

**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF MEETING
August 12, 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 11122.5, subdivision (a), at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at:

Department of Consumer Affairs
2005 Evergreen Street, Hearing Room #1150
Sacramento, CA 95815

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda **[4]**
Note: The Council may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this Public Comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11125 and 11125.7(a).)
3. Discussion and Possible Action on May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes **[5-10]**
4. Council Chair Report **[11]**
5. Executive Officer Report **[12]**
6. Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics **[13-16]**
 - a. Registered Dental Assistant General Written and Law and Ethics Examinations
 - b. Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions General Written Examination
 - c. Orthodontic Assistant Written Examination
 - d. Dental Sedation Assistant Written Examination
7. Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics **[17-29]**
 - 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 **[30-38]**
9. Presentation on Opportunities and Resources for Dental Assistants – Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and the DALE Foundation **[39-70]**
10. Update and Discussion on Proposed Regulations **[71]**
 - a. Update on Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control
11. Update and Discussion on Legislation **[72-77]**

- a. Assembly Bill [\(AB\) 873](#) (Alanis, 2025) Dentistry: Dental Assistants
- b. [AB 1760](#) (Arambula, 2026) Dentistry
- c. Senate Bill [\(SB\) 1311](#) (Wahab) Licensed Professions
- d. [SB 1445](#) (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, 2026) Healing Arts

12. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 21, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 2.: Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

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DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 13, 2026

In accordance with Government Code section 11123, subdivision (a), the Dental Assisting Council (Council) of the Dental Board of California (Board) met on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the following location:

Hilton Anaheim
777 W. Convention Way (Fourth Floor, Huntington Room)
Anaheim, CA 92802

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
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
Wilbert Rumbaoa, Administrative Services Unit Manager
Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
Kaycee Hunter, Investigator
Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst
Tom Tortorici, Investigator
Bryce Penney, Television Specialist, Office of Public Affairs, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Kenneth Swenson, Interim Board Counsel, Attorney III, Retired Annuitant, Legal Affairs Division, DCA
Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV, Legal Affairs Division, DCA (Remotely)

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

Council Chair, Ms. Jeri Fowler, called the meeting to order at 8:32 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

Shari Becker expressed that the Dental Assisting Alliance is opposed to Senate Bill (SB) 1311 (Wahab, 2026) unless significantly amended. Their concerns include removal of the Board from regulatory process, replacement of course requirements with written examination only, elimination of hands-on training, and inconsistency between pathway options. She expressed that this bill would create multiple pathways to infection control certification that are not aligned or consistent with one another. She added that ironically the practical portion of the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) examination was eliminated in 2018 largely because of concerns regarding inconsistency between testing locations and procedures. Yet now, certification pathways are being considered that vary significantly in both educational rigor and competency validation. Ms. Becker stated that one proposed pathway would eliminate all education and hands-on training requirements for infection control certification allowing dental assistants to become certified based solely on passing a written exam. However, answers to this national written exam are readily available online, and successfully passing a written test alone does not demonstrate that an individual can competently and safely perform critical infection control procedures in a clinical setting. In addition, Assembly Bill (AB) 1760 (Arambula, 2026) already includes substantial revisions in infection control certification requirements that directly address concerns related to the current coursework structure. As a result, the provisions proposed in SB 1311 are unnecessary. Ms. Becker conveyed that the Alliance respectfully urges the Board to change its position from support to oppose unless amended.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion and Possible Action on February 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Council Member Cara Miyasaki requested an amendment to the meeting minutes on page 8, Agenda Item 11.a., second paragraph, first line, to strike and replace “august” with “robust”.

Motion/Second/Call the Question (M/S/C) (Larin/Epps-Robbins) to approve the February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes as revised.

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

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

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

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Absent: None.

Recusals: None.

The motion passed and the Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 4: Council Chair Report

Chair Fowler reported that Board staff have continued their efforts to review the statutes and regulations regarding the duties of the dental assisting profession by meeting with working groups and stakeholders. She indicated that Council Members Rosalinda Olague and Jessica Gerlach were assigned to the Dental Assistant (DA) and RDA Working Group, while Council Member Gerlach and herself were assigned to the Orthodontic Assistant Permit (OAP) Working Group. Additionally, Council Member Carie Smith and herself were assigned to the RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF) Working Group. Chair Fowler conveyed that at the February 5, 2026 Dental Assisting Council meeting, the Council moved to support the proposed recommendation as revised from the DA and RDA Working Group to amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 1675.5, 1741, 1750, 1750.1, and 1752.4 regarding dental auxiliaries. On March 4 and March 25, 2026, Council Member Gerlach and herself met with Board staff to discuss amendments to BPC section 1750.3, which outlines the allowable duties of the Orthodontic Assistant (OA). The proposed revisions were intended to align this section with the changes introduced in the February legislative proposal regarding DA and RDA duties and to ensure that supervision levels are consistent for duties performed by both RDAs and OAs. The legislative proposal was subsequently shared with stakeholders to gather feedback. Chair Fowler noted that on March 27 and April 23, 2026, Council Member Smith and herself met with Board staff to review proposed amendments to BPC sections 1753.5, 1753.51, 1753.55, and 1753.6, which govern the allowable duties of RDAEFs. She voiced that discussions focused on ensuring that the duties listed in California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1087 are fully incorporated into statute and that appropriate supervision levels are clearly identified. Chair Fowler verbalized that Board staff also met with stakeholders on April 23, 2026, to discuss the anticipated changes associated with this legislative proposal. She noted that the long-term goal is to consolidate all RDAEF duties into a single statutory section. Additionally in April, Board staff drafted similar amendments to BPC section 1750.5 related to the allowable duties of dental sedation assistants (DSAs) to align this section with the updated DA, RDA, and OA duties. This legislative proposal was also shared with stakeholders for their feedback. Chair Fowler expressed that a lot of great work is happening across all categories, and the Working Groups are hopeful that these legislative proposals will be ready for review at one of the upcoming Board meetings this year.

