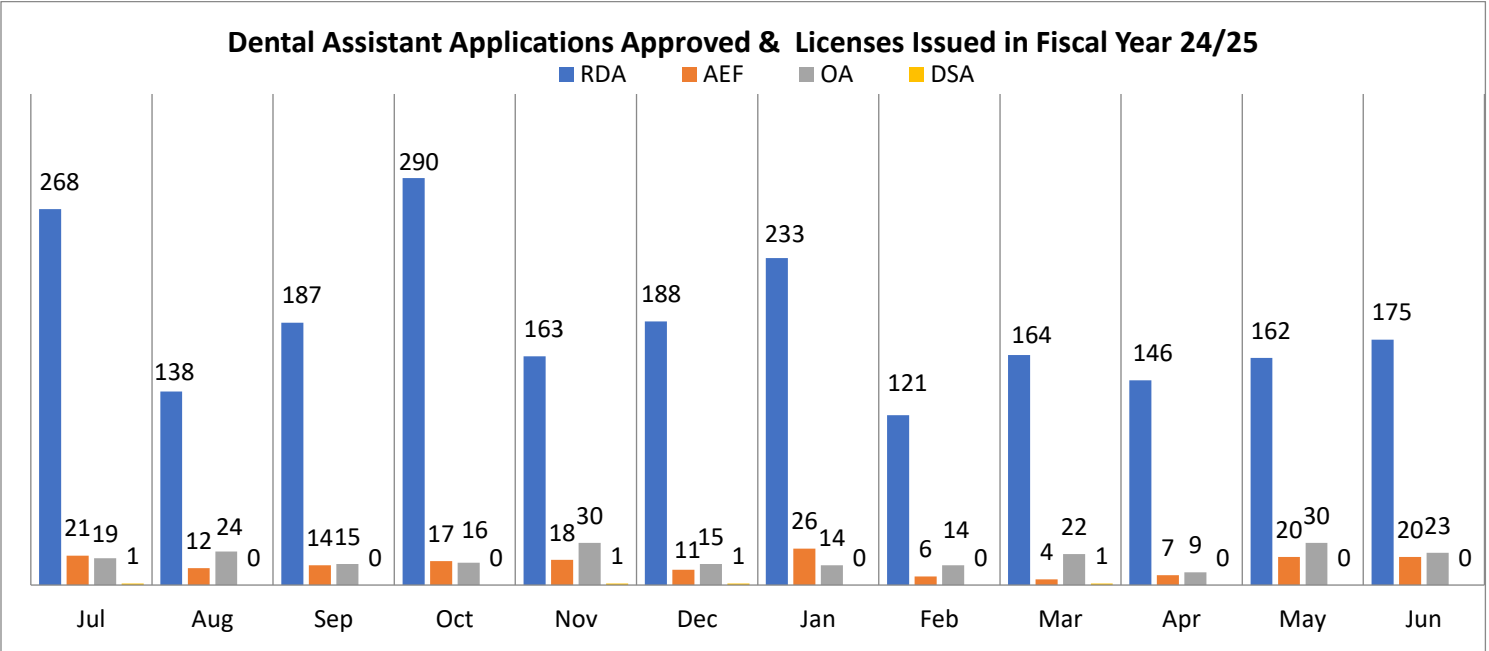
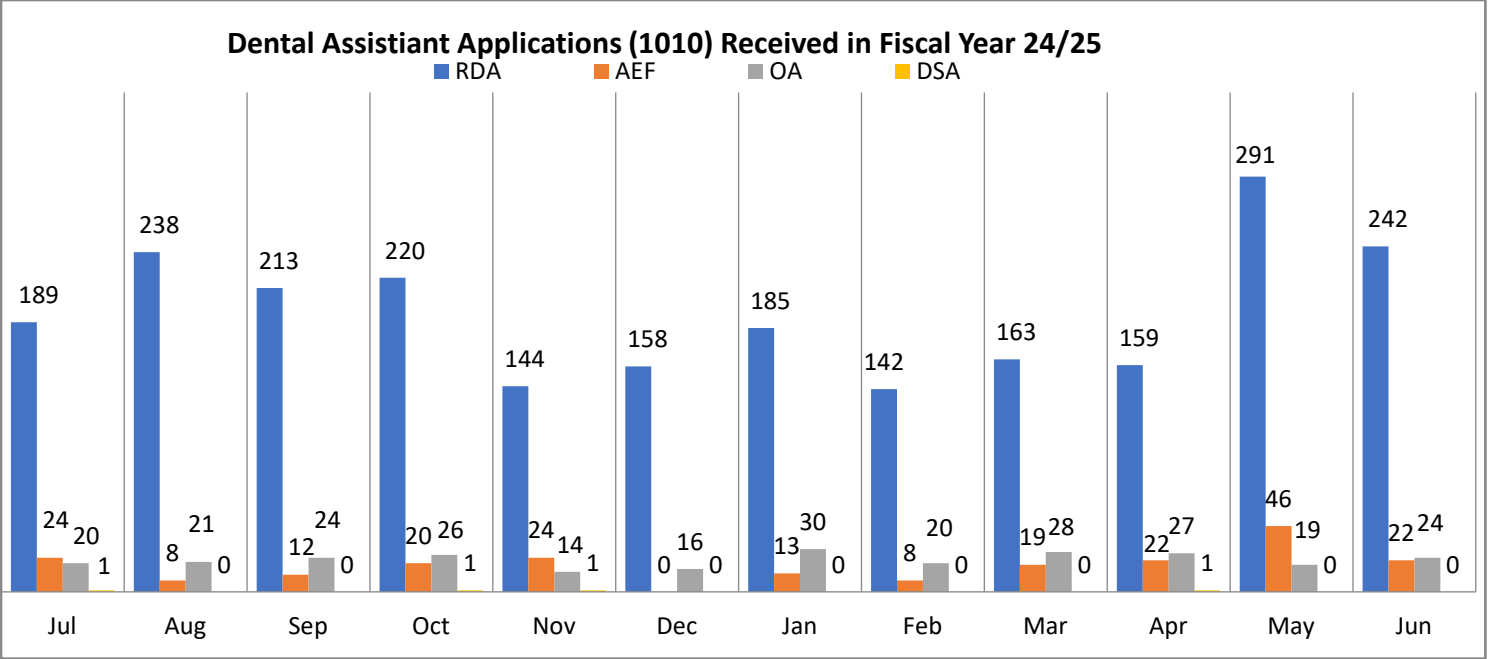
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	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDAEF 21-22	18	1	4	22	25	12	3	11	9	7	24	35	171
RDAEF 22-23	25	20	0	21	18	10	17	4	32	26	20	33	226
RDAEF 23-24	12	18	6	33	8	3	8	22	12	33	26	16	197
RDAEF 24-25	15	20	10	18	14	16	12	3	3	29	6	39	185
OA 21-22	20	18	13	6	23	12	10	10	7	13	11	14	157
OA 22-23	22	22	36	56	26	19	20	15	35	23	19	13	306
OA 23-24	3	8	12	29	12	23	17	18	27	17	24	23	213
OA 24-25	15	18	19	41	13	9	20	16	22	18	16	20	227
DSA 21-22	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	6
DSA 22-23	2	1	0	2	1	4	1	2	0	0	1	3	17
DSA 23-24	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
DSA 24-25	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Abandoned by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 23-24	49	221	2	4	204	19	0	10	36	7	41	9	602
RDA 24-25	16	9	31	39	15	6	20	0	44	1	46	0	227
RDAEF 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 23-24	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	14
RDAEF 24-25	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 23-24	27	0	0	0	20	2	0	2	4	1	2	1	59
OA 24-25	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	5	0	13
DSA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 23-24	3	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
DSA 24-25	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	244	151	126	149	155	181	79	97	99	97	121	100	1,599
RDA 22-23	115	126	117	248	221	222	153	165	221	136	166	159	2,049
RDA 23-24	215	173	259	281	209	196	219	186	139	188	207	231	2,503
RDA 24-25	268	138	187	290	163	188	233	121	164	146	162	175	2,235
RDAEF 21-22	0	46	1	1	0	0	262	0	2	6	7	4	329
RDAEF 22-23	39	20	19	8	14	24	11	8	25	21	18	30	237
RDAEF 23-24	15	14	25	27	18	12	8	6	19	20	34	22	220
RDAEF 24-25	24	8	12	17	18	11	26	6	4	7	20	20	173

Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month – Cont'd													
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
OA 21-22	10	17	2	0	32	19	22	13	15	17	11	11	169
OA 22-23	18	20	12	30	28	34	19	16	24	21	20	25	267
OA 23-24	15	8	6	4	26	12	17	11	18	16	17	19	169
OA 24-25	19	24	15	16	30	15	14	14	22	9	30	23	231
DSA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
DSA 22-23	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	3	10
DSA 23-24	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	9
DSA 24-25	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Denied by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	6
RDA 22-23	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	2	14
RDA 23-24	0	1	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	13
RDA 24-25	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
RDAEF 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RDAEF 24-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA 23-24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OA 24-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 21-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 22-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA 24-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Abandoned by Month													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDA 23-24	676	70	20	60	81	36	28	30	31	36	21	15	1,104
RDA 24-25	38	21	91	68	37	34	32	38	11	80	46	51	547
RDAEF 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RDAEF 23-24	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	10
RDAEF 24-25	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
OA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OA 23-24	15	8	4	1	3	2	4	2	1	1	0	0	41
OA 24-25	4	0	3	5	4	3	3	3	1	3	4	2	35

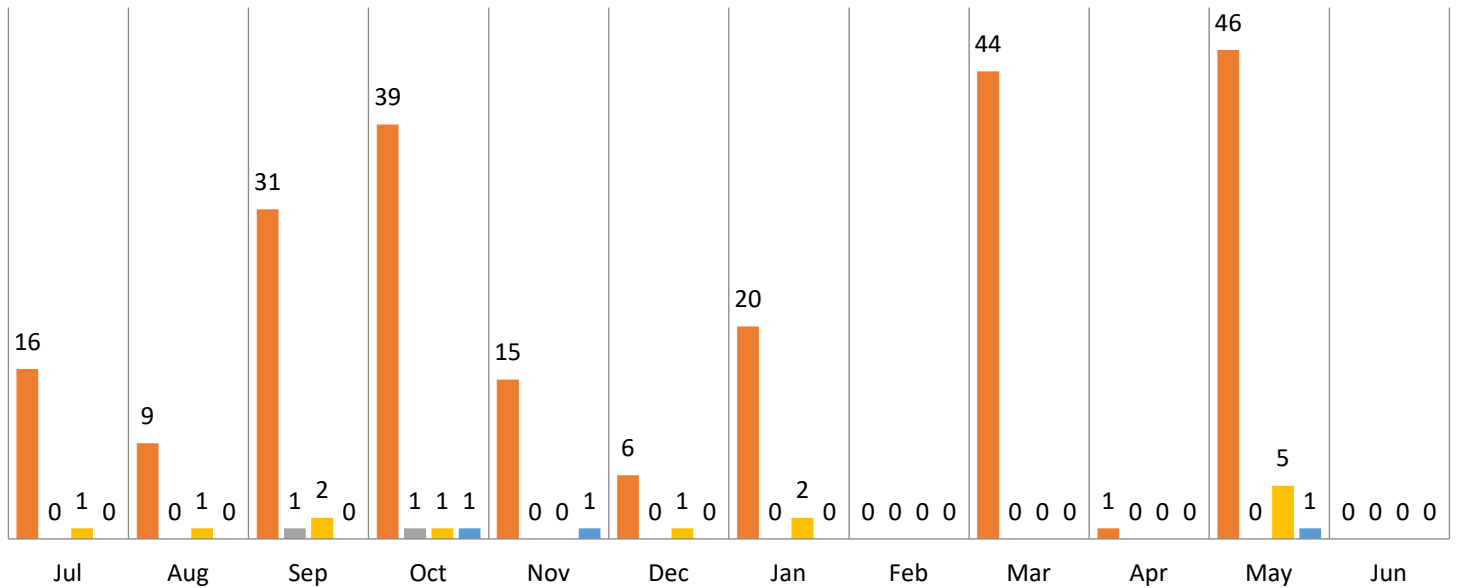
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DSA 21-22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 22-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DSA 23-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
DSA 24-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

Application Definitions	
Received	Application received in paper format or electronically through BreEZe system.
Approved	Application for eligibility of licensure processed with required documentation and examination eligibility issued.
License Issued	Final application including examination results approved and license issued.
Abandoned (1010)	An applicant who fails to complete application requirements within one year after being notified by the Board of deficiencies.
Abandoned (1020)	<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.



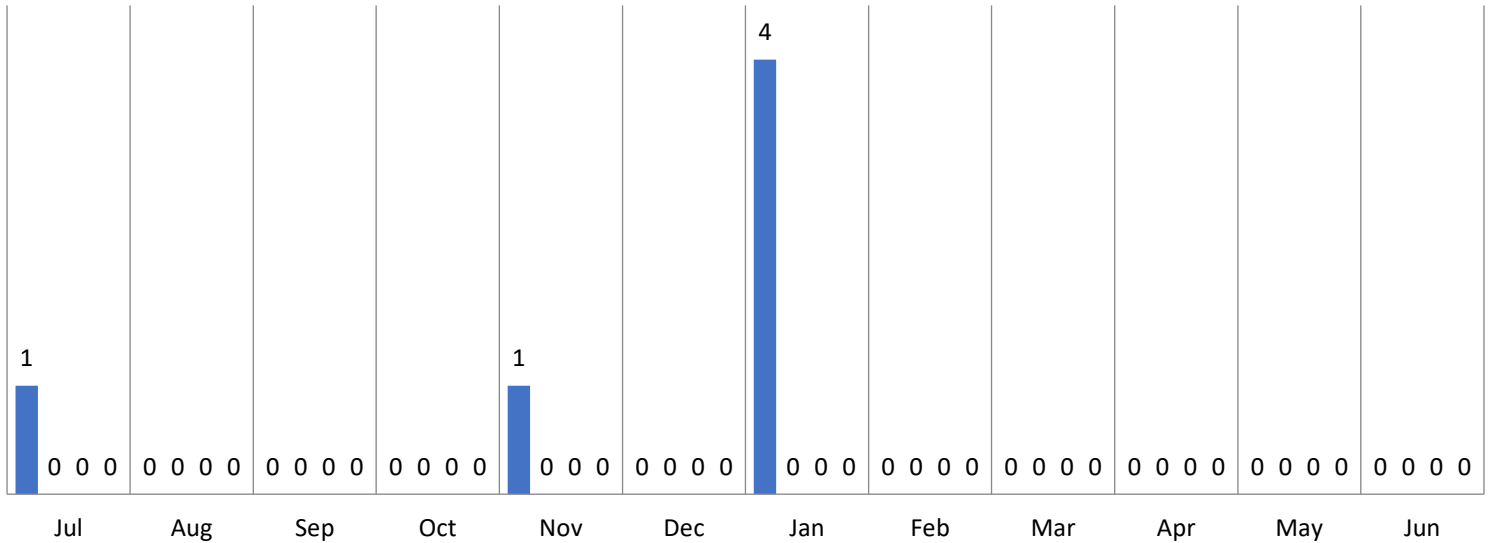
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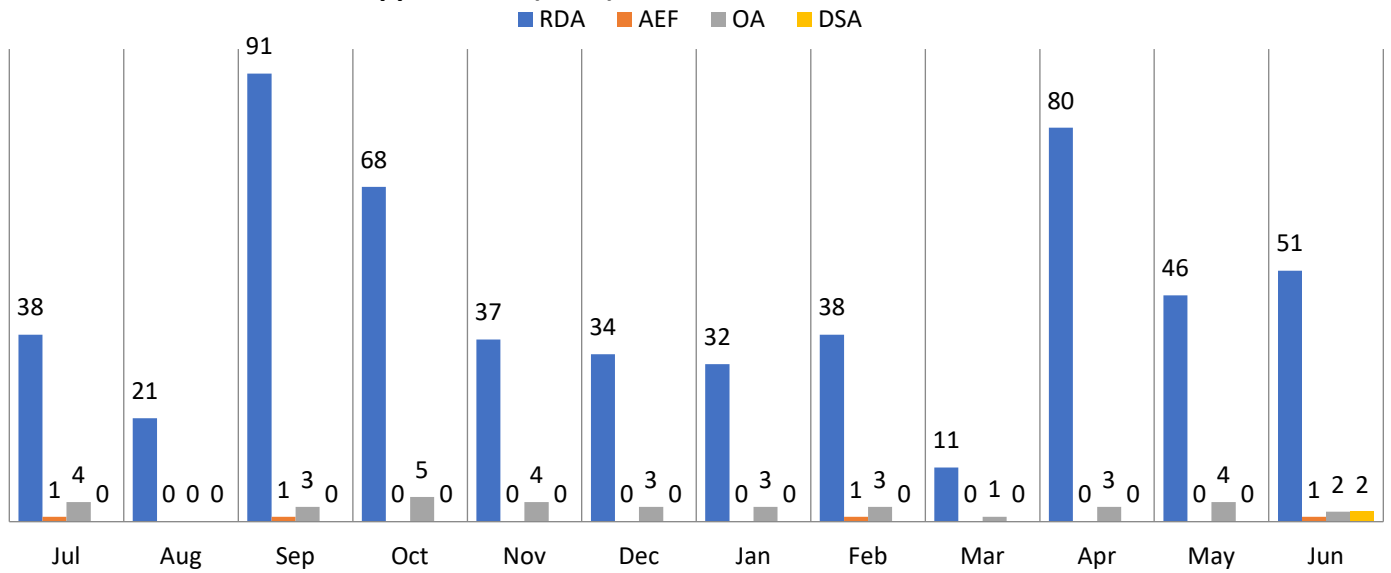


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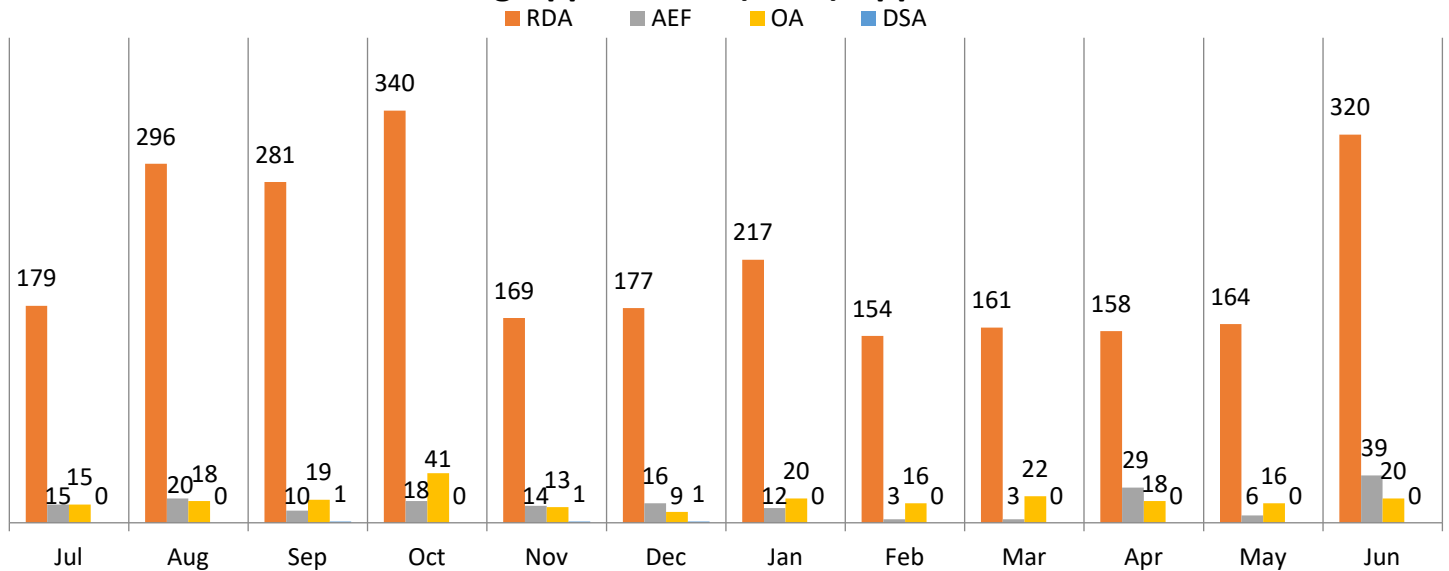
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Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Abandoned in Fiscal Year 24/25



Dental Assisting Applications (1010) Approved in FY 24/25



Dental Assistant License Status Statistics

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

License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Registered DentalAssistant	Active	28,902	28,437	28,711	29,146
	Inactive	3,991	3,790	3,611	3,439
	Delinquent	12,992	13,543	13,696	13,668
	Cancelled	51,512	53,712	55,903	57,957
License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Registered Dental Assistant in ExtendedFunctions	Active	1,756	1,950	2,082	2,243
	Inactive	75	77	78	78
	Delinquent	298	305	352	335
	Cancelled	420	462	494	536
License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Orthodontic Assistant	Active	1,407	1,602	1,678	1,843
	Inactive	44	46	50	53
	Delinquent	286	333	399	419
	Cancelled	27	51	78	119
License Type	License Status	FY 2021–22	FY 2022–23	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25
Dental SedationAssistant	Active	38	45	52	55
	Inactive	2	4	4	3
	Delinquent	16	17	12	14
	Cancelled	7	9	15	15

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

The following table provides statistics on population, current and active Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) licenses by county, and population per RDA license by county for fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–2025. These statistics represent the licensee’s address of record and not necessarily the licensee’s workplace address.

