



**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
May 13, 2026**

**Council Members**

Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Chair  
De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA, Vice Chair  
Jessica Gerlach, RDA, OA  
Lilia Larin, DDS  
Cara Miyasaki, RDA, RDHEF, MS  
Rosalinda Olague, RDA  
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 11123, subdivision (a), at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the following location:**

Hilton Anaheim  
777 W. Convention Way (Fourth Floor, Huntington Room)  
Anaheim, CA 92802  
(714) 750-4321 (Hotel)  
(916) 263-2300 or (877) 729-7789 (Board Office)

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda **[4]**  
*Note: The Council may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this Public Comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11122.5, 11125, and 11125.3)*
3. Discussion and Possible Action on February 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes **[5-12]**
4. Council Chair Report **[13]**
5. Executive Officer Report **[14]**
6. Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics **[15-18]**
  - a. Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examinations

- b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions General Written Examination
  - c. Orthodontic Assistant Written Examination
  - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Written Examination
7. Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics **[19-30]**
    - 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
  8. Update and Discussion on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals and Re-Evaluations **[31-38]**
  9. Update and Discussion on Proposed Regulations **[39]**
    - a. Update on Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control
  10. Update and Discussion on Legislation **[40-45]**
    - a. Assembly Bill [\(AB\) 873](#) (Alanis, 2025) Dentistry: Dental Assistants
    - b. [AB 1760](#) (Arambula, 2026) Dentistry
    - c. Senate Bill [\(SB\) 1445](#) (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, 2026)
    - d. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 1684.5, 1741, 1750, 1750.1, and 1752.4 Regarding Dental Auxiliaries – Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant Duties Working Group
    - e. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Sections 1628.7, 1686, 1718.2, and 1718.3 Regarding Probationary Licenses, Petitions for Reinstatement, Termination, or Modification of Penalty, and Cancelled Licenses and Permits
  11. Adjournment

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## MEMORANDUM

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|----------------|--|
| <b>DATE</b>    | April 17, 2026   |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council                            |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst<br>Dental Board of California |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 2.:</b> Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda   |

**Notes**



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### DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 5, 2026

Pursuant to Government Code section 11122.5, subdivision (a), the Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met in-person with additional public participation available by teleconference/WebEx Events on Thursday, February 5, 2026, with the following location available for Council and public member participation:

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

#### Members Present:

Jeri Fowler, RDAEF, OA, Chair  
De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA, 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:

Bryce W.A. Docherty, MPA, Executive Officer  
Christy Bell, Assistant Executive Officer  
Jodi Ortiz, Chief of Licensing and Examination Division  
Paige Ragali, Chief of Administration and Compliance  
Tina Vallery, Chief of License and Program Compliance and Dental Assisting  
Jessica Olney, Anesthesia Unit Manager  
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager  
Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist  
Juan Pitta, Investigator  
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst  
Joseph Tippins, Investigator  
Alex Cristescu, Television Specialist, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)  
David Bouilly, Facilitator and Strategic Planner, Strategic Organizational Leadership and Individual Development (SOLID), DCA  
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, DCA

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

Council Chair Jeri Fowler called the meeting to order at 8:33 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.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on November 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Smith/Gerlach) to approve the November 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

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

Chair Fowler called for the vote on the 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: Council Chair Report

Chair Fowler reported that it is her hope to make 2026 the year of remarkable positive changes that benefit dental assistants and the dentistry profession as a whole. She stated that at the November 6, 2025 Council meeting, the formation of two working groups was announced to review the statutes and regulations related to duties of the dental assisting profession. Council Member Rosalinda Olague and Council Member Jessica Gerlach were assigned to the Dental Assistant (DA) and the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) Working Group while Council Member Carie Smith and Chair Fowler were assigned to the RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF) Working Group. Chair Fowler noted that Board staff chose to work with the DA and RDA working group first and voiced that they would be presenting their report at the February 2026 Council meeting. Additionally, she noted that Board staff will soon be working with the RDAEF Working Group with the goal of presenting that report at the May Council meeting.

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

Agenda Item 5: Executive Officer Report

Bryce Docherty congratulated Council Member Olague and Council Member Lilia Larin on their recent reappointments to the Board and election as Board Vice President and

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President, respectively. Mr. Docherty noted that in his capacity as Executive Officer of the Board, he has attended some additional noteworthy meetings and engagement since the last Board meeting. On December 6, he met with Anthony Lum, Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) Executive Officer, at Board headquarters to discuss ongoing strategic alliance and tradition of attending each other's board meetings. On December 9, he and Board Member Steven Chan attended the DCA quarterly Board Leadership meeting hosted by former and now retired DCA Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer. On December 17, he and Board Member Chan attended the DCA Health Board Controlled Substance Joint Forum hosted by the California State Board of Pharmacy at Sacramento State University. On December 19 and January 8, he attended DCA Executive Officer Onboarding workshops at DCA headquarters. With an extensive background in legislative advocacy in and around the State Capitol, Mr. Docherty stated that he has been spending a considerable amount of time assessing the status of Board positions and priorities on several legislative matters, many of which affect RDAs, dental assistants, and those in extended function. Additionally, he has been reintroducing himself to members of the California Legislature and legislative staff in his new capacity as Executive Officer of the Board. He has been working with Assembly Member Juaquin Arambula of Fresno to author a Board-sponsored cleanup bill, some of which applies to dental assisting.

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

Agenda Item 6: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

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

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

Agenda Item 7: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

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

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

Agenda Item 8: 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.

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

Agenda Item 9.: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 1684.5,

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1741, 1750, 1750.1, and 1752.4 Regarding Dental Auxiliaries – Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant Duties Working Group

Council Member Gerlach and Ms. Vallery provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Council Member Cara Miyasaki noted that on page 41, fourth bullet down talks about the certificate of completion and voiced that she noticed that in the next agenda item 10(a) of the meeting packet, it references the certificate for the continuing education (CE) course providers and that they have to mention the authority of which the course has been approved. Since there are different pathways, she wonders whether it would be a good idea to mention which pathway on the certificate that the student graduated from. Ms. Vallery responded that the legislative proposal in agenda item 10 is intended as the cleanup bill that Mr. Docherty had mentioned in his report, and that bill is going to be handled separately from this proposal.

Council Member Miyasaki conveyed that for a manner of consistency if we are asking for certificates of completion with all the information, as one is saying to state the pathway that the student went through and the other one does not, request that. Ms. Vallery responded that she is certain that the CE that Council Member Miyasaki is referring to has to do with the virtual infection control course, and because that course is being proposed to only be accepted not for licensure, that is why that provision was added to that particular course requirement. Ms. Miyasaki stated that she does not want to apply that provision to all of the other courses because it would not be necessary.

Council Member Miyasaki noted that on page 43, under the fourth bullet where it references chairside supervision, she wonders whether it was a good idea to have a definition of what chairside supervision actually is. She added that some dental offices have closed rooms, and some have open bays where there may be four pediatric chairs in a row. Ms. Vallery responded that they discussed that as part of the working group, and they felt that each of those particular items were long-standing items. They merely moved them into a section where each one describes the role of the dentist. Therefore, they felt it was sufficient with what it had in it. Council Member Olague added that she interprets it as the dentist has to be chairside. Council Member Gerlach stated that she believes they were going to discuss some type of description or definition saying that it would be at the specific chairside of the patient. Ms. Vallery responded that on page 54 of the meeting materials, section (b) has three duties that are listed for chairside and added that these were just moved into this section to order them in the highest level of supervision to the lowest. So, these are existing chairside responsibilities. Ms. Vallery noted that there are only three duties listed that require the chairside supervision. Therefore, she believes that with the three duties listed, it was very clear what that meant and what it entailed.

Council Member Smith voiced that for clarification, referencing line number one, a dentist tries in a patient's appliance and then he has to sit at the chairside while the assistant tells the patient how to clean it and when to wear it. She expressed that seems

unrealistic in a dental office if the dentist has to stay at the chairside while the assistant delivers the instructions of how to care for it, how to clean it, when to wear it, and when not to wear it. Ms. Vallery responded that this is existing language, and because there was mention of the dentist being directly involved in the care with the patient in this particular procedure, that is why it was placed into this section. The only other two sections are direct supervision and general supervision, which do not require the dentist to be with the patient. Therefore, they felt this was the appropriate place to put it since there is direct involvement with the dentist.

Council Member Olague voiced that she believes the stakeholders were in agreement with this.

Council Member Larin agreed with Council Member Smith that the dentist does not need to be there during the instructions and requested that be removed.

Tara Welch noted on page 55 of the meeting materials, paragraph (12) of BPC section 1750.1, new subdivision (c), was proposed to be stricken and was the duty proposed to be a chairside duty under subdivision (b)(1). She stated that paragraph (1) under subdivision (b) could be stricken from chairside duties, unstrike paragraph (12) under subdivision (c), and the duty would continue to be a direct supervision duty.

(M/S/C) (Epps-Robbins/Miyasaki) to recommend to the Board the legislative proposal in Attachment 1, as revised during this meeting to strike, on page 54, paragraph (1) from BPC section 1750.1, subdivision (b), and restore paragraph (12) under subdivision (c), for submission to the California State Legislature to amend BPC sections 1684.5, 1741, 1750, 1750.1, and 1752.4 regarding dental auxiliaries.

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

Chair Fowler called for the vote on the motion. Ms. 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.

Agenda Item 10: Update, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Legislative Proposals

Agenda Item 10.a.: Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Sections 1621, 1628, 1633, 1635.5, 1638.1, 1724, 1750.1, 1753, 1753.5, 1754.5, and 1755, and Repeal BPC Section 1632.6 Regarding Dentistry

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

Council Member Smith noted that on page 79 of the meeting materials, paragraph (6) states, "Passage of a written examination administered by the board, or its designee". She inquired whether that means that we are allowing permission to move testing from the Board to a non-Board designee, such as the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). Mr. Docherty responded that this was a change that came back from legislative staff in which they felt that the way the current language was written was confusing. He stated that if you read the section as it pertains to existing law, it reads "Passage of a written examination administered by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the Board." Mr. Docherty stated the section as currently read is an exam administered by the Board if the Board designates that they can administer the exam. Therefore, the Board does have the option to allow a designee to administer the exam.

Ms. Vallery expressed that previously the EF exam had a clinical and practical, and with the elimination of that, the Board no longer administers those exams; the administrator of the written exam is PSI.

Council Member Miyasaki inquired whether the term "supervising licensed dentist" is to be used throughout the document. She mentioned that on page 77, [BPC section 1750.1,] subdivision (b) states, "A dental assistant may perform the following duties under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist" and asked whether that should be "supervising licensed dentist." Ms. Vallery responded that the changes that are being made to that legislative proposal are proposed to be part of either the sunset bill or after this bill would go into effect. She added that this language was previously approved, and discussions had not happened at that time about changing the term. Therefore, if this goes into effect in 2027, the change to the term would not go into effect until or unless the legislative proposal the Council went over and agenda item 9 gets approved and becomes law.

(M/S/C) (Smith/Larin) to recommend to the Dental Board of California for submission to the California State Legislature the legislative proposal in Attachment 1 to amend Business and Professions Code sections 1621, 1628, 1633, 1635.5, 1638.1, 1724, 1750.1, 1753, 1753.5, 1754.5, and 1755, and repeal Business and Professions Code section 1632.6 regarding dentistry.

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

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Tooka Zokaie, representing California Dental Association (CDA), shared that Assembly Bill (AB) 873 (Alanis, 2025) is very similar to what is being proposed and noted that if this moves forward and with Arambula as the author of this proposal, then CDA is also supportive of that change happening and pulling back on AB 873. She noted that CDA continues to work with the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and expressed that CDA is supportive of this proposal as well. They do not want it to be duplicative with AB 873, so that would be pulled back.

Shari Becker, representing the Alliance, noted that the Alliance, in regard to page 85 of the meeting materials, would still like to express their concerns with the 8-hour infection control course being offered in a total virtual setting with the hands-on clinical experience [BPC section 1755, subdivision (b)(3)], possibly as an option to be eliminated. She conveyed that the Alliance still supports that hands-on option with the infection control 8-hour course.

Chair Fowler called for the vote on the motion. Ms. 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.

Agenda Item 10.b.: Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Sections 1628.7, 1686, 1718.2, and 1718.3 Regarding Probationary Licenses, Petitions for Reinstatement, Termination, or Modification of Penalty, and Cancelled Licenses and Permits

Paige Ragali provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Ms. Welch noted Board staff recommended the Council revise the legislative proposal in Attachment 1, page 4 of the handout, page 98 of the meeting materials, to strike the entire third paragraph [beginning with “A petition under this section . . . .”]. She stated that whole paragraph would be incorporated on page 3 of the handout, page 97 of the meeting materials, in new subdivision (c), paragraphs (1) through (3). Ms. Ragali added that subdivision (k) [on page 4 of the handout, page 98 of the meeting materials] would be relettered as subdivision (j).