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 reported that over the past quarter, the Board has continued to prioritize improvements in communication, transparency, and accessibility to better serve the Board's licensees, stakeholders, and the public. Several key initiatives have been implemented to expand outreach, enhance user experience, and modernize interactions with the Board. With regards to an expanded social media presence, the Board has launched a new Facebook page, complementing its existing social media presence on

X. This expanded platform allows the Board to reach a broader audience and engage more proactively in public-facing events. Recent examples of postings include participation in Dental Assistants Recognition Week in March and National Smile Month in May and June. These social media channels offer real-time updates and improved visibility for Board activities. Mr. Docherty verbalized that there have also been a number of website enhancements to clarify and ease of use. The Board's website has been refreshed with clearer language, improved organization, and new visual application widgets designed to simplify navigation for licensing applicants. These updates aim to reduce confusion, streamline access to information, and create a more intuitive experience for all the users. To enhance language accessibility and translation integration, a new Google Translate feature has been added to the top of the Board's website, allowing visitors to view content in nearly 150 different languages with a single click. This enhancement reflects the Board's ongoing commitment to accessible communication and serves as an important step in ensuring that the public it protects can readily access essential information and services. He noted that the Board has also added new Contact Us and email subscription features. To further strengthen communication with applicants, licensees, stakeholders, and the public, the Board has introduced an updated Contact Us and new Join our Email List subscription option. These tools provide a more direct and efficient way for the public to reach the Board, receive timely updates, and stay informed on key announcements, regulatory changes, and outreach efforts.

Mr. Docherty conveyed that the May issue of the Board Matters biannual newsletter was recently released and successfully distributed announcing the Board's new President and new Executive Officer among many other items. This biannual communication vehicle continues the Board's efforts to keep stakeholders informed of leadership updates and organizational priorities. He indicated that the Dental Unit has fully transitioned from mailing hard copy communications and that all correspondence is now issued electronically. This modernization ensures faster delivery, improved tracking, and reduced administrative costs. Mr. Docherty expressed that the Board now offers courtesy email notifications for renewals. In April, the Board implemented courtesy email notifications for license renewals. This added communication channel helps ensure licensees receive timely reminders and are less likely to miss their renewal deadlines. He communicated that the Board has also implemented the Psychological Services Incorporated (PSI) testing updates for the dentist and dental assistant Law and Ethics Examination. PSI's examination process has been updated to collect examinee's email addresses and phone numbers. This enhancement allows for more efficient communication regarding exam scheduling, location changes, or testing site closures, improving the overall experience for candidates. Mr. Docherty indicated that as part of the Board's paperless project, a secure online portal for complaints has been established. The Enforcement Unit now accepts dental records submissions through a secure online portal. This improvement reduces the need for mailing large physical documents and provides a more efficient and accessible way for the public to file complaints.

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

Christy Bell 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. Bell provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Council Member Smith inquired whether there is a date that testing will begin again for the RDAEF. Ms. Bell responded that Board staff is anticipating at the end of July.

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. Bell provided the report, which is available in the meeting materials.

Council Member Lilia Larin pointed out that on page 31 of the meeting materials, she noticed an almost 70% increase in RDA and RDAEF educational program applications that were approved. She inquired whether there is a trend of private dentists opening their own schools. Ms. Bell responded that the Board has received an increase in applications overall, and based on the withdrawals of the re-evaluations, the courses and programs are re-applying once they correct the deficiencies. She added that the Board has had an increase in applications over the last two years.

Mr. Docherty mentioned that the Board receives about 15 to 20 new course or program applications a month.

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

Agenda Item 9: Update and Discussion on Proposed Regulations

Agenda Item 9.a.: Update on Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1005 Regarding Minimum Standards for Infection Control

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

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment.

Ms. Becker, representing herself, inquired whether the 45-day comment period has passed for the Infection Control Rulemaking. Mr. Nelson responded that at this time, this particular regulation or rulemaking package is being approved by DCA. Therefore, the comment period had not yet arrived. He noted that a notice will go out regarding the comment period and added that at the moment, the Budget Office and everyone is reviewing it to make sure that everything is copacetic.

Ms. Becker inquired where that notification will be coming from. Mr. Nelson responded that it will be on the Board's website and expressed that the Office of Administrative Law dictates how that is done and noted that it is published in an actual publication.