County	RDA 22-23	Pop. 22-23	Pop. per RDA 22-23	DDS 22-23	RDA to DDS Ratio 22-23	RDA 23-24	Pop. 23-24	Pop. per RDA 23-24	DDS 23-24	RDA to DDS Ratio 23-24	RDA 24-25	Pop. 24-25	Pop. per RDA 24-25	DDS 24-25	RDA to DDS Ratio 24-25
Alameda	1,221	1,651,979	1,352	1,485	0:1	1,106	1,636,194	1,479	1,472	0:1	1,117	1,641,869	1,469	1,472	0:1
Alpine	0	1,200	0	0	0	0	1,184	0	0	0	0	1,179	0	0	0
Amador	78	40,297	516	21	2:1	52	39,837	766	23	2:1	55	39,611	720	24	2:1
Butte	291	201,608	692	124	2:1	271	205,592	758	118	2:1	262	205,928	785	116	2:1
Calaveras	69	45,049	652	21	2:1	59	44,890	760	21	2:1	59	44,842	760	17	3:1
Colusa	28	21,807	778	6	4:1	28	21,771	777	4	4:1	29	21,743	749	3	9:1
Contra Costa	1320	1,156,555	876	1,103	1:1	1222	1,147,653	939	1,092	1:1	1,208	1,146,626	949	1,094	1:1
Del Norte	30	27,218	907	11	2:1	28	26,599	949	11	2:1	30	26,345	878	14	2:1
El Dorado	257	190,465	741	152	1:1	202	189,006	935	148	1:1	196	188,583	962	142	1:1
Fresno	962	1,011,273	1,051	620	1:1	891	1,011,499	1,135	625	1:1	894	1,017,431	1,138	639	1:1
Glenn	46	28,750	625	7	7:1	50	28,636	572	7	7:1	47	28,736	611	7	6:1
Humboldt	162	135,168	834	63	2:1	161	134,047	832	66	2:1	164	133,100	811	67	2:1
Imperial	102	179,329	1,758	39	2:1	90	179,476	1,994	40	2:1	92	182,881	1,987	38	2:1
Inyo	8	18,978	2,372	5	1:1	7	18,896	2,699	7	1:1	6	18,856	3,142	7	0:1
Kern	734	909,813	1,239	341	1:1	624	907,476	1,454	350	1:1	666	910,300	1,366	352	1:1
Kings	157	152,023	968	61	2:1	155	151,018	974	58	2:1	166	152,627	919	58	2:1
Lake	112	67,407	601	39	1:1	84	66,800	795	37	1:1	86	67,001	779	41	2:1
Lassen	40	30,274	756	22	1:1	35	28,275	807	18	1:1	34	28,197	829	18	1:1
Los Angeles	5099	9,861,224	1,933	8,416	0:1	4505	9,761,210	2,166	8,464	0:1	4,551	9,824,091	2,158	8,462	0:1
Madera	144	157,396	1,093	44	3:1	155	158,148	1,020	47	3:1	147	159,328	1,083	55	2:1
Marin	183	257,135	1,405	290	0:1	172	252,959	1,470	279	0:1	170	252,844	1,487	266	0:1
Mariposa	11	17,045	1,549	7	1:1	9	16,935	1,881	6	1:1	8	16,966	2,120	7	1:1
Mendocino	112	89,999	803	49	1:1	94	89,164	948	45	1:1	100	89,476	894	48	2:1

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Merced	264	284,338	1,077	92	2:1	233	285,337	1,224	98	2:1	247	287,303	1,163	93	2:1
Modoc	3	8,690	2,896	3	0:1	3	8,527	2,842	5	0:1	4	8,484	2,121	5	0:1
Mono	5	13,379	2,675	5	1:1	5	13,156	2,631	5	1:1	5	12,861	2,572	3	1:1
Monterey	436	433,716	994	248	1:1	370	430,368	1,163	244	1:1	370	437,614	1,182	251	1:1
Napa	141	136,179	965	110	1:1	130	134,637	1,035	106	1:1	130	135,029	1,038	100	1:1
Nevada	100	101,242	1,012	72	1:1	84	100,720	1,199	69	1:1	84	100,177	1,192	65	1:1
Orange	1814	3,162,245	1,743	4,073	0:1	1632	3,137,164	1,922	4,183	0:1	1,632	3,150,835	1,930	4,221	0:1
Placer	534	409,025	765	472	0:1	469	410,305	874	482	0:1	465	412,844	887	488	0:1
Plumas	18	18,942	1,052	13	1:1	14	18,996	1,356	13	1:1	15	18,841	1,256	12	1:1
Riverside	2171	2,435,525	1,121	1,142	1:1	2019	2,439,234	1,208	1,163	1:1	2,032	2,442,378	1,201	1,207	1:1
Sacramento	1887	1,576,618	835	1,176	1:1	1590	1,572,453	988	1,207	1:1	1,584	1,578,938	996	1,208	1:1
San Benito	118	65,479	554	23	4:1	98	65,666	670	26	4:1	106	65,853	621	28	3:1
San Bernardino	1688	2,187,665	1,296	1,398	1:1	1530	2,182,056	1,426	1,403	1:1	1,563	2,181,433	1,395	1,450	1:1
San Diego	2808	3,287,306	1,170	2,820	0:1	2537	3,269,755	1,288	2,853	0:1	2,552	3,291,101	1,289	2,871	0:1
San Francisco	452	842,754	1,864	1,151	0:1	424	831,703	1,961	1,127	0:1	423	843,071	1,993	1,123	0:1
San Joaquin	873	784,298	898	376	1:1	793	786,145	991	393	1:1	806	791,408	981	389	2:1
San Luis Obispo	248	280,721	1,131	210	1:1	207	278,348	1,344	217	1:1	202	278,469	1,378	212	0:1
San Mateo	572	744,662	1,301	843	0:1	533	737,644	1,383	829	0:1	539	741,565	1,375	840	0:1
Santa Barbara	399	445,164	1,115	307	1:1	355	440,557	1,241	312	1:1	346	443,623	1,282	304	1:1
Santa Clara	1662	1,894,783	1,140	2,289	0:1	1517	1,886,079	1,243	2,283	0:1	1,480	1,903,198	1,285	2,280	0:1
Santa Cruz	225	266,564	1,184	168	1:1	196	262,051	1,336	171	1:1	185	262,572	1,419	168	1:1
Shasta	203	180,531	889	100	1:1	164	179,436	1,094	109	1:1	164	179,195	1,092	106	1:1
Sierra	2	3,229	1,614	0	0:1	2	3,193	1,596	0	0:1	1	3,171	3,171	0	0
Siskiyou	28	43,830	1,565	23	1:1	21	43,548	2,073	23	1:1	21	43,409	2,067	22	0:1
Solano	623	447,241	717	279	2:1	562	443,749	789	277	2:1	566	446,426	788	277	2:1
Sonoma	675	482,404	714	382	1:1	607	478,174	787	374	1:1	614	478,152	778	378	1:1

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Stanislaus	665	549,466	826	274	2:1	577	545,939	946	277	2:1	557	548,744	985	282	1:1
Sutter	143	99,145	693	51	2:1	120	98,952	824	49	2:1	115	100,110	870	53	2:1
Tehama	95	65,052	684	31	2:1	75	64,271	856	28	2:1	79	64,308	814	28	2:1
Trinity	5	16,023	3,204	3	1:1	5	15,939	3,187	2	1:1	7	15,915	2,273	2	3:1
Tulare	491	475,014	967	217	2:1	474	475,064	1,002	218	2:1	491	478,918	975	222	2:1
Tuolumne	81	55,291	682	47	1:1	77	54,590	708	45	1:1	78	54,407	697	41	1:1
Ventura	590	833,652	1,412	627	0:1	512	825,653	1,612	634	0:1	526	823,863	1,566	631	0:1
Yolo	210	221,165	1,053	122	1:1	187	220,880	1,181	125	1:1	189	221,666	1,172	118	1:1
Yuba	104	82,275	791	7	13:1	97	82,677	852	10	13:1	98	83,721	854	10	9:1
TOTAL	31,499	39,185,605	66,100	32,080	N/A	28,219	38,940,231	72,942	32,298	N/A	28,363	39,128,162	73,254	32,435	0:1

*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:	Sierra County (1:3,171)	Counties with the Lowest Population per RDA:	Alpine County (No RDAs)
	Inyo County (1:3,142)		Glenn County (1:611)
	Mono County (1:2,572)		San Benito County (1:621)
	Trinity County (1:2,273)		Tuolumne County (1:697)
	Los Angeles County (1:2,158)		Amador County (1:720)

Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.

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DATE	July 8, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Tina Vallery, Division Chief Dental Assisting and License and Program Compliance Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7.: Update and Discussion on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals and Re-Evaluations

The following table provides dental assisting (DA) educational programs and courses application statistics for fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24 and 2024–2025 through June 30, 2025.

RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Approved				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	1	0	0	1
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	1
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	9	11	5	6
Coronal Polishing	9	9	3	4
Pit & Fissure Sealant	9	5	3	4
Ultrasonic Scaling	7	0	2	0
Infection Control	11	4	4	5
DSA Permit	13	3	0	1
OA Permit	9	19	6	4
Total Applications Approved	68	51	23	26
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Denied				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	1	0	1	2
RDAEF Program	0	0	1	1
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	3	0	7	11
Coronal Polishing	0	0	4	10
Pit & Fissure Sealant	1	0	0	12
Ultrasonic Scaling	1	0	1	2
Infection Control	3	1	16	12

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DSA Permit	1	1	1	1
OA Permit	0	0	2	6
Total Applications Denied	10	2	33	57
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Deficient				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	0	0	1	0
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	0	0	2	3
Coronal Polishing	0	0	3	2
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	0	2	3
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	1	0
Infection Control	0	0	3	5
DSA Permit	1	0	0	0
OA Permit	1	1	2	1
Total Applications Deficient	2	1	14	14
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Pending				
Program/Course	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25
RDA Program	0	0	0	4
RDAEF Program	0	1	0	2
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	6	0	6	11
Coronal Polishing	4	0	3	14
Pit & Fissure Sealant	2	0	3	9
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	0	1	3
Infection Control	3	0	4	19
DSA Permit	0	0	0	2
OA Permit	6	0	3	4
Total Applications Pending	21	1	20	68

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. For completed fiscal years, this is a snapshot of the number of deficient applications on June 30. Status changes weekly.
Pending	Board staff and/or contracted subject matter expert is reviewing an application for Board approval of an educational program/course with submitted documentation.

The following table provides the number of Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF) program site visits conducted in fiscal years 2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25 through June 30, 2025.

RDA and RDAEF Educational Program Site Visits					
	RDA Programs		RDAEF Programs		Grand Total
	Provisional	Full	Provisional	Full	
2021–22	1	0	0	0	1
2022–23	0	0	0	0	0
2023–24	1	0	0	0	1
2024–25	1	3	1	0	5

The following table provides approved programs and courses by name and type of

Programs and Courses by Name and Type Approved in Q1–Q4 2024–25											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA	RDAEF	RDAEF ITR	RS	CP	PF	US	IC	DSA	OA
Triumph University	7/1/24					X					
Triumph University	7/1/24				X						
OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy - La Crescenta	7/16/24								X		
West Coast Grins	7/26/24										X
Triumph University	7/29/24						X				
Aviara Academy	7/29/24				X						
Chaffey Community College	7/29/24				X						
OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy - La Crescenta	10/9/24				X						
OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy - Merced	10/21/24				X						
OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy - Merced	10/21/24								X		
North West College - Anaheim	10/24/24					X					
North West College - West Covina	10/24/24					X					
Sheila T. Luwiharto DDS, MS, PC	11/19/24					X					
Rolling Hills Dental Clinic	12/10/24										X
Capital Pediatric Dentistry	12/19/24									X	
Citrus College	12/31/24										X
Central California Dental Academy	1/3/2025		X								
Rockstar Family Dental	1/21/2025								X		

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Lincoln Dental Academy	3/3/2025								X		
Buena Park Dental Assisting	3/5/2025								X		
California Dental Institute	3/7/2025										X
San Manuel Gateway College – Loma Linda University Health	3/24/2025	X									
EFDA – Napa	4/3/2025						X				
EFDA – Covina	4/3/2025						X				
EFDA – Roseville	4/3/2025						X				
Grossmont HOC	6/30/2025				X						
PROGRAM/COURSE TOTALS		1	1	0	6	4	4	0	5	1	4
TOTAL APPROVALS = 26											

The following table provides the total number of approved DA educational programs and courses in active status as of June 30, 2025.

Table 4 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
71	10	3	187	121	87	41	160	39	204

Background on Re-Evaluations

DA educational programs and courses are subject to re-evaluation and inspection by the Board to review and investigate compliance with the requirements of the Dental Practice Act and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, sections 1005, 1014, 1014.1, and 1070 et seq. The Board may withdraw approval at any time that it determines that a program or course is out of compliance.

The Board is mandated to re-evaluate DA educational programs and courses every seven years. In fiscal year 2024–25, the Board reinstituted mandated, standard re-evaluations (SRE). The Board prioritized Pit and Fissure Sealant Courses for re-evaluation. In addition, the Board is conducting re-evaluations based on complaints (CRE). Complaints may be received from external sources, such as students or faculty, or they may be initiated internally by Board management.

Programs and courses receive a Notice of Re-Evaluation and are asked to submit a Re-Evaluation Application to the Board documenting compliance with regulatory requirements and to pay the applicable fee. The Re-Evaluation Application is the same application used to apply for first-time Board approval. Once the Re-Evaluation Application has been received by the Board, it is reviewed by one of the Board's Subject Matter Experts (SMEs). Once the review is completed, the program or course is notified

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of the continuance of their approval or of any deficiencies. If deficiencies were identified, the program or course receives a Notice of Deficiencies and is asked to provide a deficiency response.

The following table provides DA educational programs and courses re-evaluation statistics for fiscal year 2024–25 through June 30, 2025.

Note on Withdrawals. The table shows that approval was withdrawn from 24 Pit and Fissure Sealant Courses. The most common reason for withdrawal of approval of a Pit and Fissure Sealant course was that the course failed to respond timely to the Board’s Notice of Re-Evaluation. Courses whose approval is withdrawn may reapply for Board approval by submitting a new application and paying applicable fees.

RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Re-Evaluations Q1–4 of FY2024–25								
Program/Course	SRE	CRE	Approval Continued	Reported Closed	Approval Withdrawn	App Deficient	App Pending	Awaiting Initial Response
RDA	13	3	0	0	5	2	9	0
RDAEF	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RS	3	5	0	0	3	0	3	2
CP	3	6	1	0	5	0	1	2
PF	54	1	4	6	24	3	12	6
US	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
IC	4	3	0	0	3	1	1	2
DSA	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
OA	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
Totals	79	24	5	6	44	6	28	14

Re-Evaluation Definitions	
SRE	Standard Re-Evaluation – Initiated based on 16 CCR 1070 (a)(2) which requires the Board to re-evaluate educational programs and courses approximately every seven years.
CRE	Complaint Re-Evaluation – Initiated in response to a complaint received. A complaint can be generated by an external source or by Board staff.
Approval Continued	The program or course successfully demonstrated compliance with applicable regulations during the re-evaluation process. A Notice of Continuance was issued to the re-evaluated program or course.
Reported Closed	The Board received notification of closure from a program or course in response to a Notice of Re-Evaluation.

Approval Withdrawn	The program or course was found to be out of compliance with the applicable regulations or did not respond within the required timeframes set by the Board and a Notice of Withdrawal of Approval was issued to the program or course. The program or course is notified to cease operation.
Deficient	The program or course was issued a Notice of Deficiency indicating the areas in which their application was missing information or was not in compliance with applicable regulations. Programs and courses are given 30 days to respond. This number is a snapshot of deficient applications on June 30, 2025. Status changes weekly.
Pending	The program or course application package is pending action by Board staff or SME's. This can be either the review of program or course submissions or the drafting of letters related to those submissions. This number is a snapshot of pending applications on June 30, 2025. Status changes weekly.
Awaiting Response	The Board has issued a Notice of Re-Evaluation to a Board-approved program or course and are awaiting the response from the program or course.

Action Requested

Informational only. No action required.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 23, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board)
FROM	Dental Assistant Regulations Working Group (Working Group) Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 8.: Update and Discussion on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 1741, 1750, 1750.2, 1750.4, 1752.1, 1752.6, 1753, 1753.51, 1754.5, 1755, and 1777, and Add Sections 1752.1, 1754.5, 1755, and 1778 Relating to Board Approval of Dental Assistant Educational Programs and Courses

Introduction

As discussed during the May 14, 2025 Council meeting ([Agenda Item 8](#)), Board staff seek Council review of dental assisting education requirements to determine if legislative or regulatory amendments may improve dental assisting licensure, education, and/or licensure portability, and Board program/course approval. This memorandum provides an update on the Working Group's activities since the last Council meeting, discusses issues regarding continued Board approval of dental assistant educational programs and courses, and provides a potential legislative solution to resolve the issues identified herein.

Background¹

To receive dentist licensure in California, the applicant, among other things, must furnish satisfactory evidence of having graduated from a dental college approved by the Board or by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association. (BPC, §§ 1628, subd. (b), 1636.4, subd. (b).) Notably, between 1998 and January 1, 2020, the Board would accept evidence of an applicant's graduation from a Board-approved foreign dental school. To receive Board approval of a foreign dental school, the school had to submit an application, fee, and various documentation establishing the sufficiency and rigor of the education that would be provided to the

¹ Additional Background can be found in the [May 14, 2025 Council Meeting Memorandum](#).

student. However, during the Board's 2019 Sunset review, the Legislative Oversight Committees raised the issue of how the foreign dental schools were approved and whether accrediting organizations such as CODA should play a larger role in the approval process. ([2018 Sunset Report Response](#), pp. 8-9.)

In the Board's response to the Legislative Oversight Committees' inquiry, the Board noted that at the time the original statutory requirement for Board approval of foreign dental schools went into effect, CODA did not have a program to evaluate international dental schools. ([2018 Sunset Report Response](#), pp. 9-10.) While throughout the years CODA has continued to review and revise its standards, the Board had not kept pace with these changes by updating its regulations. The Board acknowledged that the California standards should be updated to reflect the CODA standards, however, completing this update through the regulatory process had proven very arduous; CODA implements revisions of its accreditation standards regularly. If the Board began the process of bringing its educational standards in line with CODA at that time, it was likely that by the time the process is finished, those standards again would have been revised by CODA. This made it virtually impossible for the Board to keep current with CODA's accreditation standards. (*Ibid.*) Subsequently, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 1519 (Low, Chapter 865, Statutes of 2019), the California State Legislature amended the law to require foreign dental schools to obtain CODA accreditation, rather than Board approval.

Similarly, dental hygiene licensure applicants must submit proof of graduation of an educational program for registered dental hygienists approved by the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) and accredited by CODA. (BPC, §§ 1917, subd. (a), 1917.1, subd. (a)(6).) Dental hygiene educational programs are required to meet minimum standards set by CODA or an equivalent body. (BPC, § 1941, subd. (a).)

Currently, the Dental Practice Act and supporting regulations do not require all dental assisting educational programs and courses to be accredited by CODA for various reasons stated in the May 14, 2025 DAC meeting. Therefore, registered dental assistant (RDA) educational programs and courses have traditionally been reviewed, approved, and audited by the Board, even though some educational programs and their courses have CODA or other educational body accreditation or approval.