(M/S/C) (Miyasaki/Epps-Robbins) to recommend to the Board the legislative proposal in Attachment 1 to amend Business and Professions Code sections 1628.7, 1686, 1718.2, and 1718.3 to clarify the probationary license, petition for reinstatement, termination, or modification of penalty, and cancelled license and permit processes and requirements,

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as revised during this meeting on page 98 of the meeting materials to strike the whole third paragraph and to reletter subdivision (k) as subdivision (j).

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

Chair Fowler called for the vote on the motion. Ms. 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.

#### Agenda Item 11: Update and Discussion on Proposed Regulations

##### Agenda Item 11.a.: Update on Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control

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

Mr. Docherty stated the Board has a very august regulatory package agenda for 2026. Starting in May, the Board will most likely have three regulatory packages for consideration and approval. In addition to their assertive legislative agenda, the Board also has a very assertive rulemaking agenda. Mr. Docherty stated that this year alone, the Board has the goal of publishing five rulemaking packages, which leaves it with potentially 10 rulemaking packages in 2027.

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

#### Agenda Item 12: Adjournment

Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.



## MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE</b>    | April 17, 2026   |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council                            |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst<br>Dental Board of California |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 4.:</b> Council Chair Report                        |

### **Background**

Ms. Jeri Fowler, Chair of the Dental Assisting Council, will provide an update on Council activities.

### **Action Requested**

No action required.



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| <b>DATE</b>    | April 17, 2026   |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council                            |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst<br>Dental Board of California |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 5.:</b> Executive Officer Report                    |

**Background**

Bryce W.A. Docherty, MPA, Executive Officer of the Dental Board of California, will provide a verbal report.

**Action Requested**

No action required.



# MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE</b>    | April 9, 2026   |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council                                     |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager<br>Dental Board of California |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 6.:</b> Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics    |

## Background

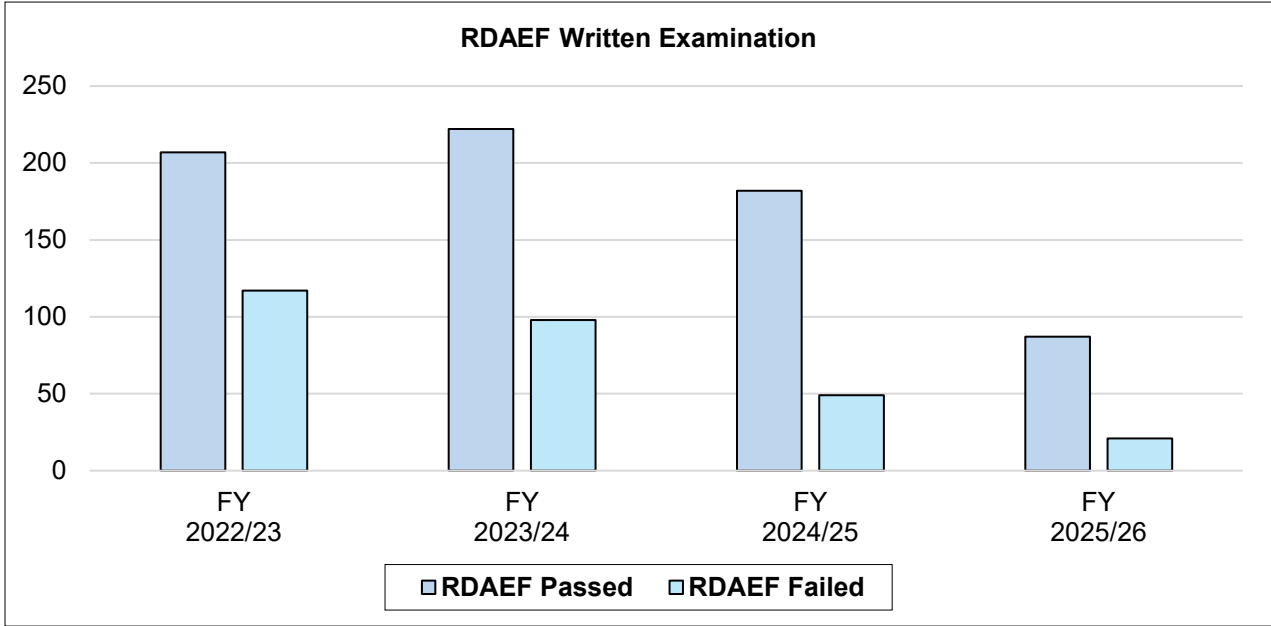
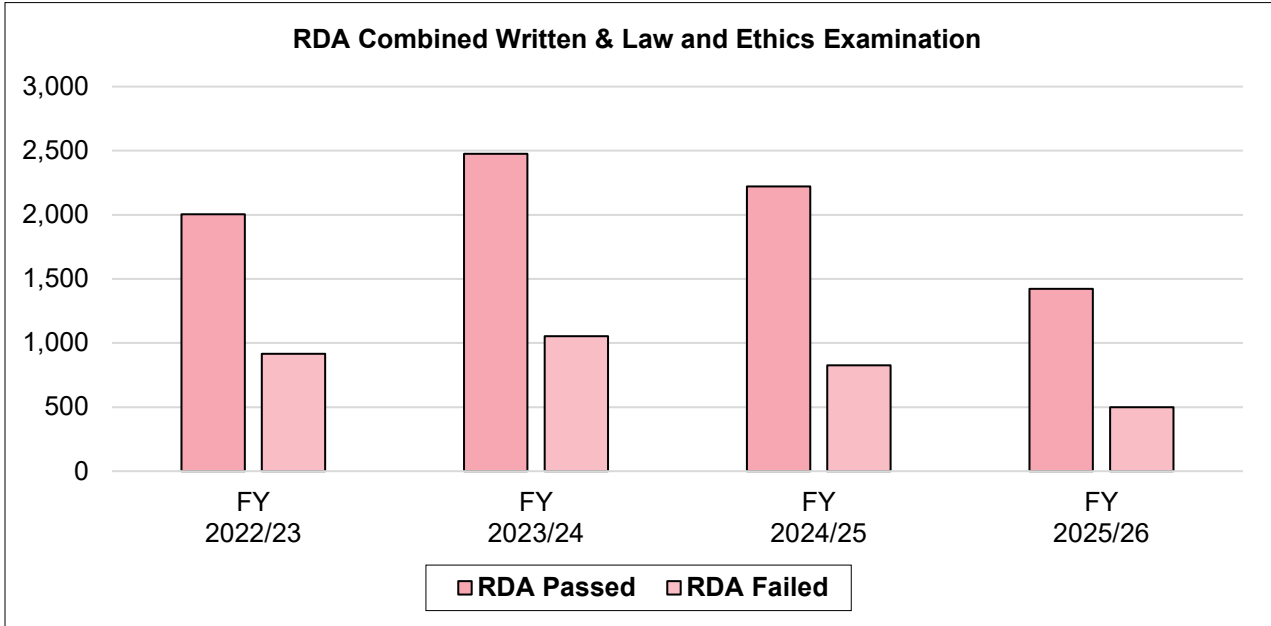
The following table provides the examination statistics for candidates who attempted dental assisting examinations in fiscal years (FY) 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 through March.

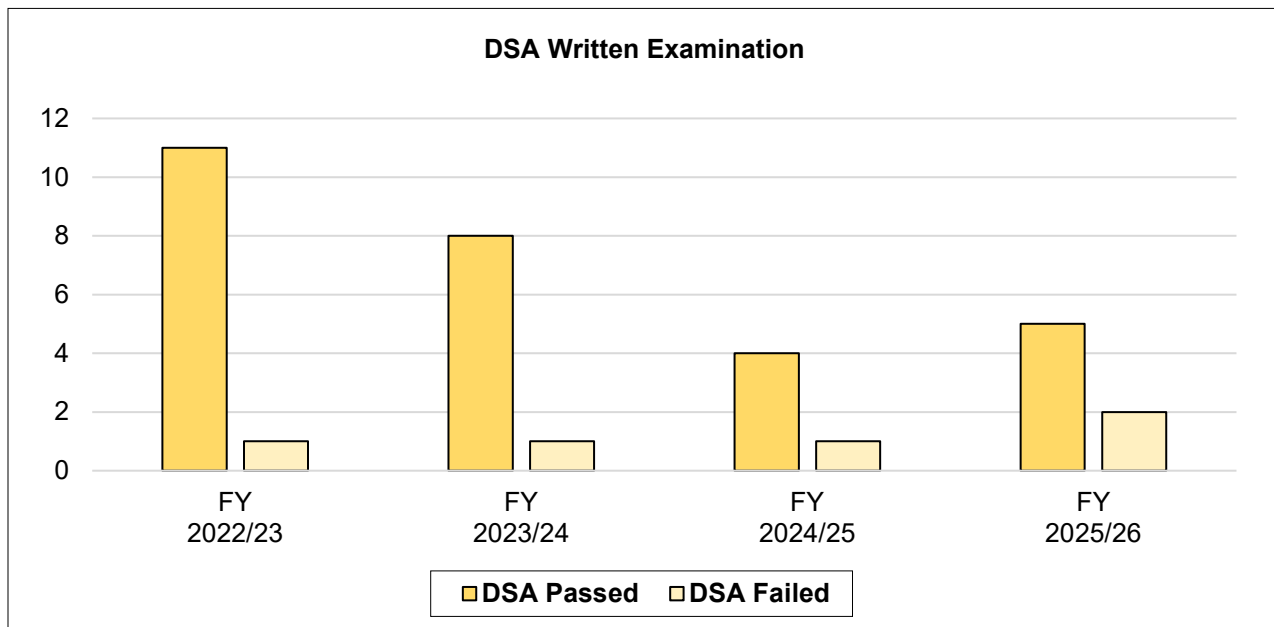
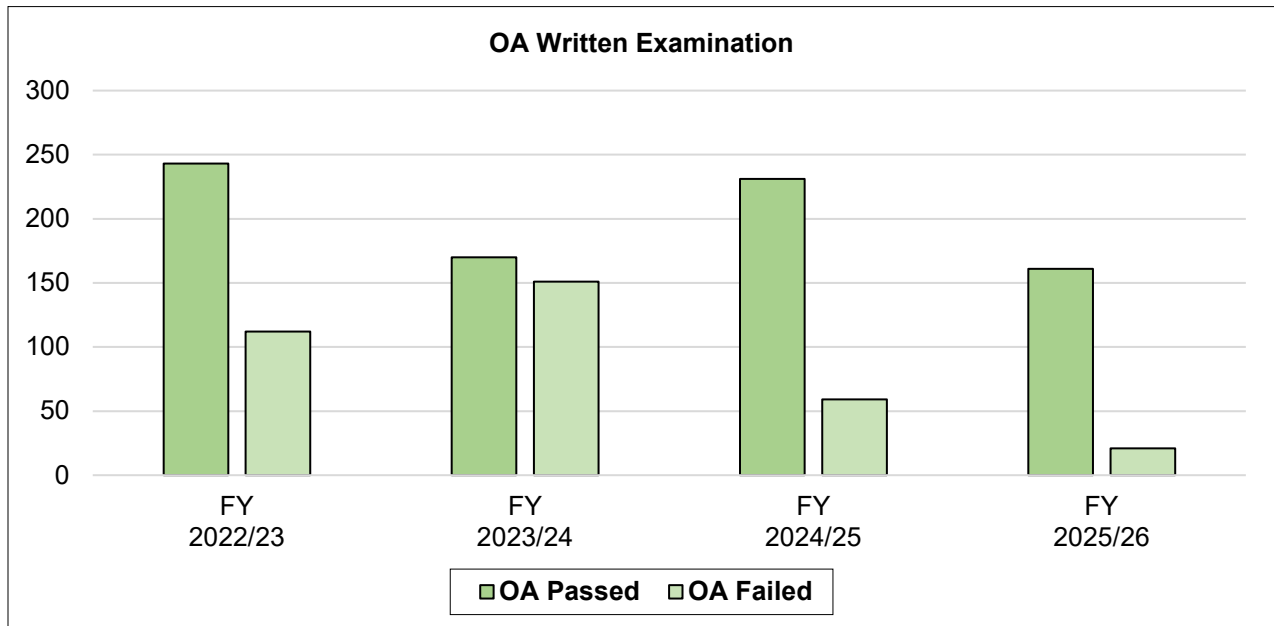
| License Type              |                                  | RDA          | RDAEF      | OA         | DSA        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FY 2025/26                | Total 1st Time Candidates Tested | 1,424        | 86         | 156        | 5          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass         | 1,211        | 75         | 148        | 3          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass %       | 85%          | 87%        | 95%        | 60%        |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail         | 213          | 11         | 8          | 2          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail %       | 15%          | 13%        | 5%         | 40%        |
|                           | Total Repeat Candidates Tested   | 499          | 22         | 26         | 2          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass           | 212          | 12         | 15         | 2          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass %         | 42%          | 55%        | 58%        | 100%       |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail           | 287          | 10         | 11         | 0          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail %         | 58%          | 45%        | 42%        | 0%         |
|                           | Total Candidates Tested          | <b>1,923</b> | <b>108</b> | <b>182</b> | <b>7</b>   |
|                           | Total Candidates Passed          | <b>1,423</b> | <b>87</b>  | <b>163</b> | <b>5</b>   |
|                           | Total Candidates Pass %          | <b>74%</b>   | <b>81%</b> | <b>90%</b> | <b>71%</b> |
|                           | Total Candidates Failed          | <b>500</b>   | <b>21</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>2</b>   |
| Total Candidates Failed % | <b>26%</b>                       | <b>19%</b>   | <b>10%</b> | <b>29%</b> |            |
| FY 2024/25                | Total 1st Time Candidates Tested | 2,251        | 166        | 212        | 3          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass         | 1,871        | 148        | 187        | 3          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass %       | 83%          | 89%        | 88%        | 100%       |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail         | 380          | 18         | 25         | 0          |