Agenda Item 10: Update and Discussion on Legislation

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

Tara Welch mentioned that on May 6, 2026, AB 1760 was double referred to the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee and inquired if Mr. Docherty knew why it was doubled referred by the Senate Rules Committee. Mr. Docherty responded that there is a section in AB 1760 that deletes a duplicative malpractice insurance requirement for licensure candidates completing a hands-on practicum on live patients. He added that the malpractice insurance requirement for these licensure candidates is duplicative because malpractice insurance is now provided by the course provider for that portion of the exam. Mr. Docherty mentioned that provision was also flagged by the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and the Consumer Attorneys of California. He stated that Board staff clarified the intent of that provision and mentioned that it is not eliminating any malpractice liability coverage requirement but merely removing duplicative coverage.

Chair Fowler requested public comment on this item. The Council received public comment.

Ms. Becker, representing the Alliance, verbalized that regarding AB 873, the Alliance will take a watch on that bill, and they are pleased to support AB 1760. She mentioned that over the past several years, the dental assisting community working collaboratively with key stakeholders has made significant efforts to strengthen infection control standards, and noted that they believe the provisions outlined in this bill are practical, well balanced, and in the best interest of patient safety, the dental workforce, and the public. Regarding SB 1445, Ms. Becker expressed that they will continue to watch that bill.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

Chair Fowler adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 21, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 4.: Council Chair Report

Background

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

Action Requested

No action requested.

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TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 5.: Executive Officer Report

Background

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

Action Requested

No action requested.

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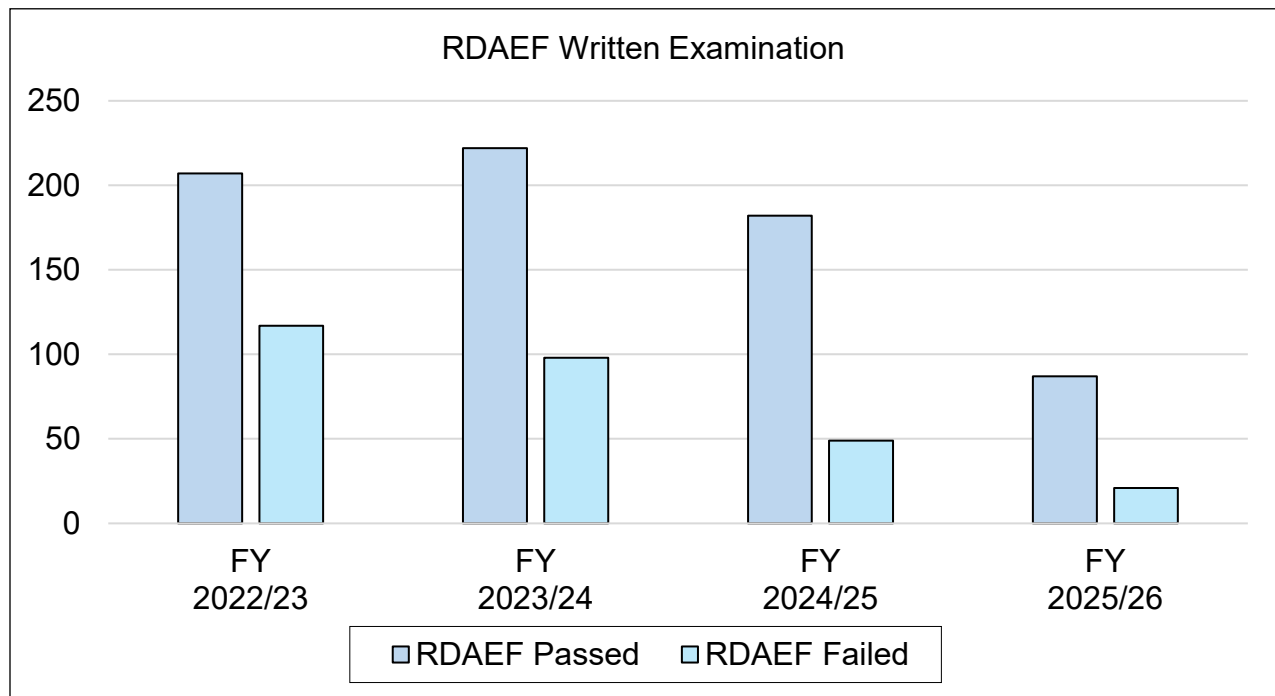
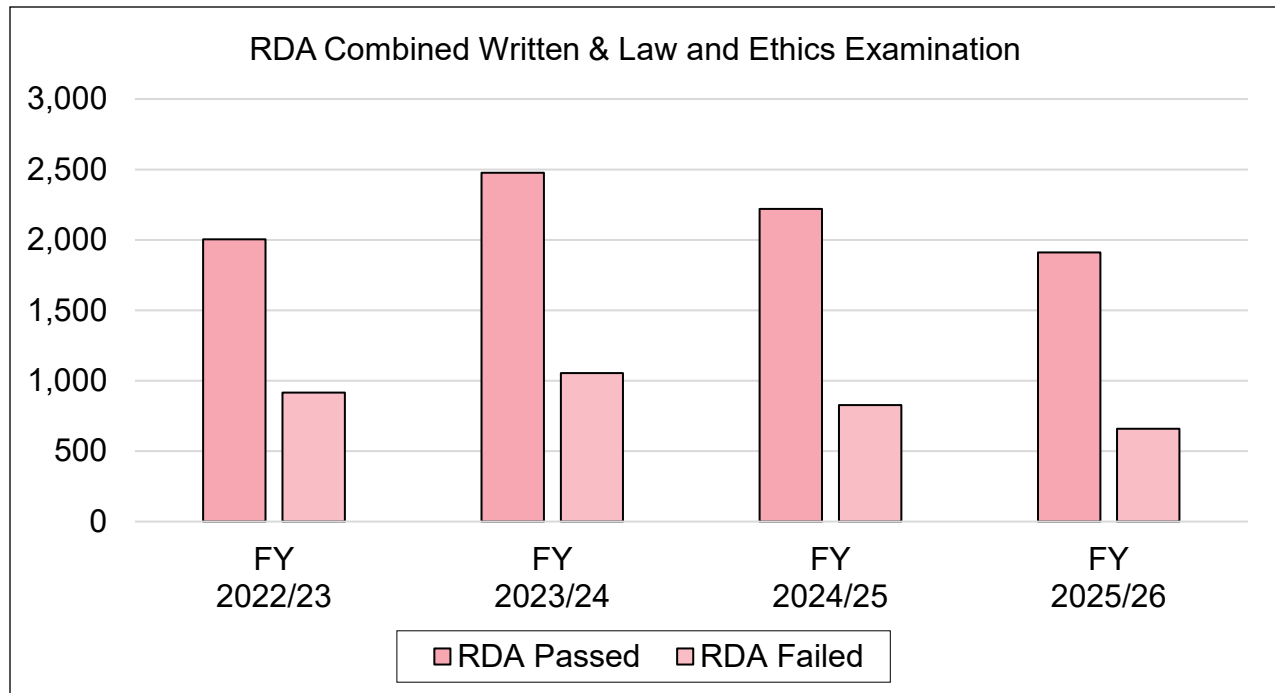
DATE	July 10, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 6.: Update on Dental Assisting Examination Statistics