At the May 14, 2025 Council meeting, Board staff identified significant non-compliance issues in the majority of courses undergoing audits. In addition, the review, audit, and approval processes are highly time and labor-intensive for Board staff, which resulted in significantly increased costs for providers submitting new courses or programs for approval. In addition, at this point in time, course providers must submit to the Board extensive applications and significant fees to apply for Board approval of an RDA educational program or course.

It is also important to note that on February 19, 2025, Assembly Bill (AB) 873 (Alanis, 2025) was introduced and would make revisions to various dental assisting statutes relating to course requirements. At the Board's February 16-17, 2025 meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the Council's proposed amendments to BPC sections 1725 (dental assisting fees), 1753.52 (interim therapeutic restorations and radiographic decisionmaking course requirements), 1754.5 (radiation safety course requirements), and 1755 (electronic infection control course requirements) (February 16-17, 2025 Board Meeting Materials, [Agenda Item 29.b.](#)) to assist the Board in implementing the new statutory requirements made by the Board's Sunset bill, Senate Bill (SB) 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024). (February 16-17, 2025 Board [Meeting Minutes](#), pp. 23-31.)

The Board first requested amendments to those provisions through a legislative cleanup bill; however, the staff of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee stated no cleanup bill would be introduced this year. The Board's Assistant Executive Officer then unsuccessfully reached out to various legislators to introduce the Board's legislative proposal as a stand-alone bill. Following the introduction of AB 873, the author's office and sponsor of the bill, the California Dental Association (CDA), graciously agreed to include the Board's requested amendments. The July 9, 2025 version of AB 873 would amend BPC sections 1725, 1750, 1750.1, 1753, 1753.5, 1753.52, 1754.5, and 1755. However, AB 873 is still pending at this time, and it is uncertain whether that bill will be successful. Accordingly, the legislative proposal discussed herein does not identify the potential amendments made in AB 873 to the dental assisting statutes with educational program and course requirements.

Update

Since the May 14, 2025 Council meeting, the Working Group have met several times with Board staff and Board Counsel to discuss the difficulties associated with the Board's continued review, approval, and audits of dental assistant educational programs and courses. These meetings occurred on June 9, June 16, June 20, and July 7, 2025. The Working Group, Board staff, and Board Counsel discussed adding BPC section 1778, shifting oversight of dental assistant education to recognized accrediting or approving agencies for educational institutions and programs, particularly in health, dental, technical, or continuing education fields. Following these meetings, as described further below, the legislative proposal was revised to include amendments to other statutes to implement new BPC section 1778. Board staff believe the legislative proposal would increase license reciprocity, reduce dental assisting licensure barriers, and increase license application efficiencies.

Legislative Proposal

The legislative proposal, Attachment 1 hereto, generally would remove the current requirement for dental assisting educational program and course providers to apply to the Board for approval, and instead provide that Board approval would mean any dental assisting educational program or course offered by a provider that is accredited or approved by one of several listed educational oversight bodies.

Board staff seek guidance on whether statutory course hour requirements and instruction content would be necessary if the Board no longer reviews courses for approval. Since the Board would no longer be reviewing the courses for approval, the accrediting or approving body could use their own criteria for approving or accrediting the program or stand-alone course. Then, Board staff would be reviewing license and permit applications for certificates of completion or similar documentation of courses to ensure the applicant has taken such courses; however, Board staff would not review such education documentation for the number of hours of specific instruction. If it is determined that the public is adequately protected through reliance on accrediting or approving entity review of dental assisting course hours and curriculum, then statutes and regulations that set minimum course hours and/or curriculum would be repealed.

Specific provisions of the legislative proposal are discussed as follows. Page references identify the location of the proposed amendments or addition in the attached legislative proposal.

Amend BPC Section 1741 (pp 1-3). The legislative proposal would revise several definitions used in the Dental Auxiliary Article of the Dental Practice Act. First, in BPC section 1741, subdivision (a), the definition of “alternative dental assisting program” would be sunseted and replaced with the new definition of dental assisting program defined under new BPC section 1778, which would encompass this definition of alternative dental assisting program.

In BPC section 1741, subdivision (e), the definition of “certificate of completion” would be revised to reflect the combination of Board approval of educational programs and courses and alternative dental assisting program provided under new BPC section 1778, and require the certificate to identify the name of the accrediting or approving body.

Amend BPC Section 1750 (pp. 3-5). As noted above, AB 873 would amend BPC section 1750 regarding dental assistant infection control course requirements. If AB 873 is successful, the legislative proposal likely would need to include amendments to that section depending upon whether BPC section 1750 includes reference to BPC section 1755 and whether the number of course hours should remain in statute as discussed above.

The attached proposed amendments would amend subdivision (f)(3) to clarify the existing 32-hour requirement of a radiation safety course and authorize completion of a DANB examination in radiation health and safety to satisfy the requirements of a dental assistant to perform radiographic procedures. The proposed amendments also would amend subdivision (f)(4) to clarify the existing 12-hour requirement of a coronal polishing course and authorize completion of a DANB examination in coronal polishing or Certified Preventative Functions Dental Assistant to satisfy the requirements of a dental assistant to perform coronal polishing. However, Board staff seek guidance on the necessity for course hour requirements.

Amend BPC Sections 1750.2 and 1750.4 (pp. 5-7). The legislative proposal would make clarifying amendments to BPC sections 1750.2 and 1750.4 to specify the existing course hour requirements for statutory uniformity. However, Board staff seek guidance on the necessity for course hour requirements.

Amend and Add BPC Section 1752.1 (pp. 7-13). The legislative proposal would sunset BPC section 1752.1 as of January 1, 2030, and add new BPC section 1752.1 that, in effect, would clarify the registered dental assistant licensure eligibility requirements for graduation from an educational program; the amendments would combine the existing Board-approved educational program with the alternative dental assisting program pathways into subdivision (a)(1) and remove paragraph (4) of that subdivision. The amendments also would remove the list of topics that must be covered in didactic and laboratory coursework so improve application submission and review efficiencies.

The legislative proposal also would amend subdivision (b) to clarify the work experience credit and remove the non-board approved dental assisting program descriptors that would become part of the definition of board approved programs in new BPC section 1778. The amendments would make clarifying amendments to the course hour requirements in subdivision (c)(2) and (3) for statutory uniformity. However, Board staff seek guidance on the necessity for course hour requirements.

Amend BPC Section 1752.6 (p. 13). The legislative proposal would make clarifying amendments to BPC section 1752.6 to specify the existing pit and fissure sealant course hour requirement and remove gendered terms from the statute for statutory uniformity. However, Board staff seek guidance on the necessity for course hour requirements.

Amend BPC Sections 1753 and 1753.51 (pp. 13-15). The legislative proposal would incorporate the Board's requested amendments to BPC section 1753 to correct the list of duties that may only be performed by registered dental assistants in extended functions licensed prior to January 1, 2010, after completion of a Board-approved course in those duties. (May 14-15, 2025 Board Meeting Materials, [Agenda Item 21.d.](#)) The legislative proposal also would make clarifying amendments to BPC section 1753 and 1753.51 to

specify the existing course hour requirements for statutory uniformity. However, Board staff seek guidance on the necessity for course hour requirements.

Amend or Amend and Add BPC Section 1754.5 (pp. 15-21). The legislative proposal would amend BPC section 1754.5 to sunset the current radiation safety course requirements for Board approval and either allow BPC section 1754.5 to sunset (no radiation safety course Board approval application or process requirements, no course hour or curriculum requirements under the Dental Practice Act) or add a new BPC section 1754.5 to remove all application and process requirements to apply for Board approval but maintain course hour and curriculum requirements. Board staff note if BPC section 1754.5 is re-added, then the Board's requested amendments for the remaining provisions approved during the February 16-17, 2025 meeting, as negotiated and reflected in the July 9, 2025 version of AB 873, should be included in the legislative proposal.

Amend or Amend and Add BPC Section 1755 (pp. 21-26). The legislative proposal would amend BPC section 1755 to sunset the current electronic infection control course requirements for Board approval and either allow BPC section 1755 to sunset (no electronic infection control course Board approval application or process requirements, no course hour or curriculum requirements) or add a new BPC section 1755 to clarify the course hour and curriculum requirements, as negotiated and reflected in the July 9, 2025 version of AB 873, for consistency with infection control course requirements in regulation. Board staff also note that as discussed during the Board's November 2024 meeting, the Board currently is unable to implement existing BPC section 1755 (November 7-8, 2024 Meeting Materials, [Agenda Item 27.e.](#); [Meeting Minutes](#), pp. 38-39.) The negotiated amendments in AB 873 would assist the Board in implementing BPC section 1755.

Amend BPC section 1777 (pp. 26-27). The legislative proposal would amend BPC section 1777 to clarify the hour course requirements for application of sealants for statutory uniformity. However, Board staff seek guidance on the necessity for course hour requirements.

Add BPC section 1778 (pp. 27-28). The legislative proposal would add new BPC section 1778 to transfer the responsibility of Board approval of dental assisting educational programs and courses to recognized accrediting or approving agencies for educational institutions and programs, particularly in health, dental, technical, or continuing education fields. Board staff propose to add BPC section 1778 that would define, for purposes of the dental assisting statutes, the term "board approved" to mean accreditation by at least one of the following:

- (1) Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.

- (2) Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- (3) Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- (4) American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
- (5) Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.
- (6) Council on Occupational Education.
- (7) An agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or State Department of Education, including career health and technical education programs, regional occupation centers or programs, or apprenticeship programs registered by the State Department of Education or Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations in allied dental programs.
- (8) American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP)
- (9) Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE).

In addition, Board staff propose to add statutory provisions to authorize successful completion of DANB examinations in radiation health and safety, infection control, certified dental assisting, orthodontic assisting, coronal polishing, topical fluoride, sealants, and dental infection prevention and control to satisfy requirements to complete a Board-approved course in those areas. The Council will receive a presentation from DANB on the dental assistant examinations offered to assist the Council on the sufficiency of DANB examinations to satisfy requirements to satisfactorily complete a board-approved course in the associated topic.

The legislative proposal would authorize DANB examination for completion of Board-approved courses on the effective date of the bill. Notably, DANB requires the Certified Dental Assisting Examination to be completed within five years of completing supporting topic examinations. DANB has determined the exam content is sufficient for use up to five years. As such, the legislative proposal would authorize use of DANB examinations taken within five years before the date the application is received by the Board. Further, to reduce barriers to dental assisting licensure and practice, successful completion of a DANB Certified Preventative Functions Dental Assistant examination would qualify as completion of Board-approved courses in both pit and fissure sealants and coronal polishing.

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In addition, to ensure that license and permit applicants would not immediately have to retake courses completed through previously Board-approved educational programs that, going forward, would have to be accredited by one of the above-listed entities, the legislative proposal would provide that Board-approved educational programs and courses successfully completed prior to January 1, 2030, would qualify as completion of the required course, subject to the statutory requirements for completion of the program or course (i.e., BPC, §§ 1750.2, 1750.4, and 1752.1 contain timeframes within which the courses must be completed prior to application). In addition, to assure implementation of the new statute, the legislative proposal would include a delayed effective date of January 1, 2030. All future effective dates proposed should be calculated based on when the legislative proposal was introduced as a bill and the appropriate implementation date; for purposes of discussion, January 1, 2030 is being used.

Board Staff Research on Educational Program and Course Accreditation or Approval by Other Entities

To better understand the impact and moving Board approval of dental assisting educational programs and courses to third-party accrediting/approving entities, Board staff researched the number of RDA and RDAEF educational programs and dental assisting courses that have accreditation or approval from entities other than the Board. Attachment 2 hereto provides the list of educational programs and courses that staff could verify have accreditation or approval from a third-party. The percentages of programs and courses that do not have, or Board staff were unable to confirm whether the program or course had, such third-party accreditation or approval is as follows:

- RDA Programs – 4 out of 79 or **5%**
- Coronal Polishing – 50 out of 118 or **42%**
- Radiation Safety – 86 out of 181 or **48%**
- Pit and Fissure Sealants – 36 out of 90 or **40%**
- Infection Control – 70 out of 150 or **47%**
- Ultrasonic Scaling – 20 out of 44 or **45%**
- RDAEF Programs – 7 out of 10 or **70%**
- ITR – 2 out of 3 or **67%**
- Orthodontic Assistant Program – 149 out of 192 or **78%**
- Dental Sedation Assistant – 31 out of 32 or **97%**

To provide sufficient time for existing programs and courses to obtain third-party accreditation or approval while still providing access to the programs and courses, the legislative proposal would have the delayed operative date of January 1, 2030, by which the programs or courses would need to obtain such third-party accreditation or approval.

Pros and Cons of the Legislative Proposal

The Working Group has determined the following pros and cons of the legislative proposal for the Council's consideration.

Pros: Dental assisting educational programs and course providers would not have to pay the Board for approval or audits of programs and courses, which is beneficial because the programs/courses might already be paying costs associated with accreditation or approval by another agency. As previously presented to the Council at its May 14, 2025 meeting, the fees to apply for Board approval of a dental assisting educational program and course have not been adjusted since the application fees went into effect in 2017 to reflect the increase in staff costs. (May 14, 2025 Council Meeting, [Supplement to Agenda Item 9.](#)) If the legislative proposal is unsuccessful and the Board continues to receive and review dental assisting educational program and course applications for Board approval, the Board must significantly increase the application fees to cover staff costs.

Board staff have developed lists of current Board-approved dental assisting educational programs and courses, attached hereto, and determined a majority of Board approved RDA programs and courses are already accredited or approved by the entities listed above

Those providers who are not accredited or approved would need to apply for and receive accreditation or approval. However, the legislative proposal anticipates becoming operative four or more years from the effective date of the bill, which would allow time for this accreditation/approval process to occur.

The legislative proposal also would improve efficiencies in the dental assisting unit as Board staff would no longer be necessary to receive and review the applications, and the Board would not have to contract with subject matter experts to review the applications and perform site visits. Board staff notes that the dental assisting unit is understaffed to perform the re-evaluations of dental assistant educational programs and courses required under CCR, title 16, section 1070, subsection (a)(2), and generally, it is increasingly difficult to find subject matter experts to perform the application reviews and evaluations.

Cons: Those providers who are not accredited or approved by one of the listed entities would need to apply for and receive accreditation or approval.

Action Requested

The Council is asked to discuss the legislative proposal and provide feedback or guidance to the Working Group on the legislative proposal. After the Council meeting on August 14, 2025, the Working Group, Board staff, and Board Counsel will schedule several meetings with stakeholders to discuss this agenda item. The Working Group will collect the

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feedback received from stakeholders and provide the Council with an update on this item at the November 6, 2025 Council meeting.

Attachments

1. Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code Sections 1741, 1750, 1750.2, 1750.4, 1752.1, 1752.6, 1753, 1753.51, 1754.5, 1755, and 1777, and Add Sections 1752.1, 1754.5, 1755, and 1778 Relating to Board Approval of Dental Assistant Educational Programs and Courses
2. Lists of Programs and Courses with Third-Party Accreditation or Approval

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO AMEND BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTIONS 1741, 1750, 1750.2, 1750.4, 1752.1, 1752.6, 1753, 1753.51, 1754.5, 1755, AND 1777, AND ADD SECTIONS 1752.1, 1754.5, 1755, AND 1778 RELATING TO BOARD APPROVAL OF DENTAL ASSISTANT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Proposed amendments are indicated in *blue italic* for new text and ~~red strikethrough~~ for deleted text.

Amend Section 1741 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1741. As used in this article:

(a) "Alternative dental assisting program" means a program offered by an institution of secondary or postsecondary education that has a current accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation or is accredited or approved by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or State Department of Education, including career health and technical education programs, regional occupation centers or programs, or apprenticeship programs registered by the State Department of Education or Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations in allied dental programs, and whereby a certificate of completion from the program shall serve as a pathway component for licensure as a registered dental assistant. *This subdivision shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.*

(b) "Basic supportive dental procedures" means procedures that have technically elementary characteristics, are completely reversible, and are unlikely to precipitate potentially hazardous conditions for the patient being treated, including extraoral tasks involving sterilization procedures and infection control and disease prevention tasks.

(c) "Board" means the Dental Board of California.

(d) "Certified dental assistant" means an individual who has successfully passed the general chairside assisting, radiation health and safety, and infection control examinations administered by the Dental Assisting National Board and has an active certification satisfactory to terms and conditions of the Dental Assisting National Board at the time of application for a dental assisting license. A current and valid certified dental assistant certificate is not required for subsequent licensure renewals.

(e) "Certificate of completion" means a certificate that shall include, at minimum, the participant's name, the name of the course or program completed, the name of the course or program provider, including the board-issued approval number, *if applicable, the name of the accrediting or approving agency, as applicable, of the program or course*, the date or date range of completion of the course or program, the number of

completed hours of the course or program, and the signature of the course or program provider, director, administrator, or their designee that verifies the participant has successfully completed ~~any of the following:~~ *the course or educational program.*

~~(1) A board-approved educational course or program in dental assisting.~~

~~(2) A continuing education course provided by a board-approved continuing education provider.~~

~~(3) An alternative dental assisting program.~~

(f) "Continuing education" means a course of study specific to the performance of dental-related procedures where the education is directly related to the clinical and supplemental duties and functions of dental assistants, registered dental assistants, registered dental assistants in extended functions, and dental assisting permitholders, as defined in this article. The continuing education coursework must follow the provisions outlined in board regulations. Continuing education units obtained shall be limited to no more than eight units per day. The following shall apply to the continuing education units:

(1) Live interactive coursework units obtained shall not total more than eight units per day.

(2) Nonlive or self-paced online coursework units shall not be more than eight units per day within a range of dates during a seminar, workshop, or educational series where more than one day is required to complete the coursework.

(g) "Coronal polishing" means a procedure limited to the removal of plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces.

(h) "Council" means the Dental Assisting Council of the Dental Board of California.

(i) "Course" means an educational offering, class, presentation, meeting, or other similar event.

(j) "Dental assistant" means an individual who, without a license, may perform only basic supportive dental procedures described in Sections 1750 and 1750.1.

(k) "Direct supervision" means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, who shall be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures.

(l) "General supervision" means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures.

(m) "Good standing" means the licensee or permitholder has not been disciplined, is not the subject of an unresolved complaint or review procedures, and is not the subject of any unresolved disciplinary proceeding.

(n) "Interim therapeutic restoration" means a direct provisional restoration placed to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment. An interim therapeutic restoration consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation, without the use of rotary instrumentation, and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material. An interim therapeutic restoration may also be applied to a tooth with caries that has been confirmed by the treating dentist to be arrested through the use of a caries arresting agent with or without further removal of tooth structure. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for interim therapeutic restoration placement.

(o) "Preceptee" means an unlicensed dental assistant who is supervised by a California-licensed dentist or dentists in good standing and is participating in a preceptorship in dental assisting to learn the clinical skills and acquire procedural knowledge through work experience and supplemental dental assisting coursework.

(p) "Preceptor" means a California-licensed dentist in good standing who directly supervises and provides on-the-job training to a preceptee in a preceptorship in dental assisting by evaluating clinical competence, documenting completion of clinical chairside work experience, learning, and clinical progress, teaching and promoting clinical reasoning, and ensuring the preceptee has completed course requirements before performing dental assisting duties pursuant to Section 1750.1. A preceptee may have more than one California-licensed dentist serve as a preceptor.

(q) "Preceptorship in dental assisting" means supervised on-the-job training of a preceptee by a preceptor in the performance of duties specified in Section 1750.1 in a competent manner as determined by the preceptor pursuant to the requirements set forth in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 1752.1.

(r) "Registered dental assistant" means a person licensed by the board to perform all procedures authorized under Section 1752.4.

(s) "Registered dental assistant in extended functions" means a person licensed by the board to perform all procedures authorized under Section 1753.5.

(t) "Satisfactory work experience" means performance of the duties specified in Section 1750.1 in a competent manner as determined by the supervising dentist or dentists, who shall certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the applicant's completion of the work experience.

Amend Section 1750 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1750. (a) A dental assistant is an individual who, without a license, may perform basic supportive dental procedures, as authorized by Section 1750.1 and by regulations adopted by the board, under the supervision of a licensed dentist. "Basic supportive dental procedures" are those procedures that have technically elementary

characteristics, are completely reversible, and are unlikely to precipitate potentially hazardous conditions for the patient being treated.