Agenda Item 6.: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics  
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|                           |                                  |              |            |            |            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail %       | 17%          | 11%        | 12%        | 0%         |
|                           | Total Repeat Candidates Tested   | 795          | 65         | 78         | 2          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass           | 349          | 34         | 44         | 1          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass %         | 44%          | 52%        | 56%        | 50%        |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail           | 446          | 31         | 34         | 1          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail %         | 56%          | 48%        | 44%        | 50%        |
|                           | Total Candidates Tested          | <b>3,046</b> | <b>231</b> | <b>290</b> | <b>5</b>   |
|                           | Total Candidates Passed          | <b>2,220</b> | <b>182</b> | <b>231</b> | <b>4</b>   |
|                           | Total Candidates Pass %          | <b>73%</b>   | <b>79%</b> | <b>80%</b> | <b>80%</b> |
|                           | Total Candidates Failed          | <b>826</b>   | <b>49</b>  | <b>59</b>  | <b>1</b>   |
|                           | Total Candidates Failed %        | <b>27%</b>   | <b>21%</b> | <b>20%</b> | <b>20%</b> |
| FY 2023/24                | Total 1st Time Candidates Tested | 2,466        | 213        | 171        | 8          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass         | 1,973        | 176        | 123        | 7          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass %       | 80%          | 83%        | 72%        | 88%        |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail         | 493          | 37         | 48         | 1          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail %       | 20%          | 17%        | 28%        | 13%        |
|                           | Total Repeat Candidates Tested   | 1,065        | 107        | 150        | 1          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass           | 504          | 46         | 47         | 1          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass %         | 47%          | 43%        | 31%        | 100%       |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail           | 561          | 61         | 103        | 0          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail %         | 53%          | 57%        | 69%        | 0%         |
|                           | Total Candidates Tested          | <b>3,531</b> | <b>320</b> | <b>321</b> | <b>9</b>   |
|                           | Total Candidates Passed          | <b>2,477</b> | <b>222</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>8</b>   |
|                           | Total Candidates Pass %          | <b>70%</b>   | <b>69%</b> | <b>53%</b> | <b>89%</b> |
|                           | Total Candidates Failed          | <b>1,054</b> | <b>98</b>  | <b>151</b> | <b>1</b>   |
| Total Candidates Failed % | <b>30%</b>                       | <b>31%</b>   | <b>47%</b> | <b>11%</b> |            |
| FY 2022/23                | Total 1st Time Candidates Tested | 2,107        | 194        | 255        | 9          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass         | 1,644        | 155        | 189        | 8          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Pass %       | 78%          | 80%        | 74%        | 89%        |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail         | 463          | 39         | 66         | 1          |
|                           | 1st Time Candidates Fail %       | 22%          | 20%        | 26%        | 11%        |
|                           | Total Repeat Candidates Tested   | 814          | 130        | 100        | 3          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass           | 361          | 52         | 54         | 3          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Pass %         | 44%          | 40%        | 54%        | 100%       |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail           | 453          | 78         | 46         | 0          |
|                           | Repeat Candidates Fail %         | 56%          | 60%        | 46%        | 0%         |
|                           | Total Candidates Tested          | <b>2,921</b> | <b>324</b> | <b>355</b> | <b>12</b>  |
|                           | Total Candidates Passed          | <b>2,005</b> | <b>207</b> | <b>243</b> | <b>11</b>  |
|                           | Total Candidates Pass %          | <b>69%</b>   | <b>64%</b> | <b>68%</b> | <b>92%</b> |
|                           | Total Candidates Failed          | <b>916</b>   | <b>117</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>1</b>   |
| Total Candidates Fail %   | <b>31%</b>                       | <b>36%</b>   | <b>32%</b> | <b>8%</b>  |            |

Agenda Item 6.: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics  
Dental Assisting Council Meeting  
May 13, 2026





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.

**Action Requested**

Informational only. No action required.

Agenda Item 6.: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics  
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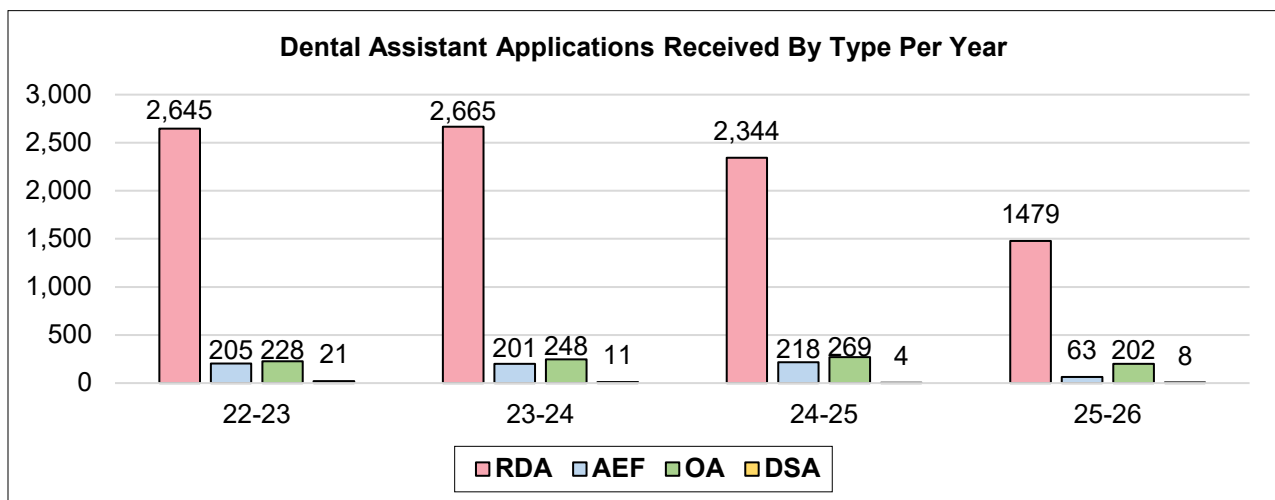
## MEMORANDUM

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>DATE</b>    | April 9, 2026   |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council                                     |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager<br>Dental Board of California |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 7.:</b> Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics      |

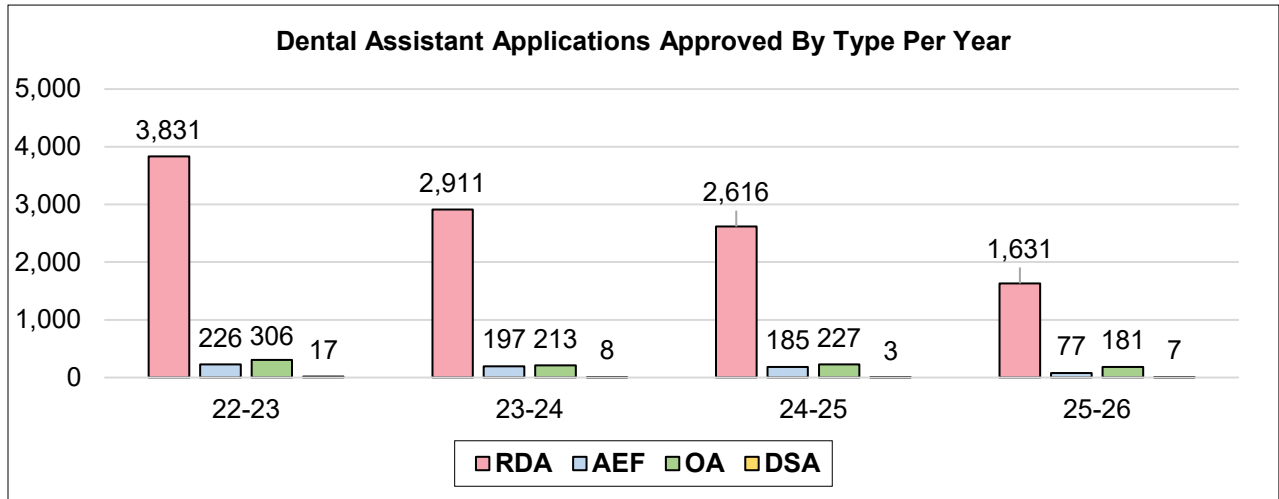
### Year Over Year Dental Assistant License Application Statistics

The following tables provide yearly dental assistant license application statistics for fiscal years (FY) 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025, and 2025-2026 through March.

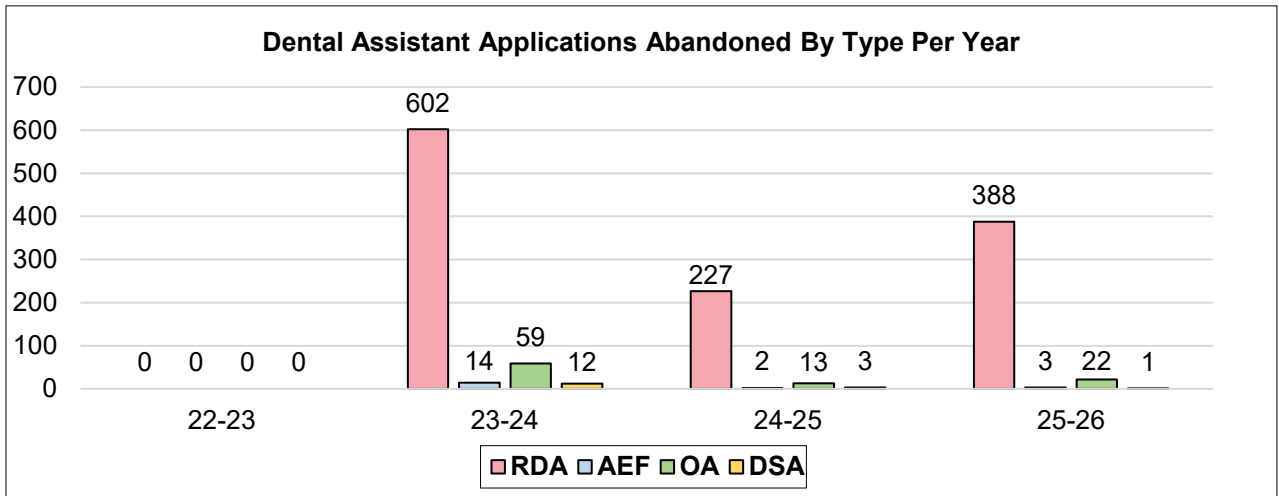
| <b>Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Received by Type per FY</b> |              |              |              |              |               |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|   | <b>22-23</b> | <b>23-24</b> | <b>24-25</b> | <b>25-26</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
| RDA   | 2,645        | 2,665        | 2,344        | 1,479        | 9,133         |
| AEF   | 205          | 201          | 218          | 63           | 687           |
| OA  | 228          | 248          | 269          | 202          | 947           |
| DSA   | 21           | 11           | 4            | 8            | 44            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3,099</b> | <b>3,125</b> | <b>2,835</b> | <b>1,752</b> | <b>10,811</b> |