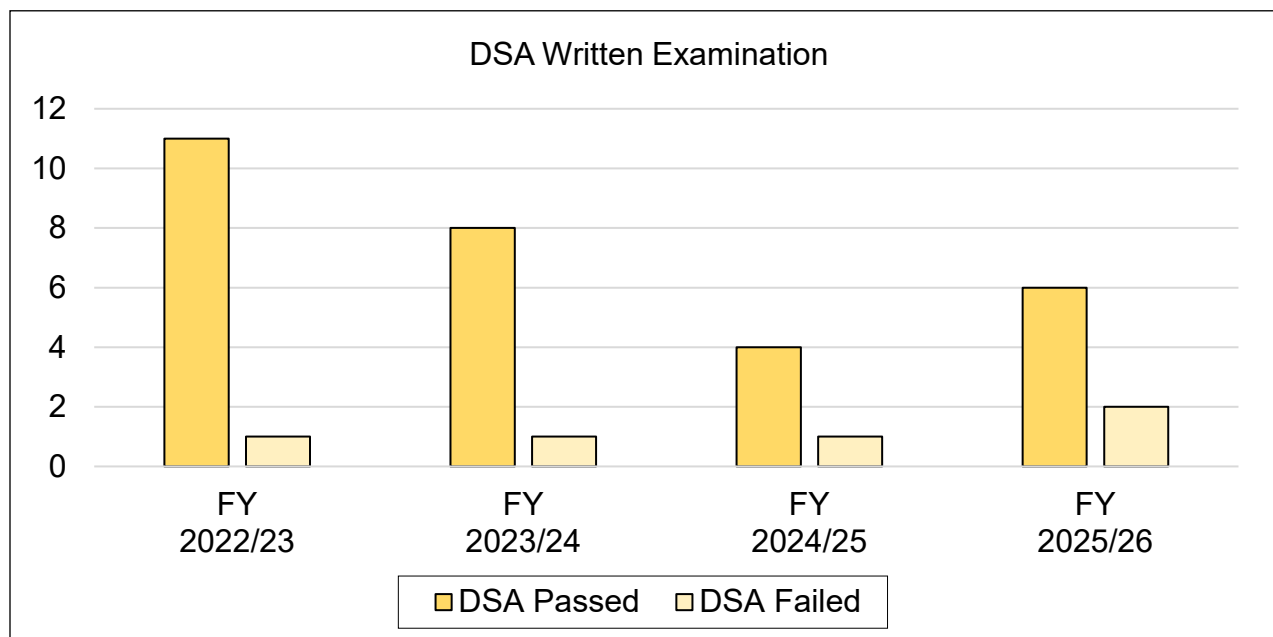
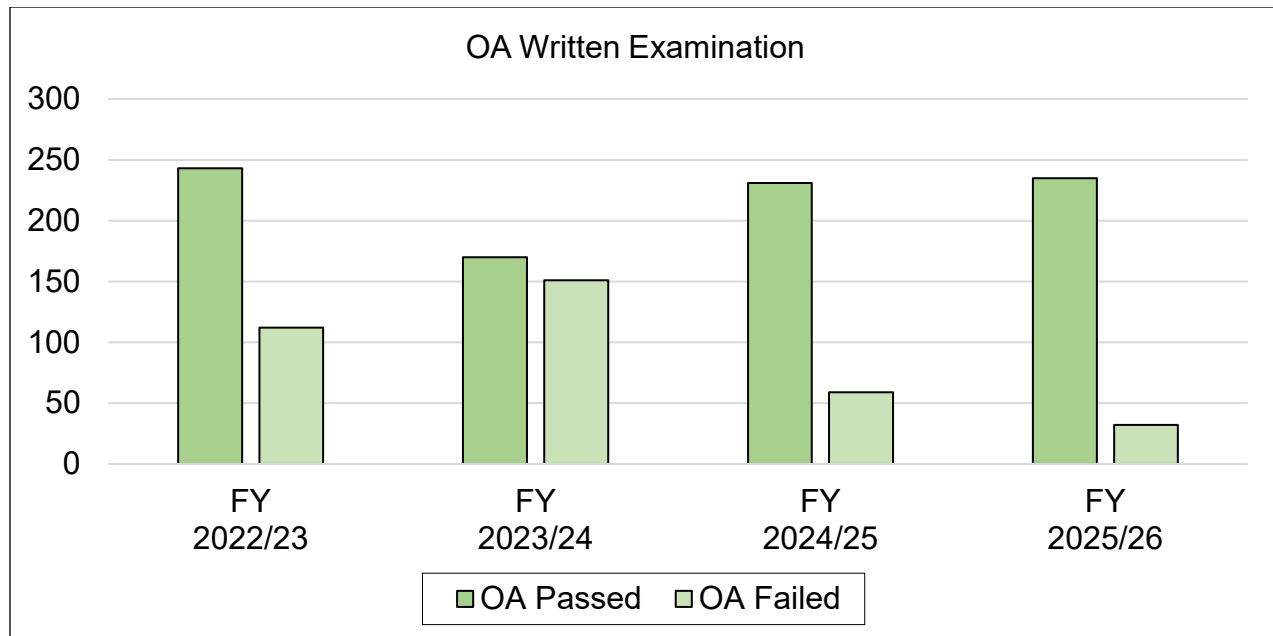
The following table provides examination statistics for candidates who attempted dental assisting examinations in fiscal years (FY) 2022-2023 through 2025-2026.