(b) The supervising licensed dentist shall be directly responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform the basic supportive dental procedures, as authorized by Section 1750.1.

(c) The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant has successfully completed a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control prior to performing any basic supportive dental procedures involving potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials.

(d) The employer shall maintain evidence for the length of the employment for the dental assistant at the supervising dentist's treatment facility to verify the dental assistant has met and maintained all certification requirements as dictated by statute and regulation.

(e) The employer shall inform the dental assistant of the educational requirements described in subdivision (f) to maintain employment as an unlicensed dental assistant.

(f) The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant who has been employed continuously or on an intermittent basis by that employer for one year from the date of first employment provides evidence to the employer that the dental assistant has already successfully completed, or successfully completes, all of the following within one year of the first date of employment:

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

(2) Current certification in basic life support issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the American Safety and Health Institute, the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education, in accordance with both of the following:

(A) The dental assistant shall be responsible for maintaining current certification in basic life support to perform duties involving patients.

(B) The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant maintains certification in basic life support.

(3) To perform radiographic procedures, a dental assistant shall complete a board-approved 32-hour course in radiation safety. The original or a copy of the current, valid certificate ~~issued by a board-approved radiation safety course provider of~~ completion or DANB certification in radiation health and safety, as applicable, shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the dental assistant performs dental services.

(4) To perform coronal polishing prior to licensure as a registered dental assistant, an unlicensed dental assistant shall complete a board-approved 12-hour coronal polishing course and obtain a certificate of completion. Prior to taking the coronal polishing course, the dental assistant shall provide evidence to the course provider

of having completed a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control and a current, valid certification in basic life support.

(A) Coronal polishing performed pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist, who shall, at minimum, evaluate each patient after coronal polishing procedures are performed by the dental assistant.

(B) The original or a copy of the current, valid certificate ~~issued by a board-approved coronal polishing course provider~~ *of completion or DANB certification in coronal polishing or Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant, as applicable*, shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the dental assistant performs dental services.

Amend Section 1750.2 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1750.2. (a) The board may issue an orthodontic assistant permit to a person who files a completed application, pays the applicable fee, and provides evidence, satisfactory to the board, of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Successful completion, within two years before the date the application is received by the board, of a ~~two-hour~~ board-approved *two-hour* course in the Dental Practice Act and ~~an eight-hour~~ a board-approved *eight-hour* course in infection control, and, within five years before the date the application is received by the board, of a board-approved *four-hour* course in ultrasonic scaling.

(2) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(3) Successful completion of a board-approved *84-hour* orthodontic assistant course.

(4) A full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check.

(5) Passage of a written examination administered by the board after completion of all of the other requirements of this subdivision. The written examination shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform the duties specified in Section 1750.3.

(b) A person who holds a permit pursuant to this section shall be responsible for obtaining recertification in basic life support as part of permit renewal and completing the continuing education requirements as established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).

(c) The original or a copy of the current, valid permit issued by the board shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the permitholder performs dental services.

(d) Preparation or execution of false documentation of satisfaction of any requirement under this section shall be considered unprofessional conduct and grounds for license denial, revocation, or suspension.

Amend Section 1750.4 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1750.4. (a) The board may issue a dental sedation assistant permit to a person who files a completed application, pays the applicable fee, and provides evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Current, active, and valid licensure as a registered dental assistant or registered dental assistant in extended functions, or completion of at least 12 months of verifiable work experience as a dental assistant.

(2) Successful completion, within two years before the date the application is received by the board, of a ~~two-hour~~ board-approved two-hour course in the Dental Practice Act and ~~an eight-hour~~ a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control.

(3) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(4) Successful completion of a board-approved 110-hour dental sedation assistant course, which may commence after the completion of six months of work experience as a dental assistant.

(5) A full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check.

(6) Passage of a written examination administered by the board after completion of all of the other requirements of this subdivision. The written examination shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform the duties specified in Section 1750.5.

(b) A person who holds a permit pursuant to this section shall be responsible for obtaining recertification in basic life support as part of permit renewal and completing the same continuing education requirements as established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).

(c) The original or a copy of the current, valid permit issued by the board shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the permitholder performs dental services.

(d) Preparation or execution of false documentation of satisfaction of any requirement under this section shall be considered unprofessional conduct and grounds for license denial, revocation, or suspension.

Amend Section 1752.1 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

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

(1) Graduation from an educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board.

(2) Completion of satisfactory work experience performing the duties of a dental assistant, as defined in Section 1750.1, which includes at least 15 months and a minimum of 1,280 hours before the submission of the application.

(3) Current, valid certification as a certified dental assistant, as issued by the Dental Assisting National Board.

(4) Completion of an alternative dental assisting program as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1741 that includes all the following:

(A) At least 500 hours of didactic and laboratory coursework in dental assisting-related topics that shall encompass all aspects of clinical chairside assisting, including, but not limited to, medical and dental emergencies, first aid and safety precautions, protocols and armamentaria associated with a variety of dental assisting chairside procedures, dental materials, and skill development courses associated with operative and specialty dentistry and that include education as specified in subdivision (c).

(B) At least 300 hours of clinical chairside work experience, involving the allowable duties described in Section 1750.1, directly supervised, evaluated, and documented by a supervising licensed dentist.

(5) Completion of a preceptorship in dental assisting that includes all the following:

(A) At least 500 hours of clinical chairside work experience documented on a form furnished by the board, involving allowable duties described in Section 1750.1, directly supervised, evaluated, and documented by a preceptor, who certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California to the applicant's completion of the clinical chairside work experience. Clinical work

experience that meets the eligibility requirements of this term performed as a dental assistant within the two years immediately preceding the effective date of this section may be used to satisfy this requirement.

(B) At least 300 hours documented on a form furnished by the board of coursework in dental assisting-related topics, inclusive of the education required in subdivision (c), which may be obtained concurrent to the work experience and satisfies all the following:

(i) The coursework shall include education defined in subdivision (c) and encompass all aspects of clinical chairside assisting, including, but not limited to, medical and dental emergencies, first aid and safety precautions, protocols and armamentaria associated with a variety of dental assisting chairside procedures, dental materials, and skill development courses associated with operative and specialty dentistry.

(ii) Courses shall be obtained through a board-approved dental assisting educational program or course provider, a board-registered provider of continuing education courses, the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or a provider approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(iii) The preceptee's completion of the coursework shall be verified by the preceptor, who shall certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California verification of the preceptee's completion of the required coursework.

(b) The board shall give credit toward the work experience referred to in this section to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution approved by the Department of Education or in a secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, that are not, however, approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (a). The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis. The board, in cooperation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall establish the minimum criteria for the curriculum of nonboard-approved programs. Additionally, the board shall notify those programs only if the program's curriculum does not meet established minimum criteria, as established for board-approved registered dental assistant programs, except any requirement that the program be given in a postsecondary institution. Graduates of programs not meeting established minimum criteria shall not qualify for satisfactory work experience as defined by this section.

(c) In addition to the requirements specified in subdivision (a), individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure shall provide written evidence of successful completion of all of the following:

(1) Within two years before the date of the application received by the board:

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

- (B) A board-approved eight-hour course in infection control.
 - (2) Within five years before the date of the application received by the board:
 - (A) A board-approved course in pit and fissure sealants.
 - (B) A board-approved course in coronal polishing.
 - (3) Within 10 years before the date of the application received by the board, a board-approved course in radiation safety.
 - (4) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.
 - (5) Satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.
- (d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, individuals with current and active California licensure as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions whose initial license was issued on or after January 1, 2006, applying for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall comply with this subdivision and satisfy all of the following:
- (1) File an application with the board and pay the applicable fee.
 - (2) Submit evidence of current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.
 - (3) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.
- (e) Individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure shall submit a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check.
- (f) A registered dental assistant with permits in either orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting shall be referred to as an "RDA with orthodontic assistant permit," or "RDA with dental sedation assistant permit," as applicable. These terms shall be used for reference purposes only and do not create additional categories of licensure.
- (g) Completion of the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 by a registered dental assistant who also holds a permit as an orthodontic assistant or dental sedation assistant shall fulfill the continuing education requirements for the permit or permits.

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

(i) This section shall ~~become operative on July 1, 2025~~ *remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.*

Add Section 1752.1 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows: [Final draft of this section would appear in blue italic; for purposes of Council discussion, the text below shows what amendments would be made to the existing statute.]

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

(1) *A certificate of completion or completed form furnished by the board that satisfies all requirements for a certificate of completion of Graduation from an educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board- that includes all of the following:*

(A) At least 500 hours of didactic and laboratory coursework in dental assisting-related topics.

(B) At least 300 hours of clinical chairside work experience, involving the allowable duties described in Section 1750.1, directly supervised, evaluated, and documented by a supervising licensed dentist.

(2) Completion of satisfactory work experience performing the duties of a dental assistant, as defined in Section 1750.1, which includes at least 15 months and a minimum of 1,280 hours before the submission of the application.

(3) Current, valid certification as a certified dental assistant, as issued by the Dental Assisting National Board.

~~(4) Completion of an alternative dental assisting program as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1741 that includes all the following:~~

~~(A) At least 500 hours of didactic and laboratory coursework in dental assisting-related topics that shall encompass all aspects of clinical chairside assisting, including, but not limited to, medical and dental emergencies, first aid and safety precautions, protocols and armamentaria associated with a variety of dental assisting chairside procedures, dental materials, and skill development courses associated with operative and specialty dentistry and that include education as specified in subdivision (c).~~

~~(B) At least 300 hours of clinical chairside work experience, involving the allowable duties described in Section 1750.1, directly supervised, evaluated, and documented by a supervising licensed dentist.~~

~~(5)~~(4) Completion of a preceptorship in dental assisting that includes all the following:

(A) At least 500 hours of clinical chairside work experience documented on a form furnished by the board, involving allowable duties described in Section 1750.1, directly supervised, evaluated, and documented by a preceptor, who certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California to the applicant's completion of the clinical chairside work experience. Clinical work experience that meets the eligibility requirements of this term performed as a dental assistant within the two years immediately preceding the effective date of this section may be used to satisfy this requirement.

(B) At least 300 hours documented on a form furnished by the board of coursework in dental assisting-related topics, inclusive of the education required in subdivision (c), which may be obtained concurrent to the work experience and satisfies all the following:

(i) The coursework shall include education defined in subdivision (c) and encompass all aspects of clinical chairside assisting, including, but not limited to, medical and dental emergencies, first aid and safety precautions, protocols and armamentaria associated with a variety of dental assisting chairside procedures, dental materials, and skill development courses associated with operative and specialty dentistry.

(ii) Courses shall be obtained through a board-approved dental assisting educational program or course provider, a board-registered provider of continuing education courses, the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or a provider approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(iii) The preceptee's completion of the coursework shall be verified by the preceptor, who shall certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California verification of the preceptee's completion of the required coursework.

(b) The board shall give credit toward the work experience referred to in *paragraph (2) of subdivision (a)* ~~this section~~ to persons who have *completed courses provided by, but not* graduated from, a *board-approved* dental assisting program ~~in a postsecondary institution approved by the Department of Education or in a secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, that are not, however, approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (a).~~ The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis. ~~The board,~~

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

(c) In addition to the requirements specified in subdivision (a), individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure shall provide written evidence of successful completion of all of the following:

(1) Within two years before the date of the application received by the board:

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

(B) A board-approved eight-hour course in infection control.

(2) Within five years before the date of the application received by the board:

(A) A board-approved *16-hour* course in pit and fissure sealants.

(B) A board-approved *12-hour* course in coronal polishing.

(3) Within 10 years before the date of the application received by the board, a board-approved *32-hour* course in radiation safety.

(4) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(5) Satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, individuals with current and active California licensure as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions whose initial license was issued on or after January 1, 2006, applying for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall comply with this subdivision and satisfy all of the following:

(1) File an application with the board and pay the applicable fee.

(2) Submit evidence of current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(3) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.

(e) Individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure shall submit a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check.

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

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

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

(i) This section shall become operative on ~~July 1, 2025~~ January 1, 2030.

Amend Section 1752.6 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1752.6. A registered dental assistant licensed on and after January 1, 2010, shall provide evidence of successful completion of a board-approved 16-hour course in the application of pit and fissure sealants prior to the first expiration of ~~his or her~~the license that requires the completion of continuing education as a condition of renewal. The license of a registered dental assistant who does not provide evidence of successful completion of that course shall not be renewed until evidence of course completion is provided.

Amend Section 1753 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1753. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board may license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who files a completed application, pays the applicable fee, and submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following eligibility requirements:

- (1) Current, active, and valid licensure as a registered dental assistant.
- (2) A full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history check.
- (3) Successful completion of either of the following:
 - (A) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.5.

(B) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board to teach the duties that registered dental assistants in extended functions were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, and a course approved by the board in the procedures specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), (6), and (78) to (112), inclusive, of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.5.

(4) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Provider Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(5) Successful completion of a board-approved 16-hour pit and fissure sealant course.

(6) Passage of a written examination administered by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the board.

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

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

(d) The licensee shall be responsible for complying with all applicable licensure renewal requirements, including continuing education pursuant to Section 1645.

Amend Section 1753.51 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1753.51. (a) Unless otherwise specified in this section, a registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, who successfully completes a board-approved 16-hour course in interim therapeutic restoration and radiographic decisionmaking, is authorized to perform the following enhanced duties pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of the supervising licensed dentist:

(1) Under general supervision, determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. The registered dental assistant in extended functions shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.

(2) Under direct supervision, place interim therapeutic restorations to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment.

(b) Place interim therapeutic restorations after the supervising dentist confirms a diagnosis and provides instruction to perform the procedure in the following settings:

(1) In a dental office setting, under the direct or general supervision of a dentist.

(2) In public health settings, using telehealth, as defined by Section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, Head Start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the general supervision of a dentist.

(c) The board shall identify, on the statewide license verification internet website, the enhanced duty of interim therapeutic restoration for a registered dental assistant in extended functions who files a completed verification form issued by the board including the applicable fee.

Amend Section 1754.5 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1754.5. (a) A radiation safety course shall have the primary purpose of providing theory, laboratory, and clinical application in radiographic techniques. The board shall approve only those courses that adhere to the minimum requirements of this section.

(b) A radiation safety course provider applying for initial board approval shall submit a completed application for course approval, on a form provided by the board, accompanied by the applicable fee. The board may approve or deny approval after it evaluates all components of the course.

(c) Continuation of approval will be contingent upon continued compliance with Sections 1070 and 1070.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and all requirements set forth in this section. The board may withdraw approval at any time that it determines that the course does not meet the requirements set forth in this subdivision.

(d) Providers shall make adequate provisions for appropriate supervision, operation, and facilities when used for laboratory and preclinical instruction.

(e) A course in radiation safety shall be of sufficient duration for the student to achieve minimum competence, but in no event less than 32 hours, including at least 8 hours of didactic instruction, at least 12 hours of laboratory instruction, and at least 12 hours of supervised clinical instruction.

(f) A course shall establish specific instructional objectives. The theoretical aspects of the course shall provide the content necessary for students to make safe and ethical judgments regarding radiation safety.

(g) Objective evaluation criteria shall be used for measuring student progress. Students shall be provided with specific performance objectives and the evaluation criteria that will be used for all evaluation and testing procedures.

(h) Areas of didactic instruction shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) Radiation physics and biology.
- (2) Radiation protection and safety.
- (3) Recognition of normal intraoral and extraoral anatomical landmarks.
- (4) Radiograph exposure and processing techniques.
- (5) Radiograph mounting or sequencing, and viewing, including anatomical landmarks of the oral cavity.
- (6) Intraoral techniques including holding devices and image receptors.
- (7) Proper use of patient protection devices and personal protective equipment for operator use.
- (8) Identification and correction of faulty radiographs.
- (9) Introduction to contemporary equipment and devices including the use of computerized digital radiography and extraoral imaging that may include panographs or cone-beam imaging.
- (10) Techniques and exposure guidelines for a variety of patients including, but not limited to, adult, pediatric, edentulous, partially edentulous, endodontic, and patients with special needs.
- (11) Radiographic record management.

(i) For the student to achieve minimum competence in the application of dental radiographic techniques and radiation safety, all the following shall be met by a board-approved course:

- (1) Successful completion of laboratory experiences consisting of at least two bitewing radiographic series and two full mouth intraoral radiographic series using an x-ray training mannequin designed for radiographic exposures utilizing any dental radiographic image receptor or device deemed appropriate by the course director.
- (2) Successful completion of clinical experiences consisting of at least three full-mouth intraoral radiographic series using any dental radiographic image receptor or device deemed appropriate by the course director or supervising dentist.

(j) All clinical radiographs shall be made using diagnostic criteria established by the course of instruction and shall in no event exceed three reexposures per series.

(k) Before the student's performance of procedures on patients, the student shall provide evidence to the radiation safety course provider of having completed a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control and current, valid certification in basic life support.

(l) Completion of student and instructor written evaluations of each radiographic series identifying errors, causes of error, correction of errors, and, if applicable, the number of reexposures necessary for successful completion of a series to clinical competency.

(m) The student shall successfully complete a comprehensive written exam prior to the completion of the course. The exam shall include questions specific to items addressed in Article 4 (commencing with Section 30305) of Group 3 of Subchapter 4 of Chapter 5 of Division 1 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations relative to the special requirements for the use of x-ray in the healing arts.

(n) Extramural dental facilities may be utilized by a course for the purposes of clinical experiences. Clinical oversight shall be performed under the general supervision of a licensed dentist who shall authorize the student to perform, at minimum, three radiographic series. Didactic and laboratory instruction shall be provided only by course faculty or instructional staff prior to clinical performances.

(o) Programs and courses using extramural dental facilities for dental radiographic clinical experiences shall provide to the board, upon request or renewal of provider status, copies of all contracts of affiliation and documentation demonstrating compliance with board regulations.

(p) Upon successful completion of the course, students shall receive a certificate of completion as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 1741.

(q) The board may adopt regulations to implement this section.

(r) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

OPTION 1 – REPEAL BPC 1754.5 per above – would remove radiation safety course requirements and rely on third-party accrediting/approval entity requirements.

OPTION 2 – remove application, process requirements for Board approval per below.

Add Section 1754.5 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows: : [Final draft of this section would appear in blue italic; for purposes of Council discussion, the text below shows what amendments would be made to the existing statute.]

1754.5. (a) A radiation safety course shall have the primary purpose of providing theory, laboratory, and clinical application in radiographic techniques. ~~The board shall approve only those courses that adhere to the minimum requirements of this section.~~

~~(b) A radiation safety course provider applying for initial board approval shall submit a completed application for course approval, on a form provided by the board, accompanied by the applicable fee. The board may approve or deny approval after it evaluates all components of the course.~~

~~(bc) Continuation of approval will be contingent upon continued compliance with Sections 1070 and 1070.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and all requirements set forth in this section. The board may withdraw approval at any time that if it determines that the course does not meet the requirements set forth in this subdivision.~~

(cd) A radiation safety course provider shall ensure the course complies with the Radiologic Technology Act (Section 27 of the Health and Safety Code) and applicable regulations. Providers shall ~~render~~ ~~make adequate provisions for~~ appropriate supervision, operation, and facilities ~~when used~~ for laboratory and ~~preclinical instruction~~, including compliance with all of the following requirements:

(1) Laboratory and clinical instruction facilities shall be equipped with supplies, materials, and equipment for instruction in radiation safety and practical work that include, for every six students, at least the following:

(A) One functioning radiography (X-ray) machine that complies with all federal and state laws, including registration with the State Department of Public Health, and is equipped with the appropriate position-indicating devices for each technique being taught.

(B) One X-ray training manikin head designed for instruction in radiographic techniques per X-ray unit.

(C) One film view box or screen for viewing digital images.

(D) Processing and viewing equipment. This facility requirement may be deemed met if computer-based equipment for digital radiographic procedures is solely or in part utilized within the program or course facility. The equipment may be located in the operatory area where exposures will occur.

(2) The choice of image receptor for laboratory and clinical experiences shall be either traditional film or digital sensor or any combination thereof as determined by the course provider.

(3) X-ray exposure areas shall provide protection to patients, students, faculty, and observers in full compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

~~(de)~~ A course in radiation safety shall be of sufficient duration for the student to achieve minimum competence, but ~~in no event less than 32 hours, including at least 8 hours of didactic instruction, at least 12 hours of laboratory instruction, but not fewer than 32 hours composed of the following:~~

(1) At least eight hours of didactic instruction.