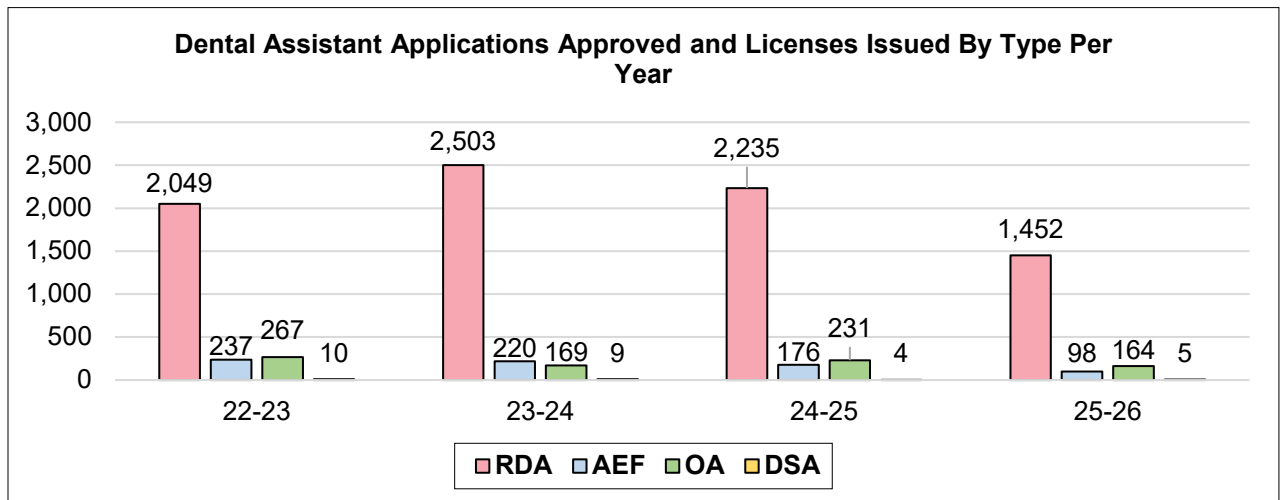
| <b>Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Type per FY</b> |              |              |              |              |               |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|   | <b>22-23</b> | <b>23-24</b> | <b>24-25</b> | <b>25-26</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
| RDA   | 3,831        | 2,911        | 2,616        | 1,631        | 10,989        |
| AEF   | 226          | 197          | 185          | 77           | 685           |
| OA  | 306          | 213          | 227          | 181          | 927           |
| DSA   | 17           | 8            | 3            | 7            | 35            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>4,380</b> | <b>3,329</b> | <b>3,031</b> | <b>1,896</b> | <b>12,636</b> |



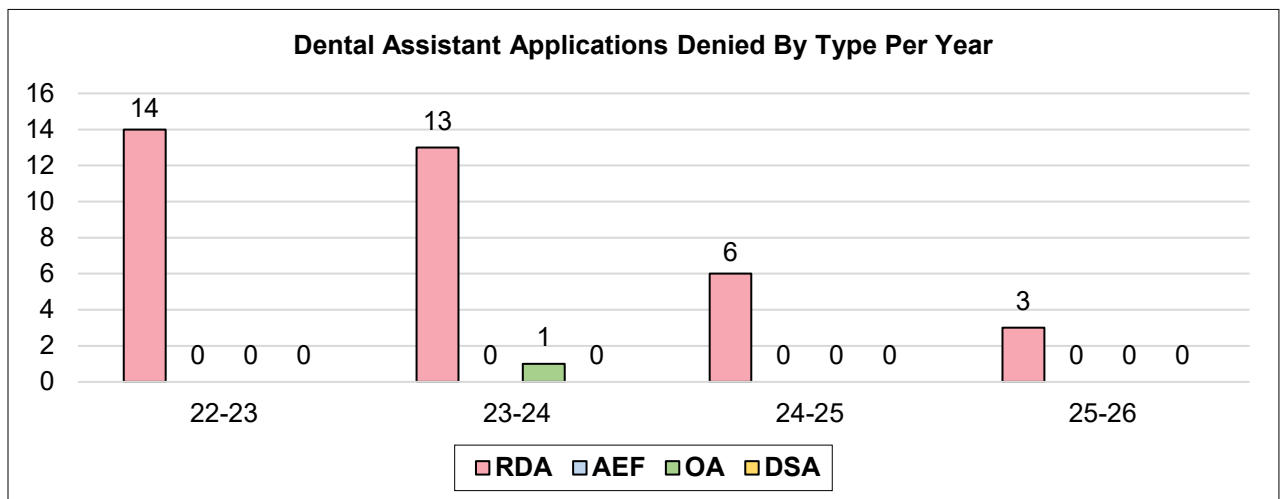
| <b>Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Abandoned by Type Per FY</b> |              |              |              |              |               |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | <b>22-23</b> | <b>23-24</b> | <b>24-25</b> | <b>25-26</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
| RDA  | N/A          | 602          | 227          | 388          | 1,217         |
| AEF  | N/A          | 14           | 2            | 3            | 19            |
| OA   | N/A          | 59           | 13           | 22           | 94            |
| DSA  | N/A          | 12           | 3            | 1            | 16            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>687</b>   | <b>245</b>   | <b>414</b>   | <b>1,346</b>  |



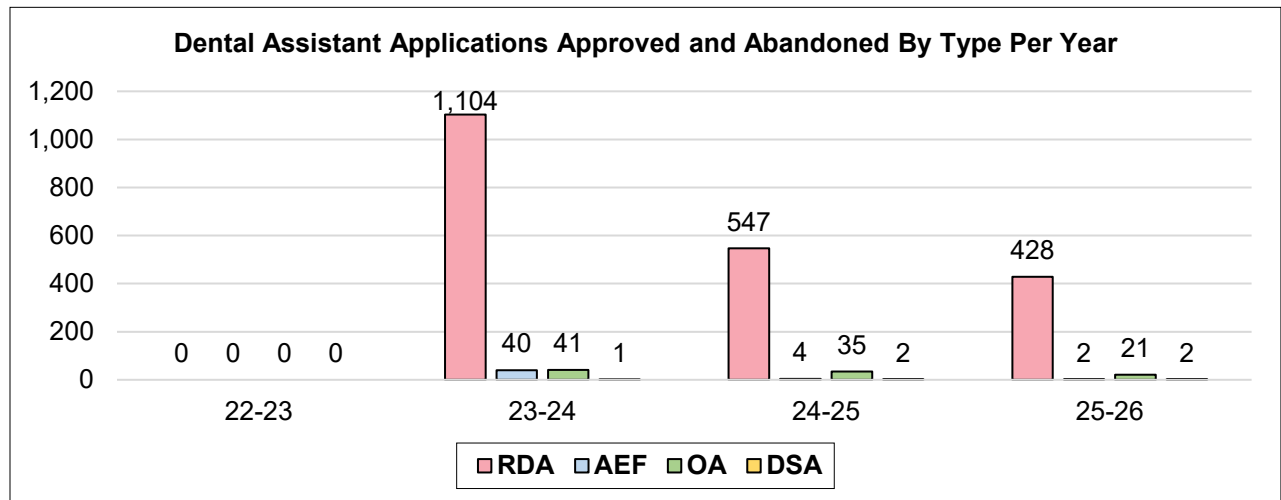
| <b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Type Per FY</b> |              |              |              |              |               |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|   | <b>22-23</b> | <b>23-24</b> | <b>24-25</b> | <b>25-26</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
| RDA   | 2,049        | 2,503        | 2,235        | 1,452        | 8,239         |
| AEF   | 237          | 220          | 176          | 98           | 731           |
| OA  | 267          | 169          | 231          | 164          | 831           |
| DSA   | 10           | 9            | 4            | 5            | 28            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,563</b> | <b>2,901</b> | <b>2,646</b> | <b>1,719</b> | <b>9,829</b>  |



| <b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Denied by Type Per FY</b> |              |              |              |              |               |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|   | <b>22-23</b> | <b>23-24</b> | <b>24-25</b> | <b>25-26</b> | <b>Totals</b> |
| RDA   | 14           | 13           | 6            | 3            | 36            |
| AEF   | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             |
| OA  | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0            | 1             |
| DSA   | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>14</b>    | <b>14</b>    | <b>6</b>     | <b>3</b>     | <b>37</b>     |



| Dental Assistant Applications Approved and Abandoned by Year |          |              |            |            |              |
|--|----------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
|  | 22-23    | 23-24        | 24-25      | 25-26      | Totals       |
| RDA  | N/A      | 1,104        | 547        | 428        | 2,079        |
| AEF  | N/A      | 40           | 4          | 2          | 46           |
| OA   | N/A      | 41           | 35         | 21         | 97           |
| DSA  | N/A      | 1            | 2          | 2          | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>1,186</b> | <b>588</b> | <b>453</b> | <b>2,227</b> |

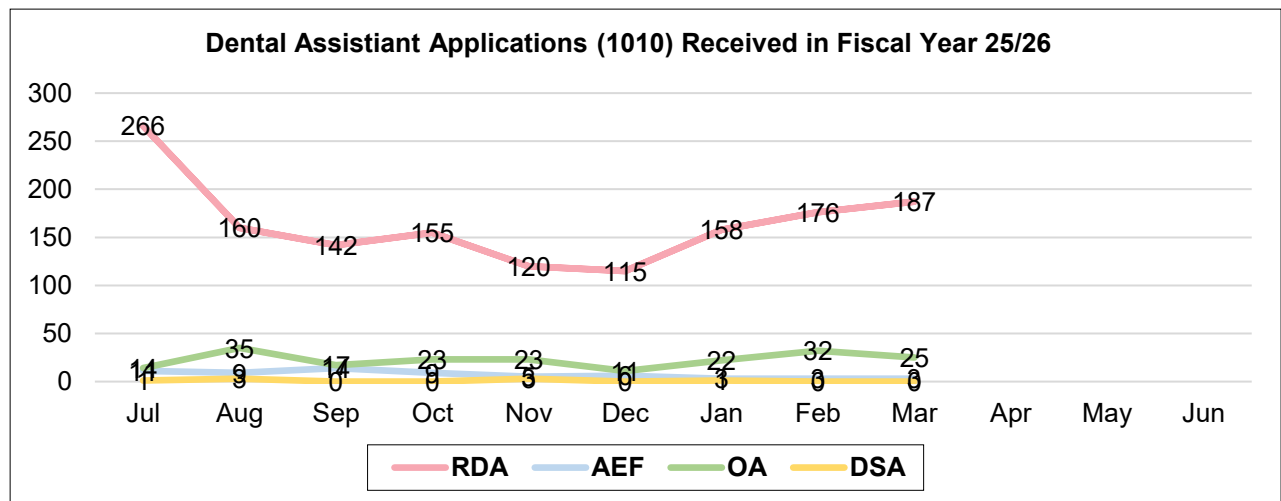


| Application Definitions |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Received</b>         | Application received in paper format or electronically through BreEZe system.   |
| <b>Approved</b>         | Application for eligibility of licensure processed with required documentation and examination eligibility issued.  |
| <b>License Issued</b>   | Final application including examination results approved and license issued.  |
| <b>Abandoned (1010)</b> | An applicant who fails to complete application requirements within one year after being notified by the Board of deficiencies.  |
| <b>Abandoned (1020)</b> | <p>Pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 1004, an application is considered abandoned if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2) The applicant fails to take the licensing examination within two years after the date their application was received by the Board.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> |
| <b>Denied</b>           | 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.  |

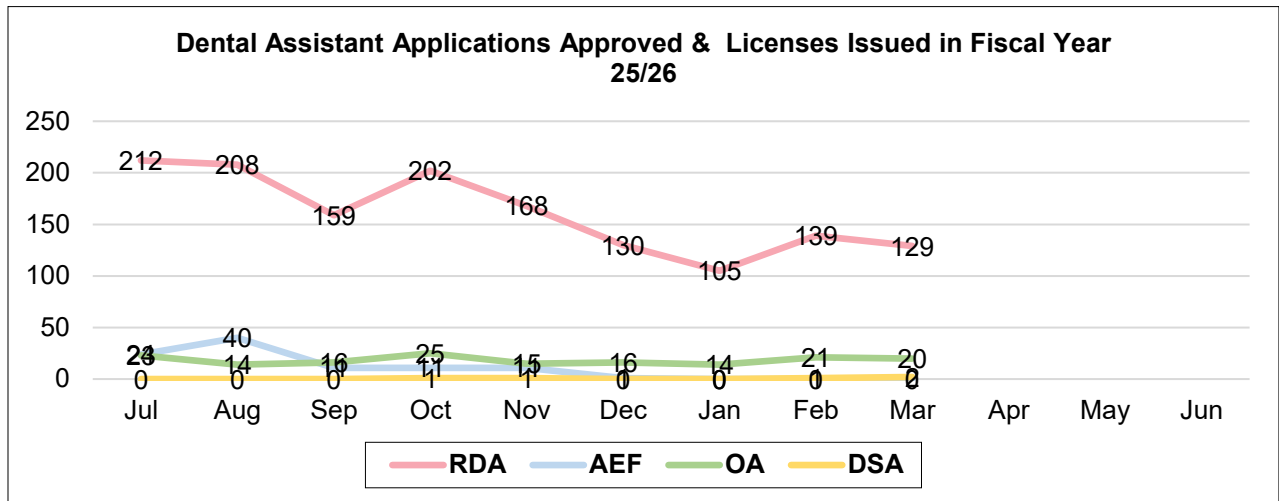
## Monthly Dental License Application Statistic Graphs