License Type		RDA	RDAEF	OA	DSA
FY 2025/26	Total 1st Time Candidates Tested	1,917	86	226	6
	1st Time Candidates Pass	1,630	75	212	4
	1st Time Candidates Pass %	85%	87%	94%	67%
	1st Time Candidates Fail	287	11	14	2
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	15%	13%	6%	33%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	652	22	41	2
	Repeat Candidates Pass	280	12	23	2
	Repeat Candidates Pass %	43%	55%	56%	100%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	372	10	18	0
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	57%	45%	44%	0%
	Total Candidates Tested	2,569	108	267	8
	Total Candidates Passed	1,910	87	235	6
	Total Candidates Pass %	74%	81%	88%	75%
	Total Candidates Failed	659	21	32	2
	Total Candidates Failed %	26%	19%	12%	25%
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
	1st Time Candidates Fail %	17%	11%	12%	0%
	Total Repeat Candidates Tested	795	65	78	2
	Repeat Candidates Pass	349	34	44	1

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	Repeat Candidates Pass %	44%	52%	56%	50%
	Repeat Candidates Fail	446	31	34	1
	Repeat Candidates Fail %	56%	48%	44%	50%
	Total Candidates Tested	3,046	231	290	5
	Total Candidates Passed	2,220	182	231	4
	Total Candidates Pass %	73%	79%	80%	80%
	Total Candidates Failed	826	49	59	1
	Total Candidates Failed %	27%	21%	20%	20%
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%	87%
	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	3,531	320	321	9
	Total Candidates Passed	2,477	222	170	8
	Total Candidates Pass %	70%	69%	53%	89%
	Total Candidates Failed	1,054	98	151	1
	Total Candidates Failed %	30%	31%	47%	11%
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	2,921	324	355	12
	Total Candidates Passed	2,005	207	243	11
	Total Candidates Pass %	69%	64%	68%	92%
	Total Candidates Failed	916	117	112	1
	Total Candidates Fail %	31%	36%	32%	8%





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

No action requested.

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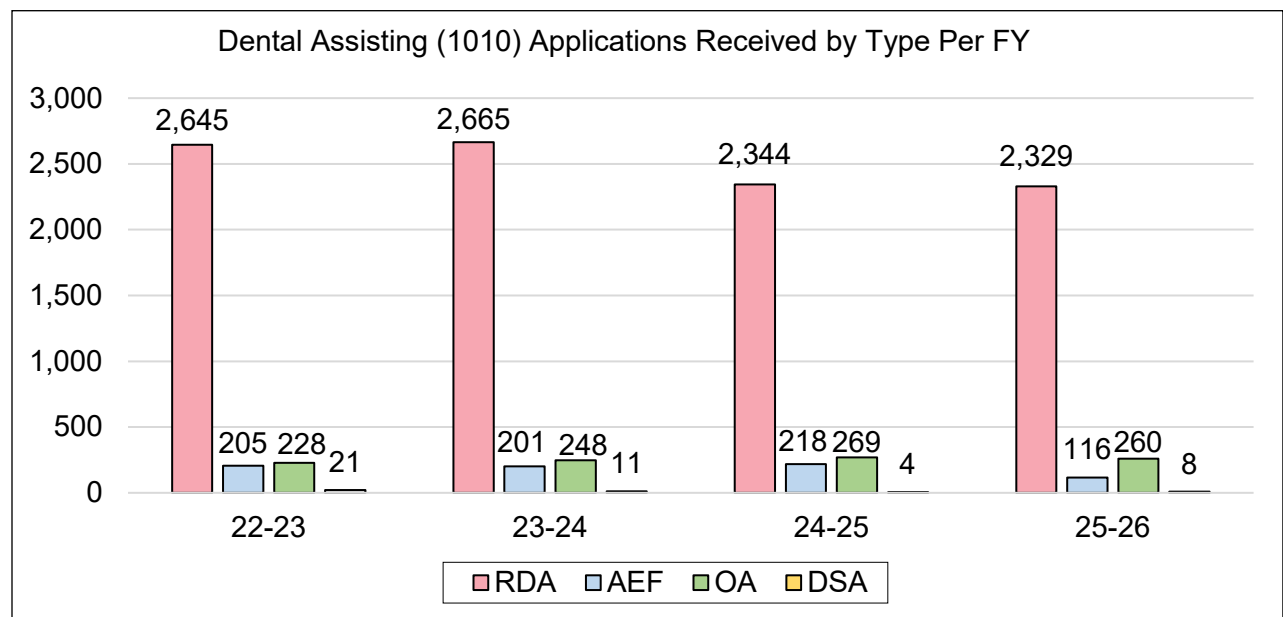
MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 10, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Rikki Parks, Dental Assisting Program Manager Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7.: Update on Dental Assisting Licensing Statistics