(2) At least 12 hours of laboratory instruction in which students receive supervised experience performing procedures using study models, manikins, or other simulation models.

(3) ~~, and at~~ At least 12 hours of ~~supervised~~ clinical instruction in which students receive supervised experience in performing procedures in a clinical setting on patients.

(ef) A course shall establish specific instructional objectives. The theoretical aspects of the course shall provide the content necessary for students to make safe and ethical judgments regarding radiation safety.

(fg) Objective evaluation criteria shall be used for measuring student progress. Students shall be provided with specific performance objectives and the evaluation criteria that will be used for all evaluation and testing procedures.

(gh) *Didactic instruction shall be provided in safe and educationally conducive lecture classrooms or through distance learning modalities.* Areas of didactic instruction shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) Radiation physics and biology.
- (2) Radiation protection and safety.
- (3) Recognition of normal intraoral and extraoral anatomical landmarks.
- (4) Radiograph exposure and processing techniques.
- (5) Radiograph mounting or sequencing, and viewing, including anatomical landmarks of the oral cavity.
- (6) Intraoral techniques including holding devices and image receptors.
- (7) Proper use of patient protection devices and personal protective equipment for operator use.
- (8) Identification and correction of faulty radiographs.
- (9) Introduction to contemporary equipment and devices including the use of computerized digital radiography and extraoral imaging that may include panographs or cone-beam imaging.
- (10) Techniques and exposure guidelines for a variety of patients including, but not limited to, adult, pediatric, edentulous, partially edentulous, endodontic, and patients with special needs.
- (11) Radiographic record management.

(h) *A provider using distance learning modalities for didactic instruction shall do all of the following:*

- (1) Before enrolling a student, notify the prospective student of the computer or communications technology necessary to participate in didactic instruction.*
- (2) Provide technological assistance to students, as needed, to participate in didactic instruction.*
- (3) Ensure completion of didactic instruction by the student before the student participates in laboratory instruction.*

(i) (1) For the student to achieve minimum competence in the application of dental radiographic techniques and radiation safety, *the radiation safety course shall include* all of the following ~~shall be met by a board-approved course~~:

~~(1)~~ (A) Successful completion of laboratory experiences consisting of at least two bitewing radiographic series and two full mouth intraoral radiographic series using an ~~x~~X-ray training ~~mannequin~~ *manikin* designed for radiographic exposures utilizing any dental radiographic image receptor or device deemed appropriate by the course director. *A student shall successfully complete laboratory instruction before the student participates in clinical instruction.*

~~(2)~~ (B) Successful completion of clinical experiences consisting of at least three full-mouth intraoral radiographic series using any dental radiographic image receptor or device deemed appropriate by the course director or supervising dentist.

(C) Written evaluations of each radiographic series identifying errors, causes of errors, correction of errors, and, if applicable, the number of reexposures necessary for successful completion of a series to clinical competency.

~~(j)~~ (2) All ~~e~~Clinical radiographs shall be made using diagnostic criteria established by the course of instruction and shall in no event exceed three reexposures per series.

~~(k)~~ Before the student's performance of procedures on patients, the student shall provide evidence to the radiation safety course provider of having completed a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control and current, valid certification in basic life support.

~~(l) Completion of student and instructor written evaluations of each radiographic series identifying errors, causes of error, correction of errors, and, if applicable, the number of reexposures necessary for successful completion of a series to clinical competency.~~

~~(k)~~ (m) The student shall successfully complete a comprehensive written exam ~~prior to~~ *before* the completion of the course. The exam shall include questions specific to ~~items~~*dental radiographic installations of quality assurance for dental radiography* addressed in Article 4 (commencing with Section 30305) of Group 3 of Subchapter 4 of Chapter 5 of Division 1 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations ~~relative to the special requirements for the use of x-ray in the healing arts~~ *or its successor*.

~~(n)~~ Extramural dental facilities may be utilized by a course *in accordance with board regulations*, for the purposes of clinical experiences. ~~Clinical oversight shall be performed under the general supervision of a licensed dentist who shall authorize the student to perform, at minimum, three radiographic series. Didactic and laboratory instruction shall be provided only by course faculty or instructional staff prior to clinical performances.~~

~~(o) Programs and courses using extramural dental facilities for dental radiographic clinical experiences shall provide to the board, upon request or renewal of provider status, copies of all contracts of affiliation and documentation demonstrating compliance with board regulations.~~

~~(m)~~ (p) Upon successful completion of the course, students shall receive a certificate of completion as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 1741.

~~(q) The board may adopt regulations to implement this section.~~

(n) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2030.

Amend Section 1755 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1755. (a) A course in infection control is one that has as its main purpose providing theory and clinical application in infection control practices and principles where the protection of the public is its primary focus.

(b) An unlicensed dental assistant not enrolled in a board-approved program for registered dental assisting or an alternative dental assisting program as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1741, shall complete one of the following infection control certification courses:

(1) A board-approved eight-hour course, with six hours being didactic instruction and two hours being laboratory instruction.

(2) A board-approved eight-hour course, with six hours of didactic instruction and at least two hours of laboratory instruction using video or a series of video training tools, all of which may be delivered using asynchronous, synchronous, or online learning mechanisms or a combination thereof.

(c) A course shall establish specific instructional objectives. Instruction shall provide the content necessary for students to make safe and ethical judgments regarding infection control and asepsis.

(d) Objective evaluation criteria shall be used for measuring student progress. Students shall be provided with specific performance objectives and the evaluation criteria that will be used for didactic testing.

(e) Didactic instruction shall include, at a minimum, all of the following as they relate to Cal/OSHA regulations, as set forth in Sections 300 to 344.85, inclusive, of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, and the board's Minimum Standards for Infection Control, as set forth in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations:

(1) Basic dental science and microbiology as they relate to infection control in dentistry.

(2) Legal and ethical aspects of infection control procedures.

(3) Terms and protocols specified in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations regarding the minimum standards for infection control.

(4) Principles of modes of disease transmission and prevention.

(5) Principles, techniques, and protocols of hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, surface barriers and disinfection, sterilization, sanitation, and hazardous chemicals associated with infection control.

(6) Principles and protocols of sterilizer monitoring and the proper loading, unloading, storage, and transportation of instruments to work area.

(7) Principles and protocols associated with sharps management.

(8) Principles and protocols of infection control for laboratory areas.

(9) Principles and protocols of waterline maintenance.

(10) Principles and protocols of regulated and nonregulated waste management.

(11) Principles and protocols related to injury and illness prevention, hazard communication, general office safety, exposure control, postexposure requirements, and monitoring systems for radiation safety and sterilization systems.

(f) Upon successful completion of the course, students shall receive a certificate of completion as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 1741.

(g) The board may adopt regulations to implement this section.

(h) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2030, and as of that date is repealed.

OPTION 1 – REPEAL BPC section 1755 per above – would allow any infection control provider accredited or approved by entity to offer infection control class in person or electronically and rely on third-party accrediting/approving entity requirements.

OPTION 2 – revise course content requirements per below.

Add Section 1755 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows: [Final draft of this section would appear in blue italic; for purposes of Council discussion, the text below shows what amendments would be made to the existing statute.]

~~1755. (a) A course in infection control is one that has as its main purpose providing theory and clinical application in infection control practices and principles where the protection of the public is its primary focus.~~

~~(b) An unlicensed dental assistant not enrolled in a board-approved program for registered dental assisting or an alternative dental assisting program as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1741, shall complete one of the following infection control certification courses:~~

~~(1) A board-approved eight-hour course, with six hours being didactic instruction and two hours being laboratory instruction.~~

~~(2) A board-approved eight-hour course, with six hours of didactic instruction and at least two hours of laboratory instruction using video or a series of video training tools, all of which may be delivered using asynchronous, synchronous, or online learning mechanisms or a combination thereof.~~

(a) A provider of an infection control course offered to students pursuant to this section shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The course director possesses a valid, active, and current license issued by the board or the Dental Hygiene Board of California.

~~(2)(c) A course shall establish~~ *A detailed course outline, in writing, that clearly states the curriculum, subject matter, hours of didactic and laboratory instruction, and specific instructional objectives. Instruction shall provide the content necessary for students to make safe and ethical judgments regarding infection control and asepsis.*

~~(3) (d)~~ *Objective evaluation criteria that shall be used for measuring student progress. Students shall be provided with specific performance objectives and the evaluation criteria that will be used for* ~~didactic testing~~ *course examination.*

(4) Proof that course instructors have experience in the instruction of Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) regulations, as set forth in Sections 330 to 344.90, inclusive, of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, and the board's Minimum Standards for Infection Control, as set forth in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

~~(5) (e) Didactic instruction shall include~~ *Documentation of didactic instruction that includes, at a minimum, all of the following as they relate to Cal/OSHA regulations, as set forth in Sections 300 to 344.85344.90, inclusive, of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, and the board's Minimum Standards for Infection Control, as set forth in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations:*

~~(1) (A)~~ *Basic dental science and microbiology as they relate to infection control in dentistry.*

~~(2) (B)~~ *Legal and ethical aspects of infection control procedures.*

~~(3) (C)~~ *Terms and protocols specified in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations regarding the minimum standards for infection control.*

~~(4) (D)~~ *Principles of modes of disease transmission and prevention.*

~~(5) (E)~~ *Principles, techniques, and protocols of hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, surface barriers and disinfection, instruments and devices, sterilization, sanitation, and hazardous chemicals associated with infection control.*

~~(6) (F)~~ *Principles, and protocols, and procedures of sterilizer monitoring and the proper loading, unloading, storage, and transportation of instruments to work area.*

~~(7)~~-(G) Principles, ~~and~~ protocols, *and procedures* associated with sharps management.

~~(8)~~-(H) Principles, ~~and~~ protocols, *and procedures* of infection control for laboratory areas.

~~(9)~~-(I) Principles, ~~and~~ protocols, *and procedures* of waterline maintenance.

~~(10)~~-(J) Principles, ~~and~~ protocols, and procedures of *regulated and nonregulated waste management*.

~~(11)~~-(K) Principles, ~~and~~ protocols, *and procedures* related to injury and illness prevention, hazard communication, general office safety, exposure control, postexposure requirements, and monitoring systems for radiation safety and sterilization systems.

(6) Documentation of laboratory instruction that includes, at a minimum, demonstrations in the following areas as they relate to Cal/OSHA regulations, as set forth in Sections 300 to 344.90, inclusive, of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, and the board's Minimum Standards for Infection Control, as set forth in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations:

(A) Applying hand cleansing products and performing hand cleansing techniques, protocols, and procedures.

(B) Applying, removing, and disposing of patient treatment gloves, utility gloves, overgloves, protective eyewear, masks, and clinical attire.

(C) -Handling instruments, surfaces, and situations where contamination is simulated, without actual contamination, from bloodborne and other pathogens being present.

(D) Applying the appropriate techniques, protocols, and procedures for the preparation, sterilization, and storage of instruments, including, at a minimum, application of personal protective equipment, precleaning, ultrasonic cleaning, rinsing, sterilization wrapping, internal or external process indicators, labeling, sterilization, drying, storage, and delivery to work areas.

(E) Precleaning and disinfecting contaminated operatory surfaces and devices, and properly using, placing, and removing surface barriers.

(F) Maintaining sterilization, including, at a minimum, proper instrument loading and unloading, operation cycling, spore testing, and handling and disposal of sterilization chemicals.

(G) Applying work practice controls as they relate to the following classifications of sharps: anesthetic needles or syringes, orthodontic wires, and broken glass.

(H) Applying infection control protocols and procedures for the following laboratory devices: impressions, bite registrations, and prosthetic appliances.

(I) Performing waterline maintenance, including using water tests and purging waterlines.

(J) Performing techniques for safe handling and disposal of contaminated regulated medical waste.

(7) Written laboratory protocols that comply with the board's Minimum Standards for Infection Control as set forth in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, and other federal, state, and local requirements governing infection control. The course shall provide these protocols to all students and course instructors to ensure compliance.

(8) A written examination that reflects the curriculum content, which may be administered at intervals throughout the course, as determined by the course director, that shall be successfully completed by each student prior to issuance of the certificate of completion described in subdivision (d).

(b) The course director shall actively participate in and be responsible for the administration of the course and each of the following requirements:

(1) Maintaining for a period of not less than five years copies of curricula, program outlines, objectives, grading criteria, course instructor credentials, licenses, and certifications, and individual student records, including those necessary to establish satisfactory completion of the course.

(2) Informing the board of the closure of, or any major change to, the course, including changes to the course provider name, course director, business contact information, or course content, within 10 days of the closure or change.

(3) Ensuring that all course instructors meet the requirements set forth in this section.

(c) The course provider shall:

(1) Provide notification to the prospective student of the computer or communications technology necessary to participate in didactic and laboratory instruction.

(2) Provide technological assistance to students, as needed, to participate in didactic and laboratory instruction.

(3) Ensure completion of didactic instruction by the student prior to the student's participation in laboratory instruction.

~~*(f)-(d)*~~ Upon successful completion of the course, students shall receive a certificate of completion as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 1741.

~~*(g) The board may adopt regulations to implement this section.*~~

(e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2030.

Amend Section 1777 of Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1777. While employed by or practicing in a primary care clinic or specialty clinic licensed pursuant to Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code, in a primary care clinic exempt from licensure pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code, or a clinic owned and operated by a hospital that maintains the primary contract with a county government to fill the county's role under Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the following shall apply:

(a) A dental assistant, registered dental assistant, or registered dental assistant in extended functions may perform any extraoral duty under the direct supervision of a registered dental hygienist or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.

(b) A registered dental assistant or a registered dental assistant in extended functions may perform the following procedures under the direct supervision of a registered dental hygienist or a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1763:

(1) Coronal polishing.

(2) Application of topical fluoride.

(3) Application of sealants, after providing evidence to the board of having completed a board-approved **16-hour** course in that procedure.

Add Section 1778 to Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code as follows:

1778. *(a) Beginning on January 1, 2030, for purposes of this article, an educational program or an extended functions postsecondary program that is board approved shall mean a program offered by a college, postsecondary institution, or educational program that is approved or accredited, as applicable, by at least one of the following:*

(1) Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools.

(2) Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

(3) Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

(4) American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

(5) Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

(6) Council on Occupational Education.

(7) An agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or State Department of Education, including career health and technical education programs, regional occupation centers or programs, or apprenticeship programs registered by the State Department of Education or Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations in allied dental programs.

(8) American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP).

(9) Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE).

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2030, for purposes of this article and Section 1645.1, a course that is board approved shall mean a course offered in the same number of hours as required under this article by a course provider accredited or approved pursuant to subdivision (a):

(c) Successful completion, within five years before the date the application is received by the board, of any of the following examinations administered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) shall qualify as completion of a board-approved course in the corresponding course subject:

(1) Radiation health and safety.

(2) Infection control.

(3) Certified dental assisting exam.

(4) Orthodontic assisting.

(5) Coronal polishing.

(6) Topical fluoride.

(7) Sealants.

(8) Dental infection prevention and control.

(d) Successful completion, within five years before the date the application is received by the board, of a Certified Preventative Functions Dental Assistant examination administered by the DANB shall qualify as completion of board-approved courses in both pit and fissure sealants and coronal polishing.

(e) A board-approved educational program, extended functions postsecondary program, or course successfully completed prior to January 1, 2029, shall qualify as completion of a board-approved educational program or course for purposes of applying for a dental assisting license or permit, subject to the statutory requirements for completion of such

program or course prior to receipt by the board of the dental assisting license or permit application.

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Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
CODA	CA511	Cerritos College	Norwalk
CODA	CA514	Chaffey College	Rancho Cucamonga
CODA	CA515	Citrus College	Glendora
CODA	CA534	City College of San Francisco	San Francisco
CODA	CA506	College of Alameda	Alameda
CODA	CA523	College of Marin - Indian Valley Campus	Novato
CODA	CA536	College of San Mateo	San Mateo
CODA	CA838	College of the Redwoods	Eureka
CODA	CA518	Cypress College	Cypress
CODA	CA516	Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill
CODA	CA517	Foothill College	Los Altos Hills
CODA	CA776	Hacienda La Puente	La Puente
CODA	CA903	Moreno Valley College	Moreno Valley
CODA	CA721	Palomar College	San Marcos
CODA	CA529	Pasadena City College	Pasadena
CODA	CA532	Sacramento City College	Sacramento
CODA	CA533	San Diego Mesa College	San Diego
CODA	CA535	San Jose City College	San Jose
BPPE	CA905	American Career College	Ontario
BPPE	CA867	American Career College	Los Angeles
BPPE	CA896	American Career College	Anaheim
BPPE	CA436	Carrington College	Sacramento
BPPE	CA446	Carrington College	Visalia
BPPE	CA601	Carrington College	Bakersfield
BPPE	CA602	Carrington College	Fresno
BPPE	CA609	Carrington College	San Leandro
BPPE	CA868	Carrington College	Pleasant Hill
BPPE	CA876	Carrington College	San Jose
BPPE	CA919	Carrington College	Temecula
BPPE	CA998	Carrington College	Hesperia
BPPE	CA902	Carrington College California	Stockton
BPPE	CA421	Concorde Career College	San Diego
BPPE	CA425	Concorde Career College	Garden Grove
BPPE	CA435	Concorde Career College	North Hollywood
BPPE	CA430	Concorde Career College	San Bernardino
BPPE	CA906	Milan Institute	Palm Desert
BPPE	CA907	Milan Institute	Visalia
BPPE	CA928	Milan Institute	Merced
BPPE	CA1004	Pima Medical Institute	San Marcos
BPPE	CA871	Pima Medical Institute	Chula Vista
BPPE	CA1006	UEI College	Sacramento
BPPE	CA448	UEI College	Huntington Park
BPPE	CA450	UEI College	Ontario
BPPE	CA451	UEI College	San Diego
BPPE	CA453	UEI College	Reseda

BPPE	CA879	UEI College	Chula Vista
BPPE	CA909	UEI College	West Covina
BPPE	CA915	UEI College	Gardena
BPPE	CA916	UEI College	Garden Grove
BPPE	CA917	UEI College	Riverside
BPPE	CA918	UEI College	Oceanside
BPPE	CA925	UEI College	Stockton
BPPE	CA926	UEI College	Bakersfield
BPPE	CA927	UEI College	Fresno
BPPE	CA924	Unitek College	Sacramento
BPPE	CA995	Unitek College	San Jose
BPPE	CA994	Unitek College	Concord
ACCJC	CA508	Allan Hancock College	Santa Maria
ACCJC	CA878	California College of Vocational Careers	Bakersfield
ACCJC	CA527	Monterey Peninsula College	Monterey
ACCJC	CA528	Orange Coast College	Costa Mesa
ACCJC	CA530	Reedley College	Reedley
ACCJC	CA538	Santa Rosa Junior College	Santa Rosa
ACCJC	CA1001	West Los Angeles College	Culver City
WSCUC	CA1008	San Manuel Gateway College - Loma Linda University	San Bernardino
ACSWASC	CA590	Baldy View ROP	Ontario
ACSWASC	CA519	Grossmont Adult School - Health Occupations Center	Santee
ACSWASC	CA454	Hesperia Unified School District	Hesperia
ACSWASC	CA495	North Orange County ROP	Anaheim
ACSWASC	CA913	Morongo Unified School District	Twentynine Palms
ACSWASC	CA612	Southern California ROC	Torrance
COE	CA605	Butte County ROP	Chico
COE	CA500	Mt. Diablo Adult Education - Loma Vista Center	Concord
COE	CA921	Riverside County Office of Education	Indio
COE	CA498	Riverside County Office of Education	Riverside
Not accredited	CA993	California Dental Certifications	San Diego
Not accredited	CA1000	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	CA872	My Dentist, School for Dental Assistants	Bell
Not accredited	CA920	The Valley School for Dental Assisting	Encino

RDAEF			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
BPPE	EF009	Howard Healthcare Academy	San Diego
WSCUC	EF007	Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry	Loma Linda
WSCUC	EF001	University of California, Los Angeles - School of Dentistry	Los Angeles
Not accredited	EF011	Central California Dental Academy	Bakersfield
Not accredited	EF015	Central California Dental Academy	Santa Ana
Not accredited	EF008	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	EF004	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Covina
Not accredited	EF005	J Productions Dental Seminars, Inc.	Gold River
Unknown	EF013	Dental Specialties Institute, Inc.	Campbell
Unknown	EF010	The Foundation for Allied Dental Education, LLC (FADE)	El Dorado Hills