The following graphs represent monthly Dental Assistant license application statistics by license type for fiscal year 2025-26 through March.

| Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Received by Month in FY 25/26 |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |          |          |          |              |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
|  | Jul        | Aug        | Sep        | Oct        | Nov        | Dec        | Jan        | Feb        | Mar        | Apr      | May      | Jun      | Totals       |
| RDA  | 266        | 160        | 142        | 155        | 120        | 115        | 158        | 176        | 187        |          |          |          | 1,479        |
| AEF  | 11         | 9          | 14         | 9          | 5          | 6          | 3          | 3          | 3          |          |          |          | 63           |
| OA   | 14         | 35         | 17         | 23         | 23         | 11         | 22         | 32         | 25         |          |          |          | 202          |
| DSA  | 1          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 3          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          |          |          |          | 8            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>292</b> | <b>207</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>187</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>132</b> | <b>184</b> | <b>211</b> | <b>215</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,752</b> |

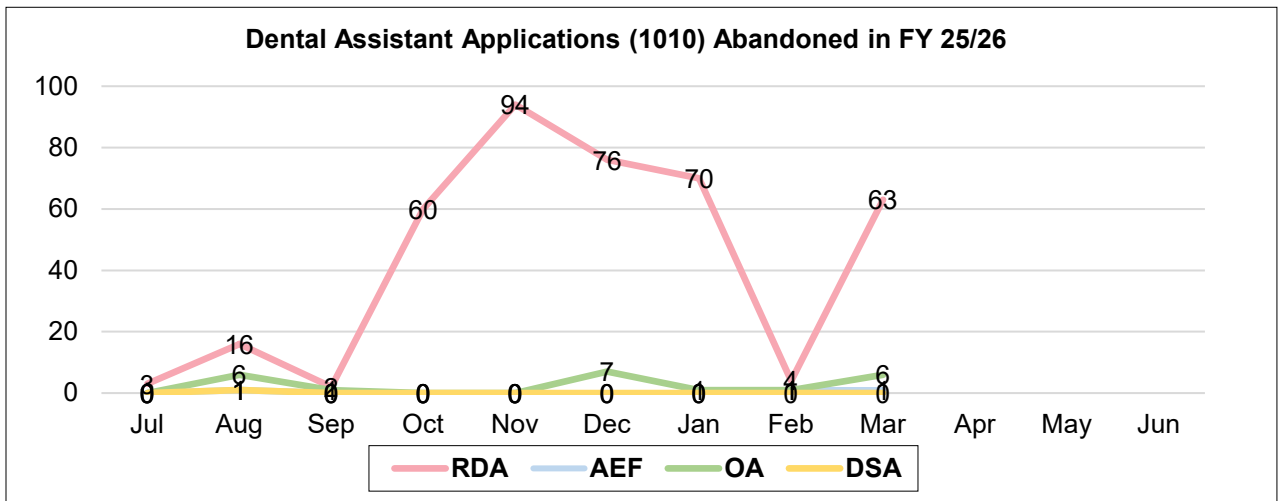


| Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month in FY 25/26 |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |          |          |          |              |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
|  | Jul        | Aug        | Sep        | Oct        | Nov        | Dec        | Jan        | Feb        | Mar        | Apr      | May      | Jun      | Totals       |
| RDA  | 212        | 208        | 159        | 202        | 168        | 130        | 105        | 139        | 129        |          |          |          | 1,452        |
| AEF  | 24         | 40         | 11         | 11         | 11         | 1          | 0          | 0          | 0          |          |          |          | 98           |
| OA   | 23         | 14         | 16         | 25         | 15         | 16         | 14         | 21         | 20         |          |          |          | 164          |
| DSA  | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 1          | 2          |          |          |          | 5            |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>259</b> | <b>262</b> | <b>186</b> | <b>239</b> | <b>195</b> | <b>147</b> | <b>119</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,719</b> |



### Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Abandoned by Month in FY 25/26

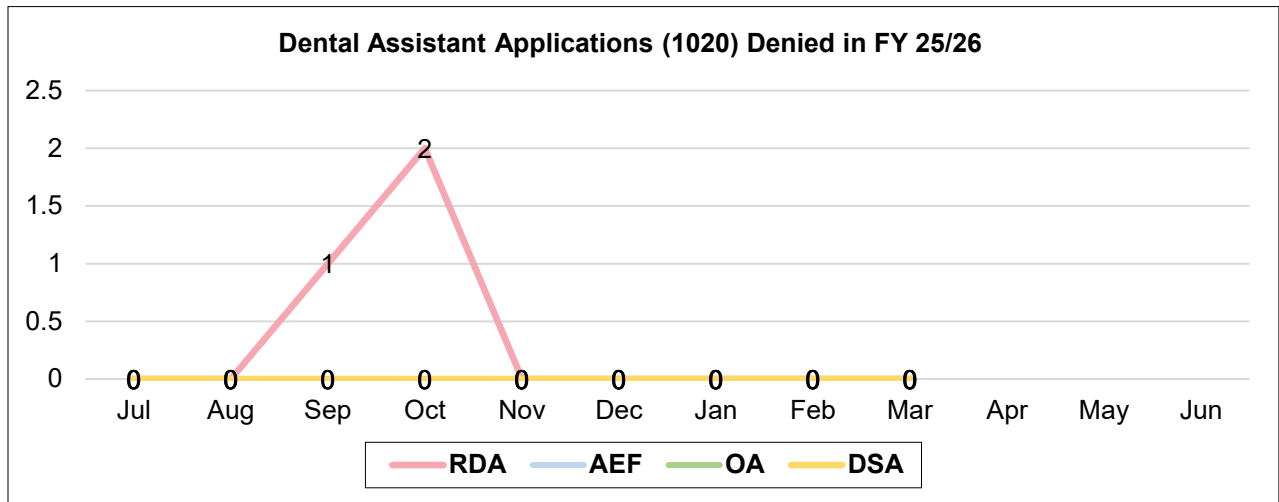
|              | Jul      | Aug       | Sep      | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | Jan       | Feb      | Mar       | Apr      | May      | Jun      | Totals     |
|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| RDA          | 3        | 16        | 2        | 60        | 94        | 76        | 70        | 4        | 63        |          |          |          | 388        |
| AEF          | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1        | 1         |          |          |          | 3          |
| OA           | 0        | 6         | 1        | 0         | 0         | 7         | 1         | 1        | 6         |          |          |          | 22         |
| DSA          | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         |          |          |          | 1          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>70</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>414</b> |



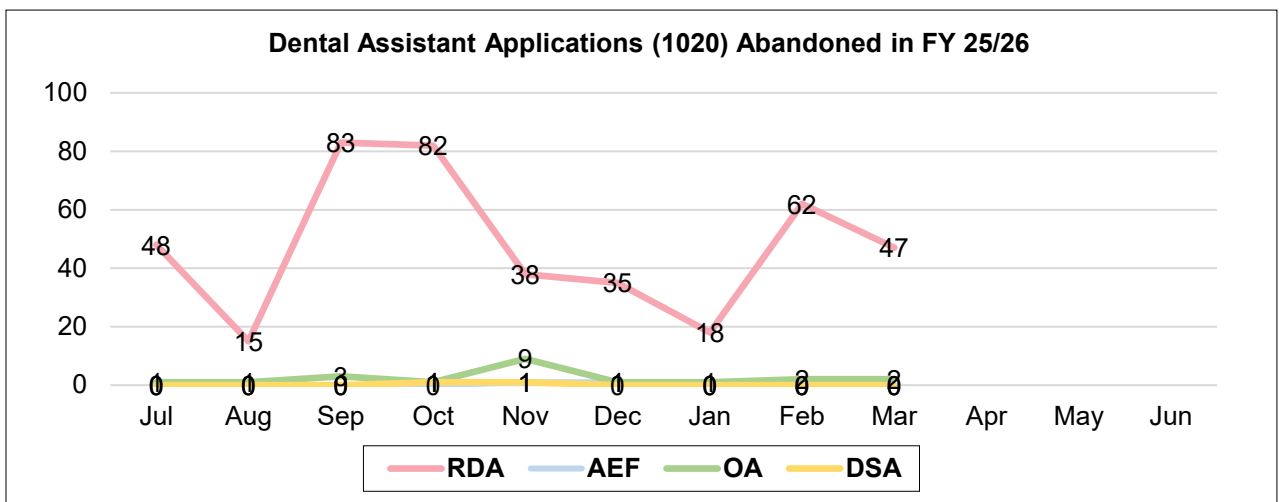
### Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Denied by Month in FY 25/26

|     | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| RDA | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |     |     |     | 3      |
| AEF | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |     |     |     | 0      |
| OA  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |     |     |     | 0      |

|              |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| DSA          | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> |

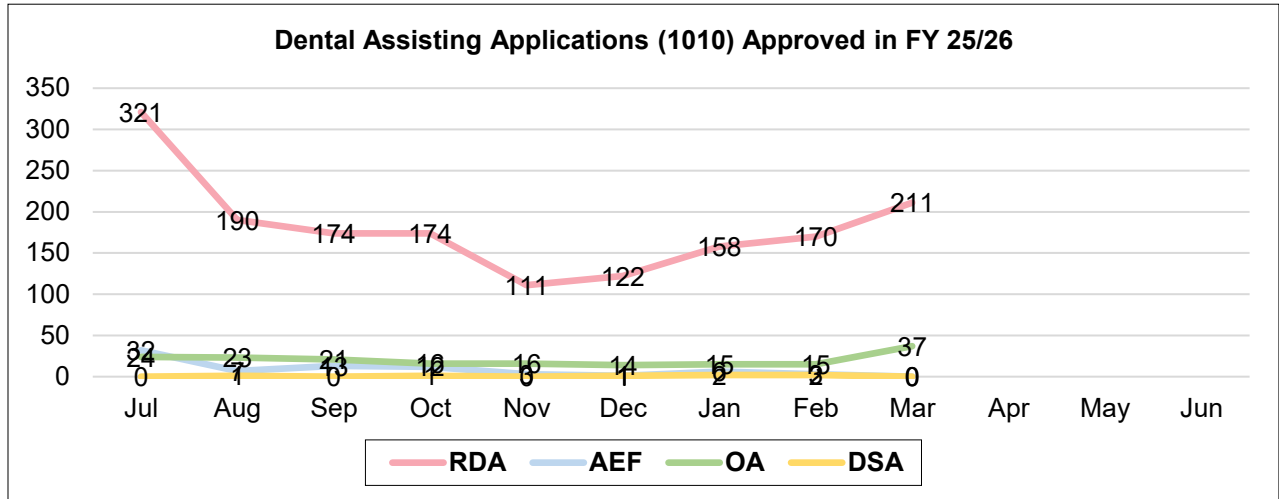


| <b>Dental Assistant Applications (1020) Abandoned by Month in FY 25/26</b> |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |          |          |            |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
|  | Jul       | Aug       | Sep       | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | Jan       | Feb       | Mar       | Apr      | May      | Jun      | Totals     |
| RDA  | 48        | 15        | 83        | 82        | 38        | 35        | 18        | 62        | 47        |          |          |          | 428        |
| AEF  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         |          |          |          | 2          |
| OA   | 1         | 1         | 3         | 1         | 9         | 1         | 1         | 2         | 2         |          |          |          | 21         |
| DSA  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |          |          |          | 2          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>49</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>86</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>453</b> |



| <b>Dental Assistant Applications (1010) Approved by Month</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
|   | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Totals |
| RDA   | 321 | 190 | 174 | 174 | 111 | 122 | 158 | 170 | 211 |     |     |     | 1,631  |