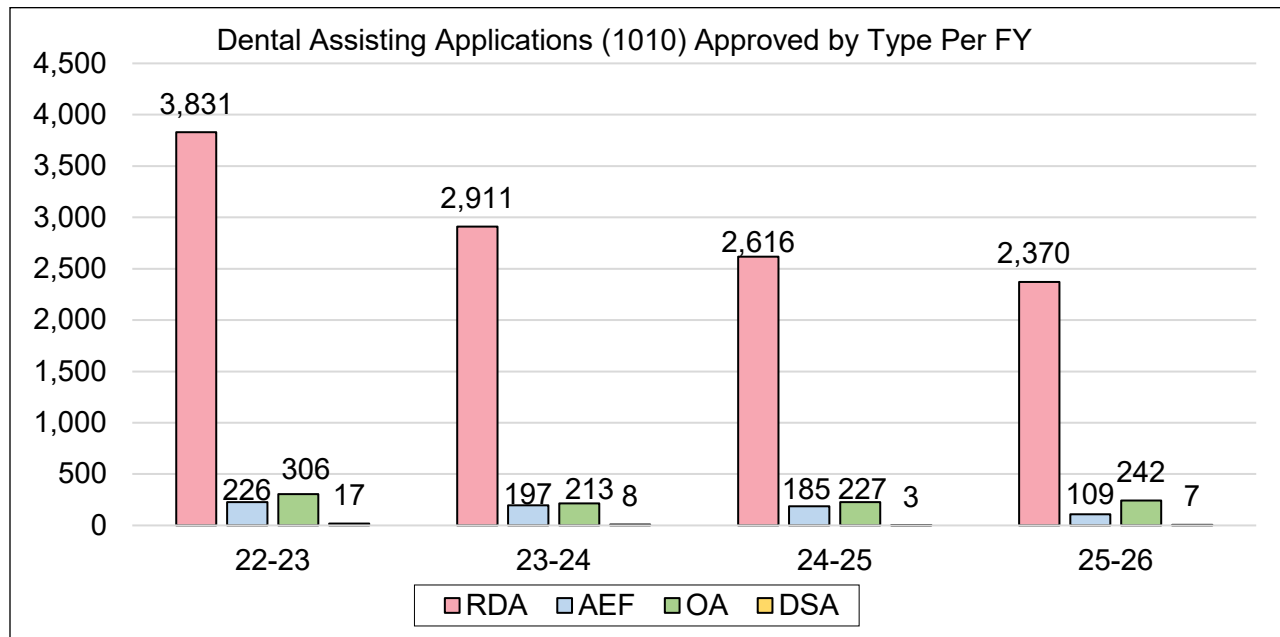
Year Over Year Dental Assisting License and Permit Application Statistics

The tables and charts below show yearly dental assisting license and permit application statistics for fiscal years (FY) 2022–2023 through 2025–2026.