Coronal Polishing			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
CODA	CP037	Cerritos College	Norwalk
CODA	CP042	College of Marin- Indian Valley Campus	Novato
CODA	CP132	Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill
CODA	CP110	Foothill College Dental Assisting Program	Los Altos Hills
CODA	CP114	Moreno Valley College- Dental Assistant Program	Moreno Valley
CODA	CP040	Pasadena City College	Pasadena
CODA	CP532	Sacramento City College	Sacramento
BPPE	CP030	American Career College - Ontario	Ontario
BPPE	CP054	American Dental Academy	East Los Angeles
BPPE	CP115	California Dental Institute, Inc.	Tustin
BPPE	CP089	California Healing Arts College	Carson
BPPE	CP108	California RDA Institute	San Diego
BPPE	CP007	Career Care Institute	Lancaster
BPPE	CP056	Career Care Institute	Oxnard
BPPE	CP998	Carrington College	Hesperia
BPPE	CP868	Carrington College California	Pleasant Hill
BPPE	CP087	CBD College	Los Angeles
BPPE	CP053	Charter College	Canyon Country
BPPE	CP401	Charter College	Canyon Country
BPPE	CP034	Charter College	Lancaster
BPPE	CP046	Charter College	Long Beach
BPPE	CP047	Charter College	Oxnard
BPPE	CP102	Contra Costa Medical Career College	Antioch
BPPE	CP033	Dental Assisting Institute	Modesto
BPPE	CP106	Dental Assisting Institute	Fresno
BPPE	CP088	Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts	Modesto
BPPE	CP073	Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts - San Mateo	San Mateo
BPPE	CP101	High Desert Medical College	Lancaster
BPPE	CP099	High Desert Medical College	Temecula
BPPE	CP100	High Desert Medical College	Bakersfield
BPPE	CP055	Howard Healthcare Academy	San Diego
BPPE	CP080	Infotech Career College	Paramount
BPPE	CP060	Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting	Kingsburg
BPPE	CP081	Milan Institute	Visalia
BPPE	CP082	Milan Institute	Palm Desert
BPPE	CP083	Milan Institute	Merced
BPPE	CP095	National Career College	Panorama City
BPPE	CP027	Santa Clarita School of Dental Assisting	Valencia
BPPE	CP063	UEI College - Bakersfield	Bakersfield
ACCJC	CP138	Allan Hancock College	Santa Maria
ACCJC	CP070	Cabrillo College Dental Hygiene	Aptos
ACCJC	CP107	Lake Tahoe Community College	South Lake Tahoe
ACCJC	CP527	Monterey Peninsula College	Monterey

ACCJC	CP530	Reedley College	Reedley
ACCJC	CP058	West Los Angeles College	Culver City
WSCUC	CP017	University of Southern California	Los Angeles
ACSWASC	CP093	ABC Adult School	Cerritos
ACSWASC	CP051	Coastline ROP	Costa Mesa
ACSWASC	CP130	College and Career Advantage	Mission Viejo
ACSWASC	CP028	Downey Adult School	Downey
ACSWASC	CP111	Eden Area Regional Occupational Program	Hayward
ACSWASC	CP038	Hesperia Unified School District - Hesperia Adult School	Hesperia
ACSWASC	CP009	North Orange County ROP	Fullerton
ACSWASC	CP128	Norwalk/La Mirada Adult School	Norwalk
ACSWASC	CP131	Santa Cruz County Office of Education-Dental Assisting	Santa Cruz
ACSWASC	CP061	Ventura County Office of Education ROP	Camarillo
COE	CP005	Butte County ROP	Chico
COE	CP500	Mt. Diablo Adult Education/Loma Vista Center	Concord
COE	CP039	Riverside County Office of Education	Riverside
COE	CP137	Riverside County Office of Education	Indio
ACCET	CP014	Summit Career College	Colton
PACE	CP113	International Academy of Dental Implantology	San Diego
PACE	CP023	PDS Health	Rancho Cordova
PACE	CP121	PDS Health	Upland
PACE	CP024	PDS Health	San Marcos
PACE	CP025	PDS Health	Northridge
PACE	CP026	PDS Health	Tustin
PACE	CP048	PDS Health	Rancho Cucamongo
Not accredited	CP078	Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	Lawndale
Not accredited	CP103	Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy	Fresno
Not accredited	CP062	American Dental & Medical Institute	Pasadena
Not accredited	CP018	California Dental Certifications	San Diego
Not accredited	CP123	California Dental Educators	Granite Bay
Not accredited	CP072	California Institute of Dental Education	Ventura
Not accredited	CP096	Central California Dental Academy	Bakersfield
Not accredited	CP125	Continuing Education School for Dentistry	Anaheim
Not accredited	CP127	Dental Academy of California	San Jose
Not accredited	CP076	Dental Assistant School of San Pablo	San Pablo
Not accredited	CP036	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	CP079	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Napa
Not accredited	CP090	Frontier Dental Care	Concord
Not accredited	CP126	Global Dental	Van Nuys
Not accredited	CP031	Health Quest Academy	Pasadena
Not accredited	CP057	Horizon College	Brentwood
Not accredited	CP129	iEducations, LLC	Sunnyvale
Not accredited	CP097	Indigo Institute	Danville
Not accredited	CP105	International Institute for Wellness	Los Angeles
Not accredited	CP066	Kairos Career College	North Hollywood

Not accredited	CP109	Lollipop Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics	Placentia
Not accredited	CP074	Los Angeles Dental Society	Los Angeles
Not accredited	CP069	Los Angeles School of Dental Assisting	Los Angeles
Not accredited	CP016	My Dentist, School for Dental Assistants	Bell
Not accredited	CP136	OC Dental Course	Mission Viejo
Not accredited	CP052	Ohanian Dental Corporation	Sherman Oaks
Not accredited	CP041	Orange County Dental Careers	Westminster
Not accredited	CP086	Orange County Dental Institute	Tustin
Not accredited	CP006	Professional Dental Enterprises	San Diego
Not accredited	CP044	Redwood City Dental Institute	Redwood City
Not accredited	CP092	RDA4U	Roseville
Not accredited	CP124	Sugarbug Dental and Orthodontics	Oxnard
Not accredited	CP029	The Valley School for Dental Assisting	Encino
Unknown	CP001	ACEDA	Santa Rosa
Unknown	CP003	Apogee	Los Altos
Unknown	CP068	Dental Auxiliary Programs of California	Walnut Creek
Unknown	CP085	Dental Educators	West Covina
Unknown	CP012	Dental Pros	Temecula
Unknown	CP077	Fullerton Dental Assistant School	Fullerton
Unknown	CP043	Galen College	Fresno
Unknown	CP008	Outsource Resource Support Services	Santa Rosa
Unknown	CP022	Pacific Dental Services	Riverside
Unknown	CP059	San Mateo County Office of Education ROP/CTE	Burlingame
Unknown	CP071	SF Valley Dental Assisting School	North Hollywood
Unknown	CP032	The Foundation for Allied Dental Education, LLC (FADE)	El Dorado Hills
Unknown	CP112	TMS	San Jose
Unknown	CP015	Tooth Fairy Systems, Inc.	San Ramon
Unknown	CP004	Tooth Teach	South Lake Tahoe
Unknown	CP133	Triumph University	Westminster
Unknown	CP104	Wayne I. Kodama Institute of Dental Assisting	Fresno

Dental Sedation Assistant Permit			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
PACE	DSA36	Newport Oral Surgery	Irvine
Not accredited	DSA50	Antonio Arredondo, DDS	Stockton
Not accredited	DSA56	Capital Pediatric Dentistry	Sacramento
Not accredited	DSA09	Central Coast Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	Paso Robles
Not accredited	DSA27	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	DSA08	Dr. H. Mark Cox	Redding
Not accredited	DSA04	Dr. Ned Nix	San Jose
Not accredited	DSA11	Dr. Richard Bruckner	Simi Valley
Not accredited	DSA23	Dr. Todd Sumner	Rancho Mirage
Not accredited	DSA30	George Maranon, DDS	Encino
Not accredited	DSA49	Gregory Heise & Craig Alpha OMS	Sacramento
Not accredited	DSA55	Highland Hospital Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Oakland
Not accredited	DSA47	John A. Boghossian, DDS	San Carlos
Not accredited	DSA31	John Tomaich, DDS - Tomaich Oral Surgery	Davis
Not accredited	DSA32	L. Stephen Vaughan, DDS	Foothill Ranch
Not accredited	DSA16	Michael P. Morrisette, DDS	Ventura
Not accredited	DSA40	Michael Koury, DDS, MD, Inc.	Northridge
Not accredited	DSA52	OMFS Care Center Partners	Fresno
Not accredited	DSA39	Phillip Seim, DDS, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Redlands
Not accredited	DSA17	Robert E. Bell, DDS, Inc.	Tulare
Not accredited	DSA38	S. Steven Podstreleny, DDS, PC	San Diego
Not accredited	DSA43	Sacramento Surgical Arts, PC	Sacramento
Not accredited	DSA19	Steven A. Miyamoto, DDS	Fullerton
Not accredited	DSA42	Valentine Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery DP, Inc.	Grass Valley
Not accredited	DSA26	Wheeler and Seul Oral Surgery	Encinitas
Unknown	DSA15	Andres F. Herrera, DDS	Salinas
Unknown	DSA41	Chester George, DDS	Stockton
Unknown	DSA22	John F. Luque, DDS, MD	San Francisco
Unknown	DSA48	Lindon Ken Kawahara, M.D., D.M.D., Inc.	Torrance
Unknown	DSA21	Ocean Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	Huntington Beach
Unknown	DSA18	Pacific Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	Anaheim
Unknown	DSA53	Scotts Valley Oral and Maxillofacial Sugery	Scotts Valley

Infection Control			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
CODA	IC514	Chaffey Community College	Rancho Cucamonga
CODA	IC029	College of Marin - Indian Valley Campus	Novato
CODA	IC172	Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill
CODA	IC156	Foothill College Dental Assisting Program	Los Altos
CODA	IC161	Moreno Valley College-Dental Assistant Program	Moreno Valley
CODA	IC014	Palomar College	San Marcos
CODA	IC030	Pasadena City College	Pasadena
CODA	IC002	Sacramento City College	Sacramento
CODA	IC044	San Diego Mesa College	San Diego
BPPE	IC047	American Career College	Anaheim
BPPE	IC048	American Career College	Ontario
BPPE	IC060	American Career College	Los Angeles
BPPE	IC120	American Dental Academy	East Los Angeles
BPPE	IC015	Blake Austin College	Vacaville
BPPE	IC139	California Dental Institute	Tustin
BPPE	IC124	California Healing Arts College	Carson
BPPE	IC153	California RDA Institute	San Diego
BPPE	IC088	Career Care Institute	Lancaster
BPPE	IC104	Career Care Institute	Oxnard
BPPE	IC037	Carrington College	Fresno
BPPE	IC036	Carrington College	Bakersfield
BPPE	IC039	Carrington College	Visalia
BPPE	IC019	Carrington College California	Sacramento
BPPE	IC020	Carrington College California	Citrus Heights
BPPE	IC021	Carrington College California	San Leandro
BPPE	IC022	Carrington College California	San Jose
BPPE	IC023	Carrington College California	Stockton
BPPE	IC024	Carrington College California	Antioch
BPPE	IC025	Carrington College California	Pleasant Hill
BPPE	IC123	CBD College	Los Angeles
BPPE	IC073	Charter College	Lancaster
BPPE	IC074	Charter College	Canyon Country
BPPE	IC076	Charter College	Long Beach
BPPE	IC084	Charter College	Oxnard
BPPE	IC050	Concorde Career College	North Hollywood
BPPE	IC052	Concorde Career College	San Bernardino
BPPE	IC054	Concorde Career College	San Diego
BPPE	IC055	Concorde Career College	Garden Grove
BPPE	IC146	Contra Costa Medical Career College	Antioch
BPPE	IC068	Dental Assisting Institute	Modesto
BPPE	IC150	Dental Assisting Institute	Fresno
BPPE	IC112	Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts	San Mateo

BPPE	IC125	Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts	Modesto
BPPE	IC132	HealthCare Career College	Paramount
BPPE	IC131	High Desert Medical College	Lancaster
BPPE	IC137	High Desert Medical College	Bakersfield
BPPE	IC140	High Desert Medical College	Temecula
BPPE	IC092	Howard Healthcare Academy	San Diego
BPPE	IC102	Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting	Kingsburg
BPPE	IC134	National Career College	Panorama City
BPPE	IC038	San Joaquin Valley College	Rancho Cordova
BPPE	IC159	Santa Clarita School of Dental Assisting	Valencia
BPPE	IC129	Southern California Orthodontic Assisting School	Corona
BPPE	IC105	UEI College	Bakersfield
BPPE	IC107	Unitek College	Fremont
ACCJC	IC171	Fresno City College	Fresno
ACCJC	IC061	Gavilan College	Gilroy
ACCJC	IC094	Lake Tahoe Community College	South Lake Tahoe
ACCJC	IC028	Orange Coast College	Costa Mesa
ACCJC	IC090	Santa Rosa Junior College	Santa Rosa
ACCJC	IC096	West Los Angeles College	Culver City
WSCUC	IC098	Ventura County Office of Education	Camarillo
ACSWASC	IC135	ABC Adult School	Cerritos
ACSWASC	IC097	Coastline Regional Occupational Program	Costa Mesa
ACSWASC	IC001	Downey Adult School	Downey
ACSWASC	IC032	Eden Area ROP	Hayward
ACSWASC	IC049	Grossmont Health Occupation Center	Santee
ACSWASC	IC034	Hesperia Unified School District - Hesperia Adult School	Hesperia
ACSWASC	IC148	Kern High School District ROP	Bakersfield
ACSWASC	IC147	North Orange County ROP	Anaheim
ACSWASC	IC130	Norwalk La Mirada Adult School	Norwalk
ACSWASC	IC075	Morongo Unified School District	Twentynine Palms
ACSWASC	IC064	Silicon Valley Career Technical Education Center	San Jose
ACSWASC	IC017	Southern California ROC	Torrance
ACSWASC	IC027	Tri-Cities, Regional Occupational Program	Whittier
COE	IC016	Butte County ROP	Chico
COE	IC070	Mt. Diablo Adult Education- Loma Vista Center	Concord
COE	IC065-A	Riverside County Office of Education	Riverside
COE	IC065-B	Riverside County Office of Education	Indio
PACE	IC066	Western Dental Services, Inc.	Orange
Not accredited	IC113	Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	Lawndale
Not accredited	IC149	Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy	Fresno
Not accredited	IC100	American Dental & Medical Institute	Pasadena
Not accredited	IC108	Bay Area Dental Assisting Institute	San Ramon
Not accredited	IC179	Buena Park Dental Assisting	Buena Park
Not accredited	IC081	California Dental Certifications	San Diego

Not accredited	IC154	California Dental Educators	Granite Bay
Not accredited	IC117	California Institute of Dental Education	Ventura
Not accredited	IC143	Central California Dental Academy	Bakersfield
Not accredited	IC169	Continuing Education School for Dentistry	Anaheim
Not accredited	IC168	Dental Academy of California	San Jose
Not accredited	IC118	Dental Assistant School of San Pablo and Vacaville	San Pablo
Not accredited	IC059	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	IC142	Dental Fundamentals Continuing Education	San Diego
Not accredited	IC004	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Napa
Not accredited	IC133	Frontier Dental Care	Concord
Not accredited	IC167	Global Dental	Van Nuys
Not accredited	IC128	Healthcare Skills Development Institute	San Gabriel
Not accredited	IC101	Horizon College	Brentwood
Not accredited	IC158	iEducation	Sunnyvale
Not accredited	IC138	Indigo Institute	Danville
Not accredited	IC003	J Productions	Sacramento
Not accredited	IC110	Kairos Career College	North Hollywood
Not accredited	IC018	Leslie Canham & Associates	Copperopolis
Not accredited	IC152	Lollipop Pediatric Dentistry	Placentia
Not accredited	IC072	Los Angeles Dental Society	Los Angeles
Not accredited	IC119	Los Angeles School of Dental Assisting	Los Angeles
Not accredited	IC083	My Dentist School for Dental Assisting	Bell
Not accredited	IC155	OC Dental Academy	Rancho Santa Margarita
Not accredited	IC176	OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy of Merced	Atwater
Not accredited	IC086	Ohanian Dental Corporation	Sherman Oaks
Not accredited	IC078	Orange County Dental Careers	Westminster
Not accredited	IC122	Orange County Dental Institute	Tustin
Not accredited	IC057	Professional Dental Enterprises	San Diego
Not accredited	IC085	Punjabi Dental Society	Ontario
Not accredited	IC116	RDA4U	Sacramento
Not accredited	IC087	Redwood City Dental Institute	Redwood City
Not accredited	IC177	Rockstar Dental Institute	Rocklin
Not accredited	IC058	San Diego County Dental Society	San Diego
Not accredited	IC160	Sugarbug Dental & Orthodontics	Oxnard
Not accredited	IC077	The Valley School for Dental Assisting	Encino
Not accredited	IC108	Tooth Fairy Systems	San Ramon
Not accredited	IC053	UCLA School of Dentistry	Los Angeles
Unknown	IC174	Aviara Academy	Los Alamitos
Unknown	IC046	Central Sierra ROP / Dental Careers Program	El Dorado
Unknown	IC051	CTE Works	Auburn
Unknown	IC115	Dental Auxiliaries of California	Walnut Creek
Unknown	IC126	Dental Educators	West Covina
Unknown	IC082	Dental Pros	Temecula
Unknown	IC026	Dental Pros - Temecula	Temecula

Unknown	IC033	Dentassist	Sacramento
Unknown	IC103	Eloise Reed Seminars	San Jose
Unknown	IC145	Evergreen Dental	Alhambra
Unknown	IC111	Fullerton Dental Assistant School	Fullerton
Unknown	IC071	Galen College of Medical and Dental Assistants	Fresno
Unknown	IC080	International Career College	Pasadena
Unknown	IC089	Jody Thompson	Lafayette
Unknown	IC062	La Clinica de la Raza	Oakland
Unknown	IC178	Lincoln Dental Academy	Lincoln
Unknown	IC093	May I Help You?	San Jose
Unknown	IC175	OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy of La Crescenta	La Crescenta
Unknown	IC091	San Mateo County ROP	Burlingame
Unknown	IC031	Shasta Trinity ROP	Redding
Unknown	IC095	Southland Dental/Lin Dental Corporation	Anaheim
Unknown	IC063	The Foundation for Allied Dental Education, LLC (FADE)	El Dorado Hills
Unknown	IC136	The OP Dental Learning Community	Tustin
Unknown	IC170	TMS	San Jose
Unknown	IC173	Triumph University	Westminster
Unknown	IC127	Tzu Chi Dental Institute	S. El Monte
Unknown	IC151	Wayne I. Kodama Institute of Dental Assisting	Fresno

ITR			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
WSCUC	EF-ITR 001	University of the Pacific	San Francisco
Not accredited	EF-ITR 003	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Unknown	EF-ITR 004	Dental Specialties Institute, Inc.	Cupertino