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |          |          |          |              |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| AEF          | 32         | 7          | 13         | 12         | 3          | 1          | 6          | 3          | 0          |          |          |          | 77           |
| OA           | 24         | 23         | 21         | 16         | 16         | 14         | 15         | 15         | 37         |          |          |          | 181          |
| DSA          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 2          | 2          | 0          |          |          |          | 7            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>377</b> | <b>221</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>203</b> | <b>130</b> | <b>138</b> | <b>181</b> | <b>190</b> | <b>248</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,896</b> |



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| <b>Abandoned (1020)</b> | Pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 1004, an application is considered abandoned if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) 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.</li> <li>5) The applicant fails to take the licensing examination within two years after the date their application was received by the Board.</li> <li>6) ... [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.</li> </ul> |
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### **Dental Assistant License Status Statistics**

The following table provides dental assistant license and permit status statistics for fiscal years 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26 through March. Cancelled licenses indicate number of licenses/permits cancelled to date.

| License Type | License Status | 2022–23 | 2023–24 | 2024–25 | 2025–26 |
|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| RDA          | Active         | 28,437  | 28,711  | 29,146  | 28,890  |
|              | Inactive       | 3,790   | 3,611   | 3,439   | 3,264   |
|              | Delinquent     | 13,543  | 13,696  | 13,668  | 14,201  |
|              | Cancelled      | 53,712  | 55,903  | 57,957  | 59,243  |
| License Type | License Status | 2022–23 | 2023–24 | 2024–25 | 2025–26 |
| RDAEF        | Active         | 1,950   | 2,082   | 2,243   | 2,252   |
|              | Inactive       | 77      | 78      | 78      | 84      |
|              | Delinquent     | 305     | 352     | 335     | 376     |
|              | Cancelled      | 462     | 494     | 536     | 569     |
| License Type | License Status | 2022–23 | 2023–24 | 2024–25 | 2025–26 |
| OA           | Active         | 1,602   | 1,678   | 1,843   | 1,878   |
|              | Inactive       | 46      | 50      | 53      | 62      |
|              | Delinquent     | 333     | 399     | 419     | 491     |
|              | Cancelled      | 51      | 78      | 119     | 164     |
| License Type | License Status | 2022–23 | 2023–24 | 2024–25 | 2025–26 |
| DSA          | Active         | 45      | 52      | 55      | 54      |
|              | Inactive       | 4       | 4       | 3       | 5       |
|              | Delinquent     | 17      | 12      | 14      | 17      |
|              | Cancelled      | 9       | 15      | 15      | 16      |

| 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 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025-26 through December. These statistics represent the licensee’s address of record and not necessarily the licensee’s workplace address.

| County       | 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 | RDA 25-26 | Pop. 25-26 | Pop. per RDA 25-26 | DDS 25-26 | RDA to DDS Ratio 25-26 |
|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Alameda      | 1,106     | 1,636,194  | 1,479              | 1,472     | 0:1                    | 1,117     | 1,641,869  | 1,469              | 1,472     | 0:1                    | 1,101     | 1,662,482  | 1,509              | 1,469     | 0:1                    |
| Alpine       | 0         | 1,184      | 0                  | 0         | 0                      | 0         | 1,179      | 0                  | 0         | 0                      | 1         | 1,177      | 1,177              | 0         | 0:0                    |
| Amador       | 52        | 39,837     | 766                | 23        | 2:1                    | 55        | 39,611     | 720                | 24        | 2:1                    | 55        | 39,563     | 719                | 22        | 2:1                    |
| Butte        | 271       | 205,592    | 758                | 118       | 2:1                    | 262       | 205,928    | 785                | 116       | 2:1                    | 256       | 207,525    | 810                | 110       | 2:1                    |
| Calaveras    | 59        | 44,890     | 760                | 21        | 2:1                    | 59        | 44,842     | 760                | 17        | 3:1                    | 59        | 44,722     | 758                | 16        | 3:1                    |
| Colusa       | 28        | 21,771     | 777                | 4         | 4:1                    | 29        | 21,743     | 749                | 3         | 9:1                    | 30        | 22,026     | 734                | 3         | 10:1                   |
| Contra Costa | 1222      | 1,147,653  | 939                | 1,092     | 1:1                    | 1,208     | 1,146,626  | 949                | 1,094     | 1:1                    | 1,189     | 1,158,225  | 974                | 1,107     | 1:1                    |
| Del Norte    | 28        | 26,599     | 949                | 11        | 2:1                    | 30        | 26,345     | 878                | 14        | 2:1                    | 30        | 26,544     | 884                | 11        | 2:1                    |
| El Dorado    | 202       | 189,006    | 935                | 148       | 1:1                    | 196       | 188,583    | 962                | 142       | 1:1                    | 191       | 190,770    | 998                | 144       | 1:1                    |
| Fresno       | 891       | 1,011,499  | 1,135              | 625       | 1:1                    | 894       | 1,017,431  | 1,138              | 639       | 1:1                    | 871       | 1,037,053  | 1,190              | 646       | 1:1                    |
| Glenn        | 50        | 28,636     | 572                | 7         | 7:1                    | 47        | 28,736     | 611                | 7         | 6:1                    | 48        | 29,369     | 611                | 7         | 6:1                    |
| Humboldt     | 161       | 134,047    | 832                | 66        | 2:1                    | 164       | 133,100    | 811                | 67        | 2:1                    | 170       | 133,817    | 787                | 64        | 2:1                    |
| Imperial     | 90        | 179,476    | 1,994              | 40        | 2:1                    | 92        | 182,881    | 1,987              | 38        | 2:1                    | 88        | 186,499    | 2,119              | 35        | 2:1                    |
| Inyo         | 7         | 18,896     | 2,699              | 7         | 1:1                    | 6         | 18,856     | 3,142              | 7         | 0:1                    | 6         | 18,800     | 3,133              | 7         | 0:1                    |
| Kern         | 624       | 907,476    | 1,454              | 350       | 1:1                    | 666       | 910,300    | 1,366              | 352       | 1:1                    | 670       | 923,961    | 1,379              | 357       | 1:1                    |
| Kings        | 155       | 151,018    | 974                | 58        | 2:1                    | 166       | 152,627    | 919                | 58        | 2:1                    | 168       | 154,015    | 916                | 58        | 2:1                    |
| Lake         | 84        | 66,800     | 795                | 37        | 1:1                    | 86        | 67,001     | 779                | 41        | 2:1                    | 76        | 67,254     | 884                | 24        | 3:1                    |
| Lassen       | 35        | 28,275     | 807                | 18        | 1:1                    | 34        | 28,197     | 829                | 18        | 1:1                    | 35        | 28,716     | 820                | 20        | 1:1                    |
| Los Angeles  | 4505      | 9,761,210  | 2,166              | 8,464     | 0:1                    | 4,551     | 9,824,091  | 2,158              | 8,462     | 0:1                    | 4,478     | 9,876,811  | 2,205              | 8,446     | 0:1                    |
| Madera       | 155       | 158,148    | 1,020              | 47        | 3:1                    | 147       | 159,328    | 1,083              | 55        | 2:1                    | 145       | 162,599    | 1,121              | 53        | 2:1                    |
| Marin        | 172       | 252,959    | 1,470              | 279       | 0:1                    | 170       | 252,844    | 1,487              | 266       | 0:1                    | 169       | 254,550    | 1,506              | 257       | 0:1                    |
| Mariposa     | 9         | 16,935     | 1,881              | 6         | 1:1                    | 8         | 16,966     | 2,120              | 7         | 1:1                    | 9         | 16,917     | 1,879              | 7         | 1:1                    |
| Mendocino    | 94        | 89,164     | 948                | 45        | 1:1                    | 100       | 89,476     | 894                | 48        | 2:1                    | 99        | 89,827     | 907                | 45        | 2:1                    |

| County          | 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 | RDA 25-26 | Pop. 25-26 | Pop. per RDA 25-26 | DDS 25-26 | RDA to DDS Ratio 25-26 |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Merced          | 264       | 284,338    | 1,077              | 92        | 2:1                    | 233       | 285,337    | 1,224              | 98        | 2:1                    | 247       | 293,080    | 1,186              | 90        | 2:1                    |
| Modoc           | 3         | 8,690      | 2,896              | 3         | 0:1                    | 3         | 8,527      | 2,842              | 5         | 0:1                    | 5         | 8,491      | 1,698              | 5         | 1:1                    |
| Mono            | 5         | 13,379     | 2,675              | 5         | 1:1                    | 5         | 13,156     | 2,631              | 5         | 1:1                    | 5         | 12,684     | 2,536              | 3         | 1:1                    |
| Monterey        | 436       | 433,716    | 994                | 248       | 1:1                    | 370       | 430,368    | 1,163              | 244       | 1:1                    | 373       | 438,831    | 1,176              | 247       | 1:1                    |
| Napa            | 141       | 136,179    | 965                | 110       | 1:1                    | 130       | 134,637    | 1,035              | 106       | 1:1                    | 130       | 136,124    | 1,047              | 103       | 1:1                    |
| Nevada          | 100       | 101,242    | 1,012              | 72        | 1:1                    | 84        | 100,720    | 1,199              | 69        | 1:1                    | 77        | 100,354    | 1,303              | 64        | 1:1                    |
| Orange          | 1814      | 3,162,245  | 1,743              | 4,073     | 0:1                    | 1632      | 3,137,164  | 1,922              | 4,183     | 0:1                    | 1,600     | 3,175,427  | 1,984              | 4,230     | 0:1                    |
| Placer          | 534       | 409,025    | 765                | 472       | 0:1                    | 469       | 410,305    | 874                | 482       | 0:1                    | 453       | 421,446    | 930                | 496       | 0:1                    |
| Plumas          | 18        | 18,942     | 1,052              | 13        | 1:1                    | 14        | 18,996     | 1,356              | 13        | 1:1                    | 16        | 18,885     | 1,180              | 10        | 1:1                    |
| Riverside       | 2171      | 2,435,525  | 1,121              | 1,142     | 1:1                    | 2019      | 2,439,234  | 1,208              | 1,163     | 1:1                    | 1,999     | 2,495,640  | 1,248              | 1,205     | 1:1                    |
| Sacramento      | 1887      | 1,576,618  | 835                | 1,176     | 1:1                    | 1590      | 1,572,453  | 988                | 1,207     | 1:1                    | 1,548     | 1,604,745  | 1,036              | 1,237     | 1:1                    |
| San Benito      | 118       | 65,479     | 554                | 23        | 4:1                    | 98        | 65,666     | 670                | 26        | 4:1                    | 99        | 66,822     | 674                | 26        | 3:1                    |
| San Bernardino  | 1688      | 2,187,665  | 1,296              | 1,398     | 1:1                    | 1530      | 2,182,056  | 1,426              | 1,403     | 1:1                    | 1,530     | 2,207,424  | 1,442              | 1,443     | 1:1                    |
| San Diego       | 2808      | 3,287,306  | 1,170              | 2,820     | 0:1                    | 2537      | 3,269,755  | 1,288              | 2,853     | 0:1                    | 2,556     | 3,330,139  | 1,302              | 2,880     | 0:1                    |
| San Francisco   | 452       | 842,754    | 1,864              | 1,151     | 0:1                    | 424       | 831,703    | 1,961              | 1,127     | 0:1                    | 423       | 842,027    | 1,990              | 1,125     | 0:1                    |
| San Joaquin     | 873       | 784,298    | 898                | 376       | 1:1                    | 793       | 786,145    | 991                | 393       | 1:1                    | 816       | 805,856    | 987                | 399       | 2:1                    |
| San Luis Obispo | 248       | 280,721    | 1,131              | 210       | 1:1                    | 207       | 278,348    | 1,344              | 217       | 1:1                    | 203       | 279,337    | 1,376              | 212       | 0:1                    |
| San Mateo       | 572       | 744,662    | 1,301              | 843       | 0:1                    | 533       | 737,644    | 1,383              | 829       | 0:1                    | 537       | 748,337    | 1,393              | 834       | 0:1                    |
| Santa Barbara   | 399       | 445,164    | 1,115              | 307       | 1:1                    | 355       | 440,557    | 1,241              | 312       | 1:1                    | 322       | 447,132    | 1,388              | 310       | 1:1                    |
| Santa Clara     | 1662      | 1,894,783  | 1,140              | 2,289     | 0:1                    | 1517      | 1,886,079  | 1,243              | 2,283     | 0:1                    | 1,463     | 1,922,259  | 1,313              | 2,296     | 0:1                    |
| Santa Cruz      | 225       | 266,564    | 1,184              | 168       | 1:1                    | 196       | 262,051    | 1,336              | 171       | 1:1                    | 179       | 263,710    | 1,473              | 170       | 1:1                    |
| Shasta          | 203       | 180,531    | 889                | 100       | 1:1                    | 164       | 179,436    | 1,094              | 109       | 1:1                    | 157       | 180,201    | 1,147              | 97        | 1:1                    |
| Sierra          | 2         | 3,229      | 1,614              | 0         | 0:1                    | 2         | 3,193      | 1,596              | 0         | 0:1                    | 1         | 3,170      | 3,170              | 0         | 0:0                    |
| Siskiyou        | 28        | 43,830     | 1,565              | 23        | 1:1                    | 21        | 43,548     | 2,073              | 23        | 1:1                    | 24        | 43,311     | 1,804              | 21        | 1:1                    |
| Solano          | 623       | 447,241    | 717                | 279       | 2:1                    | 562       | 443,749    | 789                | 277       | 2:1                    | 568       | 449,839    | 791                | 274       | 2:1                    |
| Sonoma          | 675       | 482,404    | 714                | 382       | 1:1                    | 607       | 478,174    | 787                | 374       | 1:1                    | 592       | 482,848    | 815                | 379       | 1:1                    |