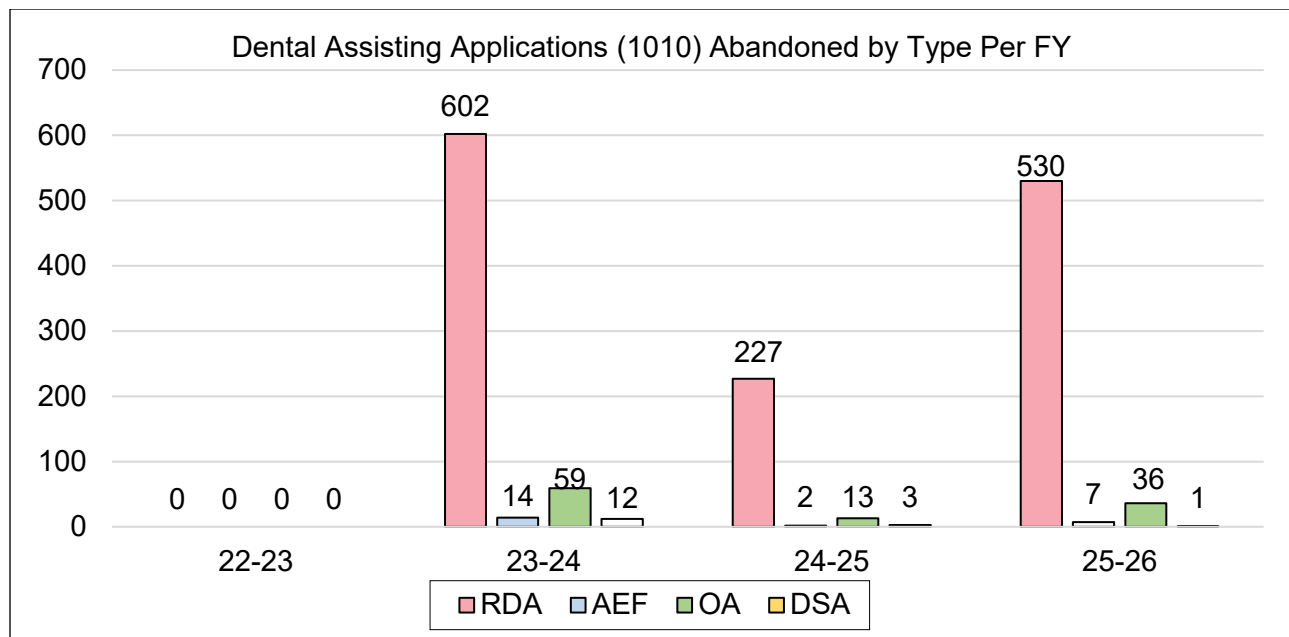
Dental Assisting (1010) Applications Received by Type per FY					
	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	Totals
RDA	2,645	2,665	2,344	2,329	9,983
AEF	205	201	218	116	740
OA	228	248	269	260	1,005
DSA	21	11	4	8	44
Total	3,099	3,125	2,835	2,713	11,772



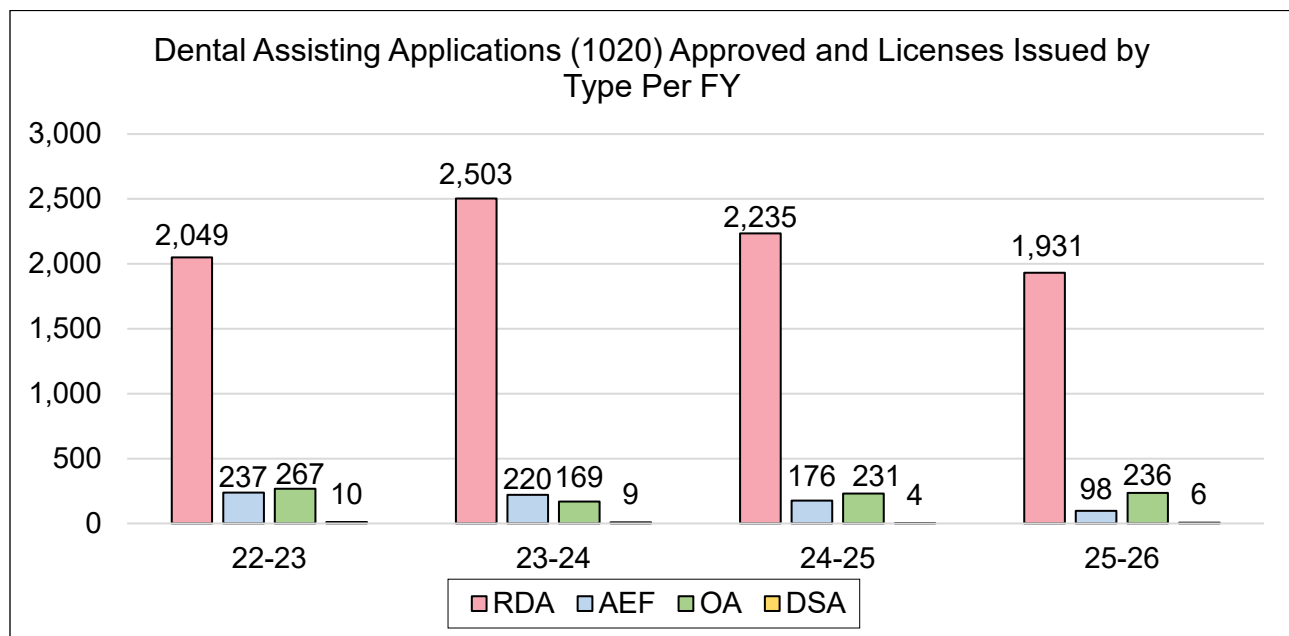
Dental Assisting Applications (1010) Approved by Type per FY					
	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	Totals
RDA	3,831	2,911	2,616	2,370	11,728
AEF	226	197	185	109	717
OA	306	213	227	242	988
DSA	17	8	3	7	35
Total	4,380	3,329	3,031	2,728	13,468