Orthodontic Assistant Permit			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
CODA	OA132	Cerritos College	Norwalk
CODA	OA196	Chaffey Community College	Rancho Cucamonga
CODA	OA206	Citrus College	Glendora
CODA	OA174	Moreno Valley College	Moreno Valley
CODA	OA011	Pasadena City College	Pasadena
CODA	OA002	Sacramento City College	Sacramento
BPPE	OA207	California Dental Institute	Tustin
BPPE	OA084	Howard Healthcare Academy	San Diego
BPPE	OA149	Southern California Orthodontic Assisting School	Corona
ACCJC	OA175	West Los Angeles Community College	Culver City
WSCUC	OA090	Loma Linda University School of Dentistry	Loma Linda
ACSWASC	OA004	Downey Adult School / Downey Unified School District	Downey
COE	OA087	Riverside County Office of Education	Riverside
PACE	OA078	Western Dental Service - Banning	Banning
PACE	OA147	Western Dental Services - Bakersfield	Bakersfield
PACE	OA053	Western Dental Services - Bellflower	Bellflower
PACE	OA109	Western Dental Services - Concord	Concord
PACE	OA102	Western Dental Services - Corona	Corona
PACE	OA079	Western Dental Services - Fontana	Fontana
PACE	OA131	Western Dental Services - Fresno	Fresno
PACE	OA077	Western Dental Services - Hanford	Hanford
PACE	OA130	Western Dental Services - Lodi	Lodi
PACE	OA052	Western Dental Services - Los Angeles	Los Angeles
PACE	OA044	Western Dental Services - Main	Orange
PACE	OA062	Western Dental Services - Manteca	Manteca
PACE	OA064	Western Dental Services - Modesto	Modesto
PACE	OA055	Western Dental Services - Oceanside	Oceanside
PACE	OA103	Western Dental Services - Oxnard	Oxnard
PACE	OA155	Western Dental Services - Rancho Cordova	Rancho Cordova
PACE	OA076	Western Dental Services - Redwood City	Redwood City
PACE	OA057	Western Dental Services - Riverside/Claremont	Riverside/Claremont
PACE	OA104	Western Dental Services - Sacramento (Elkhorn)	Sacramento
PACE	OA153	Western Dental Services - Sacramento (Northgate)	Sacramento
PACE	OA051	Western Dental Services - Sacramento/Roseville	Sacramento
PACE	OA088	Western Dental Services - Salinas	Salinas
PACE	OA050	Western Dental Services - San Leandro	Oakland
PACE	OA056	Western Dental Services - Santa Ana	Santa Ana
PACE	OA054	Western Dental Services - Santa Clara/San Jose	Santa Clara
PACE	OA105	Western Dental Services - Santa Clarita	Santa Clarita
PACE	OA143	Western Dental Services - Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz
PACE	OA063	Western Dental Services - Tracy	Tracy
PACE	OA158	Western Dental Services - Turlock	Turlock
PACE	OA154	Western Dental Services - Yuba City	Yuba City
Not accredited	OA182	Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	Lawndale
Not accredited	OA092	American Canyon Orthodontics	American Canyon

Not accredited	OA181	Anacapa Orthodontics	Ventura
Not accredited	OA071	Barbara G. Yee, DDS	San Leandro
Not accredited	OA095	Barkate Orthodontics	Newport Beach
Not accredited	OA038	Bart R. Boulton, DDS, Inc	Cypress
Not accredited	OA098	Bar-Zion Orthodontics	Newbury Park
Not accredited	OA086	Brian C. Crawford, DDS	Antelope
Not accredited	OA164	Brian Earl Steinhoff DDS MSD INC	San Jose
Not accredited	OA202	Budiman & Mak Dental Partnership	Ontario
Not accredited	OA119	C&G Orthodontics	Beaumont
Not accredited	OA144	California Dental Educators	Granite Bay
Not accredited	OA127	California Institute of Dental Education	Ventura
Not accredited	OA152	Chapa-De Indian Health Program	Auburn
Not accredited	OA129	Children's Braces and Dentistry	La Mesa
Not accredited	OA187	David H. Lindsey DDS MS Inc.	Arroyo Grande
Not accredited	OA006	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	OA171	Dentricity Dental Institute	Covina
Not accredited	OA197	Dougherty Orthodontics	Sherman Oaks
Not accredited	OA163	Douglas Harrington DDS	Paso Robles
Not accredited	OA032	Dr. Andrea DeLurgio	Citrus Heights
Not accredited	OA083	Dr. Jeffrey C. Kwong	El Dorado Hills
Not accredited	OA013	Dr. Joel Brodsky	Lakewood
Not accredited	OA009	Dr. Joseph Gray	Upland
Not accredited	OA014	Dr. Kurt Stormberg	La Mesa
Not accredited	OA021	Dr. Lili Mirtorabi Orthodontics	Santa Ana
Not accredited	OA179	Dr. Melanie Orthodontics	San Diego
Not accredited	OA049	Dr. Melanie Parker	San Diego
Not accredited	OA023	Dr. Michael Ricupito	Fremont
Not accredited	OA067	Dr. Paul J. Styrt	San Diego
Not accredited	OA020A	Dr. Waleed Soliman	Yuba City
Not accredited	OA020B	Dr. Waleed Soliman	Sacramento
Not accredited	OA020C	Dr. Waleed Soliman	Yuba City
Not accredited	OA031	Elite Orthodontics	San Diego
Not accredited	OA169	Embrace Smile Orthodontics	Saratoga
Not accredited	OA172	Frank Beglin, DDS, MS, Inc.	Bishop
Not accredited	OA001	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Covina
Not accredited	OA189	GO Orthodontics	Pasadena
Not accredited	OA065	Greenspan Orthodontic	San Diego
Not accredited	OA094	Hello Orthodontics	Napa
Not accredited	OA159	Hideki Ikeda DDS, MS Dental Corporation	Garden Grove
Not accredited	OA168	iEducation	Sunnyvale
Not accredited	OA114	Image Orthodontics	West Sacramento
Not accredited	OA170	International Institute for Wellness	Los Angeles
Not accredited	OA003	J Productions	Sacramento
Not accredited	OA135	Jonathon Everett Lee, DDS Inc	Foster City
Not accredited	OA117	Kairos Career College	Upland
Not accredited	OA069	Kieffer Orthodontics	Encinitas
Not accredited	OA075	L. Morgan Moranda, DDS	Palm Desert

Not accredited	OA201	Larson Orthodontics	Riverside
Not accredited	OA193	Lemoore Orthodontics	Lemoore
Not accredited	OA024	M. John Redmond, DDS, MS, Inc.	San Clemente
Not accredited	OA060	Mark Holt Orthodontics	Roseville
Not accredited	OA093	Markham Orthodontics	Sacramento
Not accredited	OA150	Matthew Molitor, DDS	Davis
Not accredited	OA199	My LA Braces	Montebello
Not accredited	OA039	Nancy L. Gum, DDS	San Jose
Not accredited	OA162	OC Dental Course	Mission Viejo
Not accredited	OA099	Olsen Orthodontics	San Juan Capistrana
Not accredited	OA128	Orange County Dental Institute	Tustin
Not accredited	OA145	Palo Alto Orthodontics	Palo Alto
Not accredited	OA173	Pearl Orthodontics	Fremont
Not accredited	OA080	Richard L. Jacobsen, DDS	Palisades
Not accredited	OA205	Rolling Hills Dental Clinic	Red Bluff
Not accredited	OA156	Samra Low Orthodontics	Stockton
Not accredited	OA160	San Ramon Orthodontics	San Ramon
Not accredited	OA157	Smile Power Orthodontics	Walnut Creek
Not accredited	OA121	Susan S. So	Castro Valley
Not accredited	OA027	The Valley School for Dental Assisting	Encino
Not accredited	OA106	Tsai & Snowden Esthetic Partners Dental Group	Montebello
Not accredited	OA177	Turley Dental Corporation	Hawthorne
Not accredited	OA185	Wayne S. Hane, DDS	Santa Clara
Unknown	OA034	Adams and Gimlen Dental	Manhattan Beach
Unknown	OA100	Alborzi Orthodontics	San Mateo
Unknown	OA115	Alexander and Martin	Rocklin
Unknown	OA108	Baird Orthodontics	Pleasanton
Unknown	OA016	Bella Smile	San Francisco
Unknown	OA047	Bernstein Orthodontics	Santa Rosa
Unknown	OA113	Braces San Diego	San Diego
Unknown	OA035	Brand & Okmin Orthodontics	San Diego
Unknown	OA136	Brent Sexton, DDS	San Leandro
Unknown	OA066	Cameron Mashouf, DDS	San Jose
Unknown	OA165	Carole S. Randolph, D.D.S., M.S., Inc.	Valencia
Unknown	OA081	Christopher C. Cruz, DDS	Chula Vista
Unknown	OA140	Classic Orthodontics	San Diego
Unknown	OA058	Cooke Orthodontics	Napa
Unknown	OA074	Davis Isaac Alpan, DDS	Los Angeles
Unknown	OA176	Dental Advantage	Newhall
Unknown	OA123	Dental Advantage	Fresno
Unknown	OA133	Dental Assisting Training Academy - DATA	Foothill Ranch
Unknown	OA007	Dental Pros	Temecula
Unknown	OA096	Diablo Orthodontic Specialists	Brentwood
Unknown	OA183	Dr. Andrew C. Wong, Orthodontist	Newark
Unknown	OA012	Dr. Douglas Nguyen	Westminster
Unknown	OA029	Dr. Efstatios Righellis	Oakland
Unknown	OA008	Dr. Jasmine Gordon	San Rafael

Unknown	OA019	Dr. Kathleen J. Nuckles, Specialist in Orthodontics	Los Angeles
Unknown	OA048	Dr. Lawrence Lotzof	San Diego
Unknown	OA018	Dr. Robert Sheffield, DDS Inc.	Antioch
Unknown	OA026	Dr. Thomas J. Marcel	Livermore
Unknown	OA198	Glendale Orthodontics	Glendale
Unknown	OA118	Hulse Orthodontics	Carlsbad
Unknown	OA097	Irvine Children's Dentistry	Irvine
Unknown	OA025	Irvine Orthodontics	Irvine
Unknown	OA085	Jason M. Cohen, DDS	San Jose
Unknown	OA139	Jimmy Vu Ngo, DDS	Garden Grove
Unknown	OA089	Justin S. Hong, DDS	Orange
Unknown	OA070	Kanwar Sachdeva, DDS	Madera
Unknown	OA059	Keller Orthodontics	Sunnyvale
Unknown	OA178	Kjeld Aamodt DDS, MS, PC	San Francisco
Unknown	OA028	Kubisch A Dental Corporation	Santa Barbara
Unknown	OA190	Marin Braces	Novato
Unknown	OA125	Mary Thodas	San Francisco
Unknown	OA151	Monterey Bay Orthodontics	Monterey
Unknown	OA203	New Element Orthodontics	Sacramento
Unknown	OA161	OC Dental Specialists	Stanton
Unknown	OA192	Orthodontics Pediatric Dentistry	San Francisco
Unknown	OA043	Orthoworks Dental Group	San Bruno
Unknown	OA041	Parkside Dental	Fairfield
Unknown	OA068	Patricia J. Panucci, DMD	Manhattan Beach
Unknown	OA005	Payne, Michael Dr.	Sacramento
Unknown	OA141	Peninsula Orthodontic Assisting School	Palo Alto
Unknown	OA166	Premier Orthodontics	Sacramento
Unknown	OA186	Pulver Dental, P.C.	Paso Robles
Unknown	OA146	Ralph Callender, DDS	Stockton
Unknown	OA188	Roger S. Lim, DDS, MS, Inc.	Sherman Oaks
Unknown	OA116	Rowan Orthodontics	Merced
Unknown	OA180	Scripps Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics	San Diego
Unknown	OA045	Shasta Orthodontics	Redding
Unknown	OA191	Shelby J. Smith, DDS, MS A Professional Corporation	Antioch
Unknown	OA148	Silicon Valley Orthodontics	San Jose
Unknown	OA122	South OC Orthodontics	Mission Viejo
Unknown	OA107	Stephen S. Yang, DDS, MS, Inc.	Redwood City
Unknown	OA091	Steven Lee Orthodontics	Pacific Palisades
Unknown	OA073	Summer Blake, DDS	Manhattan Beach
Unknown	OA200	Synergi Orthodontic Specialists	Rancho Cucamonga
Unknown	OA042	Tal D. Jergensen, DDS, Inc	Hemet
Unknown	OA195	Tavarez Orthodontics Inc.	Menlo Park
Unknown	OA072	Thao Nguyen, DDS	Long Beach
Unknown	OA137	The Foundation for Allied Dental Education, LLC (FADE)	El Dorado Hills
Unknown	OA167	Thurman Orthodontics	Bakersfield
Unknown	OA142	Timothy Irish, DDS, MSD	Sonoma
Unknown	OA110	Toth and Torossian Partnership	Sherman Oaks

Unknown	OA134	Touni Orthodontics Dental Practice	Sunnyvale
Unknown	OA101	Tri-Valley Orthodontics	San Ramon
Unknown	OA184	Vicki Wang Orthodontics	Alameda
Unknown	OA138	Vision Dental Orthodontics	Santa Monica
Unknown	OA194	Watsonville Family Orthodontics	Freedom
Unknown	OA204	West Coast Grins	San Francisco

Pit and Fissure Sealants			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
CODA	PF088	College of the Redwoods	Eureka
CODA	PF173	Diablo Valley College	Pleasant Hill
CODA	PF018	Foothill College	Los Altos Hills
CODA	PF161	Moreno Valley College Dental Assisting Program	Moreno Valley
CODA	PF014	Palomar College	San Marcos
CODA	PF005	Pasadena City College	Pasadena
CODA	PF084	San Diego Mesa College	San Diego
CODA	PF085	San Jose City College	San Jose
BPPE	PF094	American Career College	Ontario
BPPE	PF092	American Career College	Los Angeles
BPPE	PF093	American Career College	Anaheim
BPPE	PF147	American Dental Academy	East Los Angeles
BPPE	PF159	California RDA Institute	San Diego
BPPE	PF998	Carrington College	Hesperia
BPPE	PF098	Charter College	Canyon Country
BPPE	PF114	Charter College	Oxnard
BPPE	PF026	Concorde Career College	Garden Grove
BPPE	PF154	Contra Costa Medical Career College	Antioch
BPPE	PF105	Dental Assisting Institute	Modesto
BPPE	PF157	Dental Assisting Institute	Fresno
BPPE	PF134	Healthcare Career College	Paramount
BPPE	PF151	High Desert Medical College	Temecula
BPPE	PF152	High Desert Medical College	Bakersfield
BPPE	PF153	High Desert Medical College	Lancaster
BPPE	PF116	Howard Healthcare Academy	San Diego
BPPE	PF132	Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting	Kingsburg
BPPE	PF137	Milan Institute	Palm Desert
BPPE	PF138	Milan Institute	Merced
BPPE	PF136	Milan Institute	Visalia
BPPE	PF015	Santa Clarita School of Dental Assisting	Valencia
ACCJC	PF013	Allan Hancock College	Santa Maria
ACCJC	PF128	Cabrillo College Dental Hygiene	Aptos
ACCJC	PF158	Lake Tahoe Community College	South Lake Tahoe
ACCJC	PF082	Modesto Junior College	Modesto
ACCJC	PF530	Reedley College	Reedley
ACCJC	PF053	Santa Rosa Junior College	Santa Rosa
ACCJC	PF118	West Los Angeles College	Culver City
WSCUC	PF119	Loma Linda University School of Dentistry	Loma Linda
ACSWASC	PF174	ABC Adult School	Cerritos
ACSWASC	PF087	Baldy View ROP	Ontario
ACSWASC	PF148	Downey Adult School	Downey

ACSWASC	PF160	Eden Area Regional Occupational Program	Hayward
ACSWASC	PF097	Grossmont Health Occupation Center ROP	Santee
ACSWASC	PF011	Hesperia Unified School District - Hesperia Adult School	Hesperia
ACSWASC	PF069	Southern California Regional Occupational Ctr	Torrance
ACSWASC	PF086	Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program	Whittier
COE	PF066	Butte County ROP	Chico
COE	PF042	Riverside County Office of Education	Riverside
COE	PF111	Riverside County Office of Education	Indio
PACE	PF047	PDS Health	Northridge
PACE	PF109	PDS Health	Rancho Cucamonga
PACE	PF050	PDS Health	Rancho Cordova
PACE	PF051	PDS Health	Tustin
PACE	PF052	PDS Health	San Marcos
Not accredited	PF135	Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	Lawndale
Not accredited	PF131	American Dental & Medical Institute	Pasadena
Not accredited	PF027	California Dental Certifications	San Diego
Not accredited	PF155	California Dental Educators	Rocklin
Not accredited	PF129	California Institute of Dental Education	Ventura
Not accredited	PF142	Central California Dental Academy	Bakersfield
Not accredited	PF175	Continuing Education School for Dentistry	Anaheim
Not accredited	PF172	Dental Academy of California	San Jose
Not accredited	PF133	Dental Assisting School of San Pablo	San Pablo
Not accredited	PF089	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	PF178	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Napa
Not accredited	PF179	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Covina
Not accredited	PF180	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Roseville
Not accredited	PF145	Frontier Dental Care	Concord
Not accredited	PF106	Health Quest Academy	Pasadena
Not accredited	PF120	Horizon College	Brentwood
Not accredited	PF162	Indigo Institute	Danville
Not accredited	PF149	International Institute for Wellness	Los Angeles
Not accredited	PF168	Lollipop Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics	Placentia
Not accredited	PF144	Los Angeles School of Dental Assisting	Los Angeles
Not accredited	PF121	Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc.	Fort Bragg
Not accredited	PF068	My Dentist, School for Dental Assistants	Bell
Not accredited	PF176	OC Dental Course	Mission Viejo
Not accredited	PF113	Ohanian Dental Corporation	Sherman Oaks
Not accredited	PF140	Orange County Dental Institute	Tustin
Not accredited	PF041	Professional Dental Enterprises	San Diego
Not accredited	PF139	RDA4U	Roseville
Not accredited	PF117	Redwood City Dental Institute	Redwood City
Not accredited	PF171	Sugarbug Dental & Orthodontics	Oxnard
Not accredited	PF096	The Valley School for Dental Assisting	Encino

Not accredited	PF099	UCLA School of Dentistry	Los Angeles
Unknown	PF127	Fullerton Dental Assistant School	Fullerton
Unknown	PF100	The Foundation for Allied Dental Education, LLC (FADE)	El Dorado Hills
Unknown	PF169	TMS	San Jose
Unknown	PF177	Triumph University	Westminster
Unknown	PF156	Wayne I. Kodama Institute of Dental Assisting	Fresno

Radiation Safety			
Accreditor	Approval #	Provider Name	City
CODA	X511	Cerritos College	Norwalk
CODA	X1024	Chaffey Community College	Rancho Cucamonga
CODA	X523	College of Marin - Indian Valley Campus	Novato
CODA	X536	College of San Mateo	San Mateo
CODA	X838	College of the Redwoods	Eureka
CODA	X517	Foothill College	Los Altos Hills
CODA	X776	Hacienda La Puente Dental Assistant	La Puente
CODA	X094	Moreno Valley College	Moreno Valley
CODA	X529	Pasadena City College	Pasadena
CODA	X532	Sacramento City College	Sacramento
CODA	X077	San Jose City College	San Jose
BPPE	X898	American Career College	Long Beach
BPPE	X898	American Career College	Ontario
BPPE	X250	American College of Healthcare	Riverside
BPPE	X902	American Dental Academy	Los Angeles
BPPE	X079	California Dental Institute	Tustin
BPPE	X251	California Healing Arts College	Carson
BPPE	X090	California RDA Institute	San Diego
BPPE	X054	Career Care Institute	Lancaster
BPPE	X075	Career Care Institute	Oxnard
BPPE	X915	Career Care Institute, Inc	Moreno Valley
BPPE	X998	Carrington College	Hesperia
BPPE	X436	Carrington College California	Sacramento
BPPE	X868	Carrington College California	Pleasant Hill
BPPE	X917	CBD College	Los Angeles
BPPE	X031	Central California School of Continuing Education	San Luis Obispo
BPPE	X910	Charter College	Long Beach
BPPE	X909	Charter College	Lancaster
BPPE	X911	Charter College	Oxnard
BPPE	X258	Charter College - Canyon Country	Canyon Country
BPPE	X085	Contra Costa Medical Career College	Antioch
BPPE	X893	Dental Assisting Institute	Rocklin
BPPE	X900	Dental Assisting Institute	Vista
BPPE	X088	Dental Assisting Institute	Fresno
BPPE	X892	Dental Assisting Institute	Modesto
BPPE	X238	Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts	San Mateo
BPPE	X918	Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts	Modesto
BPPE	X1002	High Desert Medical College - Bakersfield	Bakersfield
BPPE	X1003	High Desert Medical College - Lancaster	Lancaster
BPPE	X080	High Desert Medical College - Temecula	Temecula
BPPE	X224	Howard Healthcare Academy	San Diego
BPPE	X245	Infotech Career College	Paramount
BPPE	X221	Kingsburg School of Dental Assisting	Kingsburg
BPPE	X247	Milan Institute	Visalia
BPPE	X248	Milan Institute	Palm Desert
BPPE	X249	Milan Institute	Merced