| County       | 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 | RDA 25-26     | Pop. 25-26        | Pop. per RDA 25-26 | DDS 25-26     | RDA to DDS Ratio 25-26 |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Stanislaus   | 665           | 549,466           | 826                | 274           | 2:1                    | 577           | 545,939           | 946                | 277           | 2:1                    | 541           | 555,765           | 1,027              | 273           | 1:1                    |
| Sutter       | 143           | 99,145            | 693                | 51            | 2:1                    | 120           | 98,952            | 824                | 49            | 2:1                    | 111           | 100,257           | 903                | 55            | 2:1                    |
| Tehama       | 95            | 65,052            | 684                | 31            | 2:1                    | 75            | 64,271            | 856                | 28            | 2:1                    | 76            | 64,827            | 852                | 27            | 2:1                    |
| Trinity      | 5             | 16,023            | 3,204              | 3             | 1:1                    | 5             | 15,939            | 3,187              | 2             | 1:1                    | 7             | 15,884            | 2,269              | 1             | 7:1                    |
| Tulare       | 491           | 475,014           | 967                | 217           | 2:1                    | 474           | 475,064           | 1,002              | 218           | 2:1                    | 461           | 487,209           | 1,056              | 228           | 2:1                    |
| Tuolumne     | 81            | 55,291            | 682                | 47            | 1:1                    | 77            | 54,590            | 708                | 45            | 1:1                    | 73            | 54,357            | 744                | 38            | 1:1                    |
| Ventura      | 590           | 833,652           | 1,412              | 627           | 0:1                    | 512           | 825,653           | 1,612              | 634           | 0:1                    | 514           | 829,005           | 1,612              | 635           | 0:1                    |
| Yolo         | 210           | 221,165           | 1,053              | 122           | 1:1                    | 187           | 220,880           | 1,181              | 125           | 1:1                    | 185           | 225,433           | 1,218              | 115           | 1:1                    |
| Yuba         | 104           | 82,275            | 791                | 7             | 13:1                   | 97            | 82,677            | 852                | 10            | 13:1                   | 97            | 85,023            | 876                | 10            | 9:1                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>31,499</b> | <b>39,185,605</b> | <b>66,100</b>      | <b>32,080</b> | <b>N/A</b>             | <b>28,219</b> | <b>38,940,231</b> | <b>72,942</b>      | <b>32,298</b> | <b>N/A</b>             | <b>27,932</b> | <b>39,529,101</b> | <b>74,966</b>      | <b>32,446</b> | <b>N/A</b>             |

\*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 (1:3,170)      | Counties with the Lowest Population per RDA: | Glenn County (1:611)      |
|   | Inyo County (1:3,133)        |  | San Benito County (1:674) |
|   | Mono County (1:2,536)        |  | Amador County (1:719)     |
|   | Trinity County (1:2,269)     |  | Colusa County (1:734)     |
|   | Los Angeles County (1:2,205) |  | Tuolumne County (1:744)   |

Agenda Item 7.: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics  
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## MEMORANDUM

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>DATE</b>    | April 15, 2026  |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council   |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Tina Vallery, Division Chief<br>Dental Assisting and License and Program Compliance<br>Dental Board of California   |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 8.:</b> Update and Discussion on Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Educational Programs and Courses Application Approvals and Re-Evaluations |

### **Background**

The following table provides dental assisting (DA) educational programs and courses application statistics for fiscal years 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–2025, and 2025–26 through March 31, 2026.

| <b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Approved</b> |           |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Program/Course  | 2022–23   | 2023–24   | 2024–25   | 2025–26   |
| RDA Program   | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         |
| RDAEF Program   | 0         | 0         | 1         | 1         |
| RDAEF-ITR   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Radiation Safety  | 11        | 5         | 6         | 19        |
| Coronal Polishing   | 9         | 3         | 4         | 29        |
| Pit & Fissure Sealant   | 5         | 3         | 4         | 21        |
| Ultrasonic Scaling  | 0         | 2         | 0         | 2         |
| Infection Control   | 4         | 4         | 5         | 19        |
| DSA Permit  | 3         | 0         | 1         | 0         |
| OA Permit   | 19        | 6         | 4         | 4         |
| <b>Total Applications Approved</b>  | <b>51</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>95</b> |
| <b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Denied</b>   |           |           |           |           |
| Program/Course  | 2022–23   | 2023–24   | 2024–25   | 2025–26   |
| RDA Program   | 0         | 1         | 2         | 1         |
| RDAEF Program   | 0         | 1         | 1         | 2         |
| RDAEF-ITR   | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Radiation Safety  | 0         | 7         | 11        | 5         |
| Coronal Polishing   | 0         | 4         | 10        | 5         |
| Pit & Fissure Sealant   | 0         | 0         | 12        | 10        |
| Ultrasonic Scaling  | 0         | 1         | 2         | 1         |

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| Infection Control  | 1        | 16        | 12        | 10         |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| DSA Permit   | 1        | 1         | 1         | 1          |
| OA Permit  | 0        | 2         | 6         | 3          |
| <b>Total Applications Denied</b>   | <b>2</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>38</b>  |
| <b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Deficient</b> |          |           |           |            |
| Program/Course   | 2022-23  | 2023-24   | 2024-25   | 2025-26    |
| RDA Program  | 0        | 1         | 0         | 1          |
| RDAEF Program  | 0        | 0         | 0         | 1          |
| RDAEF-ITR  | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| Radiation Safety   | 0        | 2         | 3         | 1          |
| Coronal Polishing  | 0        | 3         | 2         | 0          |
| Pit & Fissure Sealant  | 0        | 2         | 3         | 1          |
| Ultrasonic Scaling   | 0        | 1         | 0         | 0          |
| Infection Control  | 0        | 3         | 5         | 3          |
| DSA Permit   | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| OA Permit  | 1        | 2         | 1         | 0          |
| <b>Total Applications Deficient</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Pending</b>   |          |           |           |            |
| Program/Course   | 2022-23  | 2023-24   | 2024-25   | 2025-26    |
| RDA Program  | 0        | 0         | 4         | 3          |
| RDAEF Program  | 1        | 0         | 2         | 2          |
| RDAEF-ITR  | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| Radiation Safety   | 0        | 6         | 11        | 24         |
| Coronal Polishing  | 0        | 3         | 14        | 13         |
| Pit & Fissure Sealant  | 0        | 3         | 9         | 18         |
| Ultrasonic Scaling   | 0        | 1         | 3         | 1          |
| Infection Control  | 0        | 4         | 19        | 33         |
| DSA Permit   | 0        | 0         | 2         | 2          |
| OA Permit  | 0        | 3         | 4         | 4          |
| <b>Total Applications Pending</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>100</b> |

| <b>Application Definitions</b> |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Approved</b>                | Application for Board approval of educational program/course processed with required documentation, and approval number issued.  |
| <b>Denied</b>                  | The Board denies an application on the grounds that the application lacks documentation that the educational program/course complies with the requirements of the Dental Practice Act or California Code of Regulations.   |
| <b>Deficient</b>               | 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. For fiscal year 2025-26, it is a snapshot on March 31, 2026. Status changes weekly. |
| <b>Pending</b>                 | 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 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26 through March 31, 2026.

| RDA and RDAEF Educational Program Site Visits |              |      |                |      |             |
|---|--------------|------|----------------|------|-------------|
|   | RDA Programs |      | RDAEF Programs |      | Grand Total |
|   | Provisional  | Full | Provisional    | Full |             |
| 2022–23                                       | 0            | 0    | 0              | 0    | 0           |
| 2023–24                                       | 1            | 0    | 0              | 0    | 1           |
| 2024–25                                       | 1            | 3    | 1              | 0    | 5           |
| 2025–26                                       | 0            | 0    | 0              | 1    | 1           |

The following table provides approved programs and courses by name and type of program or course for fiscal year 2025–26 through March 31, 2026.

| Programs and Courses Approved 2025–26 through March 31, 2026 |               |     |       |        |    |    |    |    |    |     |    |
|--|---------------|-----|-------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| Provider   | Approval Date | RDA | RDAEF | EF ITR | RS | CP | PF | US | IC | DSA | OA |
| Valley Orthodontics  | 7/3/2025      |     |       |        |    |    |    |    |    |     | x  |
| EFDAA - Covina   | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| EFDAA - Oakland  | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| EFDAA - Roseville  | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| EFDAA - Oakland  | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| EFDAA - Covina   | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| EFDAA - Roseville  | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| EFDAA - Oakland  | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| EFDAA - Covina   | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| EFDAA - Sacramento   | 7/28/2025     |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| OceanPointe DAA of San Jacinto                               | 8/15/2025     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| Mt. Diablo Adult Education - Loma Vista                      | 8/15/2025     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - Glendale                                | 8/18/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - Anaheim                                 | 8/18/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - West Covina                             | 8/18/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - West Covina                             | 8/18/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| North-West College - Pomona                                  | 8/18/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| North-West College - Glendale                                | 8/18/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| UEI College - Sacramento                                     | 8/25/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| UEI College - Sacramento                                     | 8/25/2025     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Sacramento                                     | 8/25/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |

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| UEI College - Gardena  | 8/25/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| UEI College - Gardena  | 8/25/2025     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Gardena  | 8/25/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Gardena  | 8/26/2025     |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Sacramento                                     | 8/26/2025     |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| California DA Academy  | 9/5/2025      |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| California DA Academy  | 9/5/2025      |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| Roseville Dental Academy                                     | 9/9/2025      |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| Roseville Dental Academy                                     | 9/9/2025      |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| Roseville Dental Academy                                     | 9/9/2025      |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| Roseville Dental Academy                                     | 9/9/2025      |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| Oceanpointe DAA of San Jacinto                               | 9/11/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    | x  |    |     |    |
| Rancho Cucamonga DA Academy                                  | 9/30/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| iEducations  | 9/30/2025     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| OceanPointe DAA of San Jacinto                               | 10/8/2025     |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| Rancho Cucamonga DA Academy                                  | 10/16/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| Central Coast College  | 10/17/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| Blue Apple Dental Academy                                    | 10/22/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| EFDAA - Oakland  | 10/23/2025    |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| Allan Hancock College DA Program                             | 10/23/2025    |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| Oceanpointe DAA of San Jacinto                               | 10/30/2025    |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| Oceanpointe DAA of Bakersfield                               | 10/30/2025    |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| Oceanpointe DAA of San Jacinto                               | 10/30/2025    |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| A&K Dental Assisting Academy                                 | 11/4/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| Enoch S. Kim DDS Inc.  | 11/5/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    |    |     | x  |
| Woodland Adult Education DA Careers                          | 11/6/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| JW Elite Compliance Education                                | 11/6/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| North-West College - Van Nuys                                | 11/10/2025    |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| North-West College - Anaheim                                 | 11/10/2025    |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| North-West College - Riverside                               | 11/10/2025    |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| Coast Family Orthodontics                                    | 11/10/2025    |     |       |        |    |    |    |    |    |     | x  |
| UEI College - Bakersfield                                    | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Reseda   | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Garden Grove                                   | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |

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| UEI College - Ontario  | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Fresno   | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Stockton                                       | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Riverside                                      | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - West Covina                                    | 12/3/2025     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| 1-Ortho  | 12/5/2025     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    |    |     | x  |
| iEducations  | 12/18/2025    |     |       |        |    |    |    | x  |    |     |    |
| Oceanpointe DAA of Bakersfield                               | 12/23/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| A&K Dental Assistant Academy                                 | 12/26/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - West Covina                             | 12/29/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - Pomona                                  | 12/29/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| California Dental Institute                                  | 12/30/2025    |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| Brian Y. Kuo   | 12/30/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - Anaheim                                 | 12/30/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| Smiles Dental Assistant School                               | 12/30/2025    |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| West Los Angeles College                                     | 12/30/2025    |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| West Los Angeles College                                     | 12/30/2025    |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| San Diego County Dental Society                              | 1/2/2026      |     |       |        | x  |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - Van Nuys                                | 1/6/2026      |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| North-West College - Pomona                                  | 1/6/2026      |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| North Orange County ROP                                      | 1/8/2026      |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| OceanPointe DAA of San Diego                                 | 1/8/2026      |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| Central California Dental Academy                            | 1/15/2026     |     | x     |        |    |    |    |    |    |     |    |
| Ellison Dental Consulting                                    | 3/12/2026     |     |       |        |    |    |    |    | x  |     |    |
| San Diego County Dental Society                              | 3/13/2026     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Chula Vista                                    | 3/20/2026     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Huntington Park                                | 3/20/2026     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Oceanside                                      | 3/20/2026     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| American Career College - Ontario                            | 3/27/2026     |     |       |        |    | x  |    |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Bakersfield                                    | 3/27/2026     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Chula Vista                                    | 3/27/2026     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Fresno   | 3/27/2026     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Garden Grove                                   | 3/27/2026     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |
| UEI College - Huntington Park                                | 3/27/2026     |     |       |        |    |    | x  |    |    |     |    |

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| UEI College - Oceanside                                      | 3/27/2026     |          |          |          |           |           | x         |          |           |          |          |
| UEI College - Ontario  | 3/27/2026     |          |          |          |           |           | x         |          |           |          |          |
| UEI College - Reseda   | 3/30/2026     |          |          |          |           |           | x         |          |           |          |          |
| UEI College - Riverside                                      | 3/30/2026     |          |          |          |           |           | x         |          |           |          |          |
| UEI College - Stockton                                       | 3/30/2026     |          |          |          |           |           | x         |          |           |          |          |
| UEI College - West Covina                                    | 3/30/2026     |          |          |          |           |           | x         |          |           |          |          |
| <b>PROGRAM/COURSE TOTALS</b>                                 |               | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b> |
| <b>TOTAL APPROVALS = 95</b>                                  |               |          |          |          |           |           |           |          |           |          |          |

The following table provides the total number of approved DA educational programs and courses as of March 31, 2026.

| Table 4<br>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 |
| 70   | 9             | 3         | 201              | 145               | 76                    | 37                 | 162               | 39         | 206       |

### **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 enforcement investigations (CRE). Enforcement investigations are initiated when a possible issue of non-compliance comes to the attention of the Board.

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 2025–26 through March 31, 2026.

**Note on Withdrawals.** The table shows that approval was withdrawn from 20 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.

| Program and Course Re-Evaluations 2025–26 through March 31, 2026 |           |          |                    |                 |                    |                       |                     |                           |
|--|-----------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Program/Course   | SRE Sent  | CRE Sent | Approval Continued | Reported Closed | Approval Withdrawn | Application Deficient | Application Pending | Awaiting Initial Response |
| RDA  | 0         | 0        | 0                  | 0               | 0                  | 11                    | 0                   | 0                         |
| RDAEF  | 0         | 0        | 0                  | 0               | 0                  | 0                     | 1                   | 0                         |
| RDAEF-ITR  | 0         | 0        | 0                  | 0               | 0                  | 0                     | 0                   | 0                         |
| RS   | 0         | 0        | 2                  | 0               | 2                  | 1                     | 0                   | 0                         |
| CP   | 0         | 0        | 1                  | 0               | 2                  | 0                     | 0                   | 0                         |
| PF   | 41        | 0        | 13                 | 0               | 25                 | 6                     | 10                  | 1                         |
| US   | 0         | 0        | 0                  | 0               | 1                  | 0                     | 0                   | 0                         |
| IC   | 0         | 0        | 2                  | 0               | 1                  | 1                     | 0                   | 0                         |
| DSA  | 0         | 0        | 0                  | 0               | 0                  | 0                     | 0                   | 0                         |
| OA   | 0         | 0        | 1                  | 0               | 1                  | 0                     | 0                   | 0                         |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>41</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>19</b>          | <b>0</b>        | <b>32</b>          | <b>19</b>             | <b>11</b>           | <b>1</b>                  |

| Re-Evaluation Definitions |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>SRE</b>                | Standard Re-Evaluation – Initiated in fiscal year 2025-26 through March 31, 2026, based on 16 CCR § 1070, subs. (a)(2) which requires the Board to re-evaluate educational programs and courses approximately every seven years.   |
| <b>CRE</b>                | Enforcement Investigation Re-Evaluation – Initiated in fiscal year 2025-26 through March 31, 2026, when a possible issue of non-compliance comes to the attention of the Board.  |
| <b>Approval Continued</b> | 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 in fiscal year 2025-26 through March 31, 2026.   |
| <b>Reported Closed</b>    | The Board received notification of closure from the program or course in response to a Notice of Re-Evaluation in fiscal year 2025-26 through March 31, 2026.  |
| <b>Approval Withdrawn</b> | 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 was notified to cease operation in fiscal year 2025-26 through March 31, 2026. |

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| <b>Deficient</b>         | The program or course was issued a Notice of Compliance Issues 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 March 31, 2026. Status changes weekly. |
| <b>Pending</b>           | The program or course application package is pending action by Board staff or SMEs. The pending action can be either review of program or course submissions or the drafting of notices or letters related to those submissions. This number is a snapshot of pending applications on March 31, 2026. Status changes weekly.                  |
| <b>Awaiting Response</b> | The Board has issued a Notice of Re-Evaluation to a Board-approved program or course and is awaiting the response from the program or course.   |

**Action Requested**

Informational only. No action required.



## MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE</b>    | April 27, 2026  |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council)   |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist<br>Dental Board of California (Board) |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 9.:</b> Update and Discussion on Proposed Regulations                      |

### **Background**

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

#### **a. Update on 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 Board at its May 14-15, 2025, meeting. Board staff submitted the proposed text to the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC) for review and consideration.

At its meeting on July 19, 2025, the DHBC approved the Board's approved text, and thereby reaching consensus. Board staff have taken the necessary steps to begin the rulemaking process, which includes drafting the necessary rulemaking documents (i.e., Notice and Initial Statement of Reasons, etc.) and are working with the Board's Regulations Counsel and Department of Consumer Affairs Budget Office to finalize the documents for departmental review.

### **Action Requested**

This item is informational only. No action is requested.



## MEMORANDUM

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| <b>DATE</b>    | April 23, 2026  |
| <b>TO</b>      | Members of the Dental Assisting Council   |
| <b>FROM</b>    | Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist<br>Dental Board of California |
| <b>SUBJECT</b> | <b>Agenda Item 10.:</b> Update and Discussion on Legislation                      |

### Background

For the 2026 legislative year, the Dental Board of California (Board) staff continue to track bills that impact the Board, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), healing arts boards and their respective licensees, and all DCA licensing boards. This memorandum focuses on legislation that may be of interest to the Dental Assisting Council (Council). The information below was based on legislation, statuses, and analyses (if any) publicly available as of April 23, 2026.

### Update:

**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.

**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 statutes that were 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 (DA) 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 DA 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 873 would require 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 DA to provide bloodborne pathogen training, as specified, prior to the DA 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 DA 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 (DA 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:

- Amend BPC sections 1628 and 1633 regarding dentist licensure requirements;
- Amend BPC section 1635.5 regarding licensure by credential pathway requirements;

- Amend BPC section 1638.1 regarding elective facial cosmetic surgery (EFCS) Permits; and
- Amend 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.

**Staff Comments:** 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 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 Assemblymember Alanis. However, on July 14, 2025, the author cancelled the hearing of this bill making it a two-year bill.

**b. [AB 1760 \(Arambula, 2026\) Dentistry – SPONSOR](#)**

**Introduced:** February 9, 2026  
**Last Amended:** N/A  
**Location:** Senate Desk  
**Status:** Pending referral to the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

**Summary:** This Board-sponsored bill consolidates technical, non-controversial, and substantive cleanup items approved by the Board—in public meetings between November 2024 and February 2026—to refine various provisions of the Dental Practice Act (DPA) and ensure statutory language aligns with current regulatory standards and consumer protection needs.

While these items are typically addressed during the Sunset Review process, waiting for the Board’s next cycle in 2028–2029 would leave in place several statutory impediments and inconsistencies for effective administration of the DPA. This bill serves as a comprehensive omnibus vehicle to optimize the Board’s efficiency and protect the public in the following ways:

1. Resolve Training Implementation Delays. The Board is currently facing legal impediments that have stalled the implementation of modernized curriculum for two foundational safety courses: the 8-Hour Infection Control Course and the Radiation Safety (X-ray) Course.
  - Problem: Insufficient course requirements and Board oversight provisions in statute.

- Solution: These amendments would clarify the course requirements and Board approval process for course providers, ensuring dental assistants receive high-quality training in digital radiation reduction and sterilization before patient contact.

2. Rectify Inadvertent Technical Errors in SB 1453 (Ashby). The 2024 Sunset Bill inadvertently introduced cross-referencing errors and omitted specific duties for RDAEFs.

- Problem: These errors create legal ambiguity for practitioners and supervisors regarding RDAEF scope of practice.
- Solution: This bill would restore RDAEF duties inadvertently removed in SB 1453 and clarify administration of the RDAEF written examination.

3. Modernize Licensure and Permits. This bill would clean up "statutory clutter" by removing obsolete pathways, clarify EFCS permit application review, and updates dentist applicant reexamination provisions:

- EFCS Permit: Update EFCS Permit Credentialing Committee review of permit applications to conform to the new permit categories established in SB 1453 and clarify the terms of member service on the EFCS Permit Credentialing Committee.
- Obsolete Pathway: Conform statutes to reflect the prior repeal of the "Portfolio Examination" pathway.
- Dentist Applicant Reexamination: Update dentist applicant reexamination requirements to reflect current national reexamination requirements.

4. Administrative Efficiency and Licensure Application Transparency. The bill would clarify the "Licensure by Credential" process for out-of-state dentists and remove redundant examination insurance requirements, thereby reducing administrative overhead.

**Board Position:** Sponsor

c. **Senate Bill [\(SB\) 1445](#) (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, 2026)**

**Introduced:** March 17, 2026

**Last Amended:** N/A

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Status:** Pending action in the Senate Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This is an omnibus "healing arts" bill authored by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development. The bill acts as a legislative "cleanup" vehicle, bundling technical, non-controversial changes for multiple professional boards into one package to simplify the legislative process.

SB 1445 also contains helpful cleanup items for the Board. The following is a summary of the sections transitioned from the Board-sponsored bill (AB 1760) into the Committee Bill (SB 1445):

- **BPC Sections 1621, 1632.6, 1724:** Removes outdated references to the "portfolio examination" pathway for dentists, which is no longer in use.
- **BPC 1750.1:** Corrects DA radiation safety duty authority cross-reference.

**Staff Recommendation:** Support

**d. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 1684.5, 1741, 1750, 1750.1, and 1752.4 Regarding Dental Auxiliaries – Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant Duties Working Group**

Board staff identified inconsistencies in the statutes and regulations related to the allowable DA and registered dental assistant (RDA) duties and supervision. At the November 6, 2025 Council meeting, the Council Chair reported creating a two-member working group, consisting of Council Members Rosalinda Olague and Jessica Gerlach, to review these issues.

On February 5, 2026, the Council was asked to review and discuss the working group's legislative proposal to amend the definitions, DA duties, and RDA duties presented in Agenda Item 9 of the [February 5, 2026 Council Meeting Materials](#). The Council moved to recommend the legislative proposal to the Board for approval.

On February 6, 2026, the Board approved the legislative proposal as recommended by the Council for submission to the California State Legislature. Board staff anticipate advancing this Board-approved legislative proposal in the Board's 2028 Sunset Bill.

**e. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Sections 1628.7, 1686, 1718.2, and 1718.3 Regarding Probationary Licenses, Petitions for Reinstatement, Termination, or Modification of Penalty, and Cancelled Licenses and Permits**

On February 5, 2026, the Council was asked to consider Board staff recommendations on a legislative proposal to make substantive and other non-substantive amendments regarding probationary licenses, petitions following Board-ordered discipline, and cancelled licenses, as set forth in Agenda Item 10.b. of the [February 5, 2026 Council Meeting Materials](#). The Council reviewed and moved to recommend the legislative proposal to the Board for approval.

On February 6, 2026, the Board approved the legislative proposal as recommended by the Council for submission to the California State Legislature.

Board staff anticipate advancing this Board-approved legislative proposal in the Board's 2028 Sunset Bill.

**Action Requested**

This item is informational only. No action is requested.