BPPE	X924	National Career College, Inc.	Panorama City
BPPE	X218	North-West College - Glendale	Glendale
BPPE	X066	San Diego Dental Careers	San Diego
BPPE	X063	Santa Clarita School of Dental Assisting	Valencia
BPPE	X093	Southern California Orthodontic Assisting School	Corona
BPPE	X229	UEI College - Bakersfield	Bakersfield
BPPE	X234	Unitek College	Fremont
ACCJC	X508	Allan Hancock College	Santa Maria
ACCJC	X513	Chabot College	Hayward
ACCJC	X033	Fresno City College	Fresno
ACCJC	X025	Gavilan College	Gilroy
ACCJC	X217	Imperial Valley College	Imperial
ACCJC	X049	Lake Tahoe Community College	South Lake Tahoe
ACCJC	X527	Monterey Peninsula College	Monterey
ACCJC	X530	Reedley College	Reedley
ACCJC	X538	Santa Rosa Junior College	Santa Rosa
ACCJC	X222	West Los Angeles College	Culver City
WSCUC	X919	University of the Pacific	San Francisco
ACSWASC	X1004	ABC Adult School	Cerritos
ACSWASC	X010	Coastline ROP	Costa Mesa
ACSWASC	X045	College and Career Advantage	San Juan Capistrano
ACSWASC	X076	Downey Adult School	Downey
ACSWASC	X608	Eden Area ROP	Hayward
ACSWASC	X454	Hesperia Unified School District - Hesperia Adult School	Hesperia
ACSWASC	X086	Kern High School District ROP	Bakersfield
ACSWASC	X018	Lincoln Technical Academy ROP	Lodi
ACSWASC	X053	Marysville Adult School Dental Assistant Program	Marysville
ACSWASC	X495	North Orange County ROP	Fullerton
ACSWASC	X062	Norwalk La Mirada Adult School	Norwalk
ACSWASC	X067	San Bernardino County ROP	San Bernardino
ACSWASC	X903	Morongo Unified School District	Twentynine Palms
ACSWASC	X043	Santa Cruz County ROP	Santa Cruz
ACSWASC	X026	Silicon Valley Career Technical Education Center	San Jose
ACSWASC	X612	Southern California ROC	Torrance
ACSWASC	X223	Tri-Cities ROP	Whittier
ACSWASC	X226	Ventura County Office of Education ROP	Carmarillo
COE	X605	Butte County ROP	Chico
COE	X500	Mt. Diablo Adult Education / Loma Vista Center	Concord
COE	X038	Riverside County Office of Education	Indio
COE	X079	Riverside County Office of Education	Riverside
ACCET	X061	Summit Career College	Colton
PACE	X1010	International Academy of Implantology (IADI)	San Diego
PACE	X071	PDS Health	Rancho Cordova
PACE	X092	PDS Health	Northridge
PACE	X215	PDS Health	Irvine
PACE	X072	PDS Health	Tustin
PACE	X073	PDS Health	San Marcos
PACE	X1012	PDS Health	Upland

PACE	X256	Santa Barbara-Ventura County Dental Society	Camarillo
Not accredited	X1018	Academy of Evolution in Dental Assisting	Playa Vista
Not accredited	X259	Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy	Fresno
Not accredited	X228	American Dental & Medical Institute	Pasadena
Not accredited	X230	Bay Area Dental Assisting Institute	San Ramon
Not accredited	X041	Butte-Sierra Dental Society	Truckee
Not accredited	X048	Butte-Sierra Dental Society	Marysville
Not accredited	X895	California Dental Certifications	San Diego
Not accredited	X087	California Dental Educators	Granite Bay
Not accredited	X241	California Institute of Dental Education	Ventura
Not accredited	X084	Central California Dental Academy	Bakersfield
Not accredited	X1015	Continuing Education School for Dentistry	Anaheim
Not accredited	X1014	Dental Academy of California	San Jose
Not accredited	X1000	Dental Assisting School of San Pablo/Vacaville	San Pablo
Not accredited	X242	Dental Career Institute	Huntington Beach
Not accredited	X244	Expanded Functions Dental Assistant Association	Napa
Not accredited	X921	Frontier Dental Care	Concord
Not accredited	X1013	Global Dental	Van Nuys
Not accredited	X906	Health Quest Academy	Pasadena
Not accredited	X231	Healthcare Skills Development	San Gabriel
Not accredited	X901	Horizon College	Antioch
Not accredited	X091	iEducation	Sunnyvale
Not accredited	X999	Indigo Institute	Danville
Not accredited	X083	International Institute for Wellness	Los Angeles
Not accredited	X021	J Productions	Sacramento
Not accredited	X227	Kairos Career College	North Hollywood
Not accredited	X095	Lollipop Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics	Placentia
Not accredited	X904	Los Angeles Dental Society	Los Angeles
Not accredited	X225	Los Angeles School of Dental Assisting	Los Angeles
Not accredited	X027	Mission Trails Regional Occupational Center	Salinas
Not accredited	X872	My Dentist, School for Dental Assistants	Bell
Not accredited	X220	Naomi J. Wong, DDS	Placentia
Not accredited	X1019	OC Dental Academy	Rancho Santa Margarita
Not accredited	X1027	OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy of Merced	Atwater
Not accredited	X913	Ohanian Dental Corporation	Sherman Oaks
Not accredited	X059	Orange County Dental Careers	Westminster
Not accredited	X246	Orange County Dental Institute	Tustin
Not accredited	X016	Professional Dental Enterprises	San Diego
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Not accredited	X916	Redwood City Dental Institute	Redwood City
Not accredited	X925	Rockstar Dental Institute	Rocklin
Not accredited	X039	San Francisco Dental Society- UOP facilities	San Francisco
Not accredited	X1009	Sugarbug Dental and Orthodontics	Oxnard
Not accredited	X897	The Valley School for Dental Assisting	Encino
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Unknown	X040	Butte-Sierra Dental Society	Grass Valley
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Unknown	X023	Central Sierra ROP / Dental Careers Program	El Dorado
Unknown	X068	Dental Care Institute	Glendora
Unknown	X022	Dental Career Systems	Antioch
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Unknown	X012b	Dental Dynamic Services	Reseda
Unknown	X011	Dental Pros	Temecula
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Unknown	X036	Desert Career College	Palm Springs
Unknown	X239	Fullerton Dental Assistant School	Fullerton
Unknown	X413	Galen College	Fresno
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Unknown	X1026	OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy of La Crescenta	La Crescenta
Unknown	X070	Pacific Dental Services - Riverside	Riverside
Unknown	X1001	Richard Chang, DDS	Alhambra
Unknown	X034	San Juan Unified School District	Sacramento
Unknown	X914	San Mateo County Office of Education	Burlingame
Unknown	X015	Santa Ana Unified School District	Santa Ana
Unknown	X1021	Serving Our Smiles	Chatsworth
Unknown	X232	SF Valley Dental Assisting School	North Hollywood
Unknown	X455	Shasta Trinity ROP	Redding
Unknown	X896	Surface Warfare Medicine Institute	San Diego
Unknown	X243	Temecula Dental Assistant School of Radiology	Temecula
Unknown	X233	The Foundation for Allied Dental Education, LLC (FADE)	El Dorado
Unknown	X926	The OP Dental Learning Community	Tustin
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Unknown	X1023	Triumph University	Westminster
Unknown	X922	Tzu Chi Dental Institute	South El Monte
Unknown	X009	United Cambodian Community Inc.	Long Beach
Unknown	X1022	Vacaville Pediatric Dentistry	Vacaville
Unknown	X089	Wayne I. Kodama Institute of Dental Assisting	Fresno
Unknown	X1017	Wow! Smiles	Santa Rosa

Ultrasonic Scaling			
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ACSWASC	US018	Hesperia Unified School District - Hesperia Adult School	Hesperia
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Not accredited	US047	OC Dental Course	Mission Viejo
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Unknown	US040	Dental Advantage	Newhall
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Unknown	US042	Dental Advantage	San Jose
Unknown	US043	Dental Advantage	San Luis Obispo
Unknown	US044	Dental Advantage	Sunnyvale
Unknown	US010	Dental Pros	Temecula
Unknown	US035	Esthetic Partners Dental Group	Pico Rivera
Unknown	US030	Rocklin Dental Whispers	Rocklin

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 23, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Tina Vallery, Division Chief Dental Assisting and License and Program Compliance Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 8.a.: Presentation on Dental Assistant Examinations – Dental Assisting National Board

Background

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

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

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

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

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The Dental Assisting National board (DANB) provides credentialing services to the dental community and is a national certification board for dental assistants. DANB offers numerous Dental Assistant Certifications that include National Entry Level Dental Assistant; Certified Dental Assistant; Certified Orthodontic Assistant; Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant; and Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant.

DANB also offers examinations in Radiation Health and Safety, Infection Control, General Chairside Assisting, Orthodontic Assisting, Sealants, Coronal Polishing, Topical Fluoride, Impressions, Temporaries, and Restorative Functions.

At the August 10, 2022, Dental Assisting Council Meeting, DANB provided a presentation to the Council regarding their dental auxiliary examinations and certifications after Board staff identified inefficiencies in the regulations for approving, inspecting, and evaluating RDA and RDAEF educational programs and courses and recent trends suggesting a decline of licensed dental auxiliaries.

The Council was asked to review dental auxiliary educational requirements to determine if legislative or regulatory amendments may improve dental auxiliary licensure, education and/or licensure portability, and Board program/course approval.

Board staff have asked DANB to return to provide a more detailed overview of the examinations, specifically, the examination content, accessibility and availability, cost, and available language options for the following exams:

1. Infection Control – A knowledge-based exam to ensure that individuals meet the minimum national standard for knowledge-based competence in dental infection prevention and control tasks critical to the health and safety of patients and oral healthcare workers.
2. Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) – An exam to ensure that individuals meet the minimum national standard for knowledge-based competence in radiation health and safety tasks critical to the health and safety of patients and oral healthcare workers. The RHS exam is offered in both English and Spanish and tests on digital radiography only. No conventional, film-based concepts have been tested on the RHS exam since July 7, 2022.
3. Coronal Polishing – An exam to ensure that individuals meet the minimum national standard for knowledge-based competence in coronal polishing critical to the health and safety of patients and oral healthcare workers. The Coronal Polishing exam is offered in both English and Spanish.
4. Sealants – An exam to ensure that individuals meet the minimum national standard for knowledge-based competence in application of sealants.

Action Requested

No action requested.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 25, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Christy Bell, Interim Executive Officer Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9.: Update on Registered Dental Assistant General Written Law and Ethics Examination

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. At the Dental Assisting Council's (Council) May 14, 2024 meeting, the Committee presented a June 5, 2024 memorandum from the Department of Consumer Affairs, Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) on the Registered Dental Assistant General and Law and Ethics Written Examination Pass Rates (May 14, 2024 Council Meeting Materials, [Agenda Item 8](#)). The June 5, 2024 OPES memorandum recommended the following:

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 would be reflected in the examination beginning May 2024. OPES was coordinating with the test administration vendor to ensure candidates were provided with the updated examination outline when they registered to take the examination. OPES recommended 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 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 was enacted, OPES recommended that the Board reduce the number of items on the examination from 125 scorable items to 100 items. Fewer items would help reduce barriers to licensure, while maintaining the reliability of the examination.

The Board's Dental Assisting Exams rulemaking to update the Board's dental assisting examinations, which included OPES's recommendations, was approved by the Board at its November 2023 meeting and went into effect on November 20, 2024. Among other things, the rulemaking amended California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1018, to require an RDA license applicant to achieve a criterion-referenced passing score on the

Registered Dental Assistant Combined Law and Ethics Examination (RDA Written Examination) based on the modified Angoff standard setting method. The rulemaking also amended CCR, title 16, section 1018 to update the content areas, tasks, and associated knowledge statements recommended by OPES, incorporated by reference to the Occupational Analysis of the Registered Dental Assistant Profession, dated June 2023. The rulemaking made similar amendments for registered dental assistant in extended functions license applicants in CCR, title 16, section 1081.2, orthodontic assistant permit applicants in CCR, title 16, section 1081.3, and dental sedation assistant permit applicants in CCR, title 16, section 1981.4.

To complete OPES's prior recommendations, beginning November 1, 2025, the RDA Written Examination will be reduced from 125 scorable items to 100 scorable items. OPES recommended that candidates continue to be given 3 hours to complete the examination.

As discussed in more detail in the attached June 20, 2025 OPES memorandum, OPES further recommends using the Item Response Theory (IRT) to assist in examination construction and setting passing scores for the RDA Written Examination beginning with the May 1, 2025 administration.

The Angoff standard setting method is a judgment-based method of setting a criterion-referenced passing score. It incorporates subject matter expert judgement in determining whether a minimally competent candidate would answer each question on an examination correctly. IRT uses the Angoff value that is determined for a base examination and incorporates statistics using that original Angoff to set passing scores for subsequent equated examinations. The passing scores remain based on the Angoff method, but also incorporates statistics for greater precision.

Action Requested

This item is information only. No action is needed.

Attachment

OPES Update on Registered Dental Assistant General and Law and Ethics Written Examination Memorandum, dated July 29, 2025

MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 29, 2025
TO	Christy Bell, Interim Executive Officer Dental Board of California
FROM	<i>Karen Okicich</i> Karen Okicich, Research Data Supervisor II Office of Professional Examination Services
SUBJECT	Update on Registered Dental Assistant General and Law and Ethics Written Examination

The Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) has worked with the Dental Board of California (Board) since 2018 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.

As part of ongoing program evaluation, OPES has performed analyses of the RDA Written Examination. As a result of these analyses, OPES made recommendations to current development processes, which have been accepted.

These recommendations will benefit candidates by reducing artificial barriers to practice and will help reduce development costs, while maintaining the validity of the examination.

Number of Examination Items Recommendation

As a result of statistical analyses, OPES has determined that the number of items included on the RDA Written Examination should be reduced from 125 scorable items to 100 scorable items. The number of pretest items should remain at 25 to assist with validating items before they become operational. OPES recommended that candidates continue to be given 3 hours to complete the examination.

Consistent with communications with the former executive officer, the reduction of items will occur with the next examination form beginning November 1, 2025.

Passing Score Recommendation

The passing score for the RDA Written Examination is set using a modified Angoff procedure. The Angoff is a judgement-based method of setting a criterion-referenced passing score that incorporates subject matter expert judgement in determining whether a minimally competent candidate would answer each question on an examination correctly.

OPES recommends that, where indicated, Department of Consumer Affairs programs incorporate Item Response Theory (IRT) to assist in setting passing scores. IRT is a psychometric model that uses performance data along with a passing score established through an Angoff procedure to develop statistically equated examination forms and to apply the same passing score standard across multiple examination forms. The passing scores remain based on the Angoff Method, but also incorporates statistics for greater psychometric precision.

OPES performed analyses of the RDA Written Examination from 2018 to 2024 to determine if the examination program was a candidate for using IRT modeling. The result of these analyses indicated that the RDA Written Examination meets the requisite criteria. Therefore, OPES recommended using IRT to assist in examination construction and setting passing scores for the RDA Written Examination beginning with the May 1, 2025, administration.

If you have questions about these psychometric recommendations, I can be reached at (916) 574-7596.

cc: Heidi Lincer, PhD, OPES Chief



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 24, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council)
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 10.: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Pending Legislation

a. Assembly Bill [\(AB\) 873](#) (Alanis, 2025) Dentistry: Dental Assistants

Introduced: February 19, 2025

Last Amended: July 9, 2025

Location: Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

Status: Two-year bill. Hearing canceled at the request of author

Summary: As amended on July 9, 2025, AB 873, sponsored by the California Dental Association (CDA), would amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1725 to establish a maximum \$300 fee cap for review of each approval application or reevaluation for a course provided pursuant to BPC sections 1753.52 (interim therapeutic restorations and radiographic decisionmaking (ITR/RDM course)), 1754.5 (radiation safety course), and 1755 (electronic infection control course). Board staff note the amendments to BPC section 1725 would not resolve the Board's implementation issues with the ITR/RDM, radiation safety course, and electronic infection control course raised during the Board's November 2024 and February 2025 meetings as the application fee maximums do not reflect the actual costs to the Board to review and evaluate the ITR/RDM and radiation safety course applications (\$7,330) and electronic infection control course (\$1,350), or include the Board's request to increase the other dental assisting course fee maximum to \$8,000.

The bill would amend BPC section 1750 to change the deadline for a dental assistant to successfully complete a Board-approved eight-hour course in infection control. Pursuant to the Board's Sunset bill (Senate Bill (SB) 1453 (Ashby, Ch. 483, Stats. 2024)), as of January 1, 2025, a dental assistant must successfully complete an infection control course prior to performing any basic supportive dental procedures involving potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials. AB 837 would require

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the infection control course to be completed on or before 60 days from the date of first employment at the dental office, and require the employer of a dental assistant to provide bloodborne pathogen training, as specified, prior to the dental assistant's potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials and annually thereafter. The Board discussed the proposed amendments submitted by CDA to the infection control course deadline requirement, but the Board took no position on those amendments.

The bill also would specify the infection control course completed by the dental assistant must be a Board-approved eight-hour course as part of a Board-approved registered dental assisting education program, a stand-alone course approved by the Board pursuant to regulation, or a course with six hours of didactic instruction and at least two hours of laboratory instruction using video or a series of video training tools, all of which may be delivered using asynchronous, synchronous, or online learning mechanisms or a combination thereof, that is approved by the Board pursuant to the requirements in BPC section 1755.

AB 873 also would make technical corrections to BPC section 1750.1 (dental assistant duties) citations and 1753.52 (ITR/RDM course). The bill would amend BPC sections 1753 and 1753.5 to correct registered dental assistant in extended function (RDAEF) duties as requested by the Board at its May 2025 meeting.

The bill would amend BPC sections 1754.5 and 1755 to incorporate the Board's requested course curriculum and application process amendments approved by the Board at its February 2025 meeting, as negotiated with the author's office and sponsor.

The Board approved several other legislative proposals at its November 2024 and February 2025 meetings to resolve other SB 1453 issues. Board staff worked with the author's office and CDA to incorporate the Board's amendments in AB 873, including:

- Amending BPC sections 1628 and 1633 regarding dentist licensure requirements;
- Amending BPC section 1635.5 regarding licensure by credential pathway requirements;
- Amending BPC section 1638.1 regarding elective facial cosmetic surgery (EFCS) Permits; and
- Amending BPC section 1724 to remove the application fee for the portfolio pathway that was previously repealed.

However, these aforementioned amendments approved at the November 2024 and 2025 meetings were not included in the July 9, 2025, version of the bill.

Background and Discussion:

On February 19, 2025, AB 873 was introduced and would have amended BPC section 1750 and repealed BPC section 1755. The Board's Assistant Executive Officer contacted the author's office to see if they would be willing to include in AB 873 the Board's legislative cleanup proposals approved in November 2024 and February 2025. The bill's author, Assemblymember Alanis, agreed to include the Board's amendments, and the Board's Assistant Executive Officer, staff, and Counsel worked with the author's office and the California Dental Association (CDA) on amendments to the bill.

CDA and the author's office continued to work with the Board to draft amendments to AB 873 that included the Board's legislative cleanup proposals. At its May 14-15, 2025 meeting, the Board voted to take a Support if Amended position to include the Board's additional legislative proposals to resolve SB 1453 issues. On May 23, 2025, the Board sent a Support if Amended position letter to Assemblymember Alanis.

On July 9, 2025, the bill was amended and included only ITR/RDM, radiation safety, and electronic infection control course amendments; the bill's title was revised from "Dentistry: dental assistants: infection control course" to "Dentistry: dental assistants." On July 14, 2025, the author pulled the bill from hearing, making it a two-year bill. To continue to move through the legislative process, AB 873 likely must be heard by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee by January 2026. It is unclear at this time what would be necessary, such as additional amendments, for the bill to successfully pass out of that Committee.

Board Impact: Until the ITR/RDM, radiation safety, and electronic infection control course and related fee statutes are amended to resolve the previously identified implementation issues, these courses cannot yet be approved by the Board for course providers to offer to students.

Board Position: At its May 14-15, 2025, meeting, the Board voted to take a Support if Amended position.

Action Requested: The Council is asked to discuss, if needed, and consider the update provided.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 23, 2025
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 11.a: Status Update on Pending Regulations

Background

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

Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control

Summary of Proposed Changes:

A summary of the proposed changes can be found within the [May 14-15, 2025 Board meeting materials](#).

Update:

The proposed text was approved by the Dental Board at its May 14-15, 2025, Board meeting. Board staff submitted the proposed text to the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) for review and consensus.

At its meeting on July 19, 2025, the DHBC approved the Dental Board's approved text, and thereby reached consensus with the Board. Board staff will take the necessary steps to begin the rulemaking process.

Action Requested

This item is informational only. No action is requested.