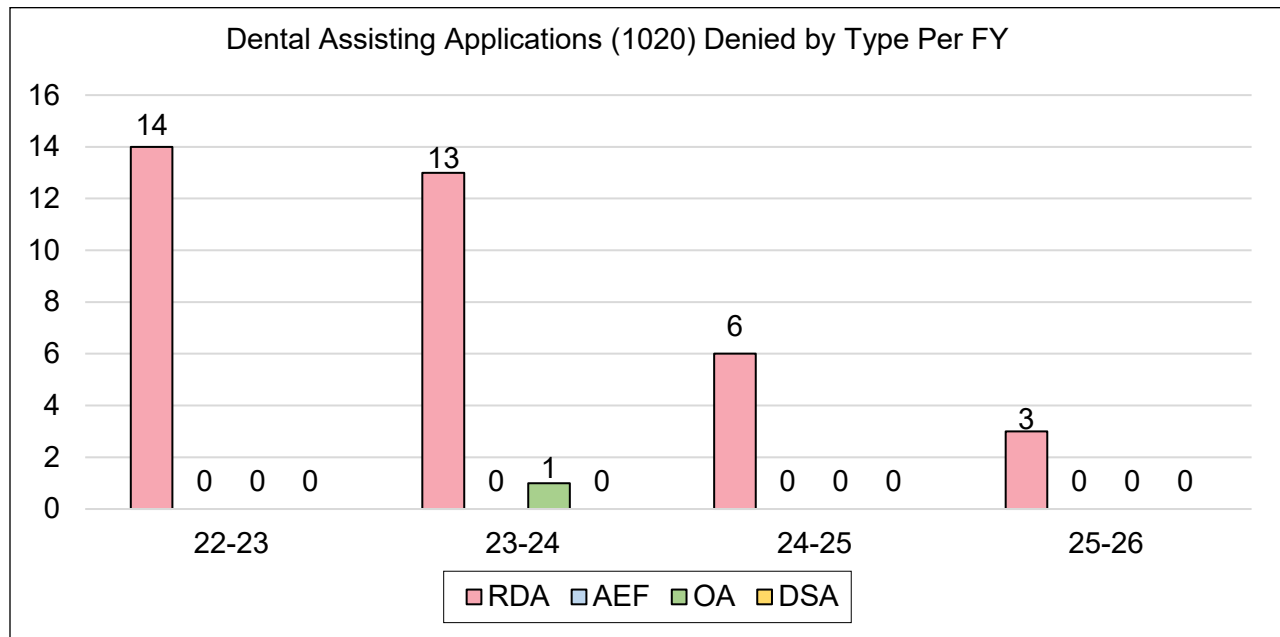
Dental Assisting Applications (1010) Abandoned by Type Per FY					
	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	Totals
RDA	N/A	602	227	530	1,359
AEF	N/A	14	2	7	23
OA	N/A	59	13	36	108
DSA	N/A	12	3	1	16
Total	0	687	245	574	1,506



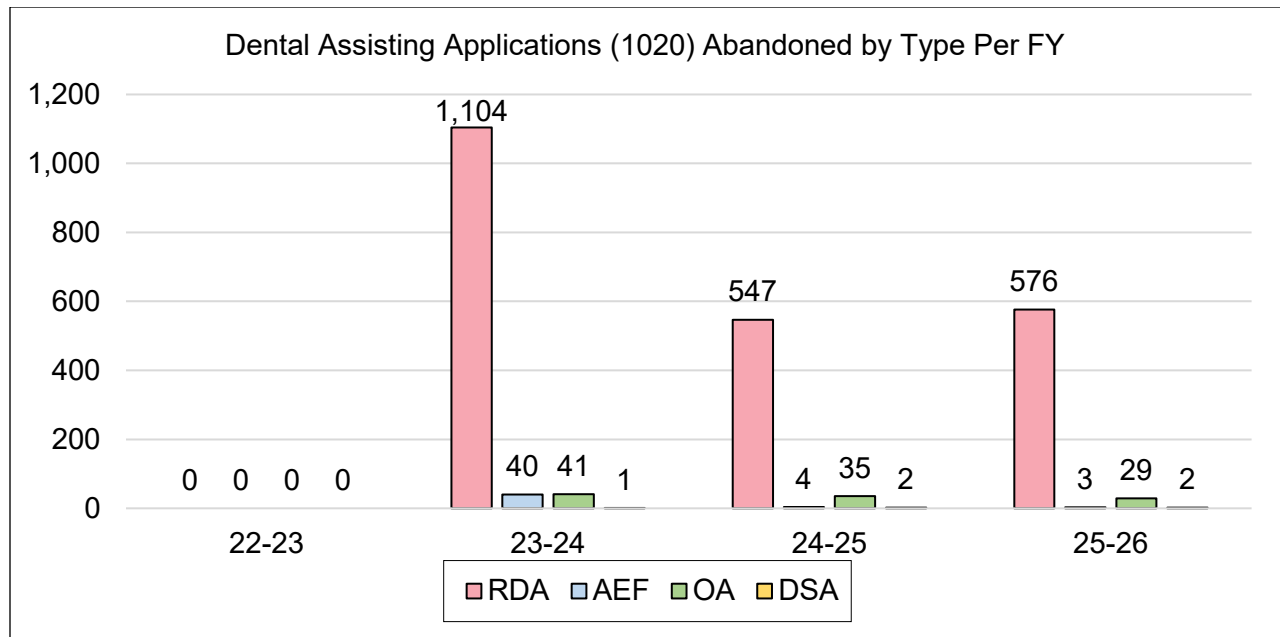
	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	Totals
RDA	2,049	2,503	2,235	1,931	8,718
AEF	237	220	176	98	731
OA	267	169	231	236	903
DSA	10	9	4	6	29
Total	2,563	2,901	2,646	2,271	10,381



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



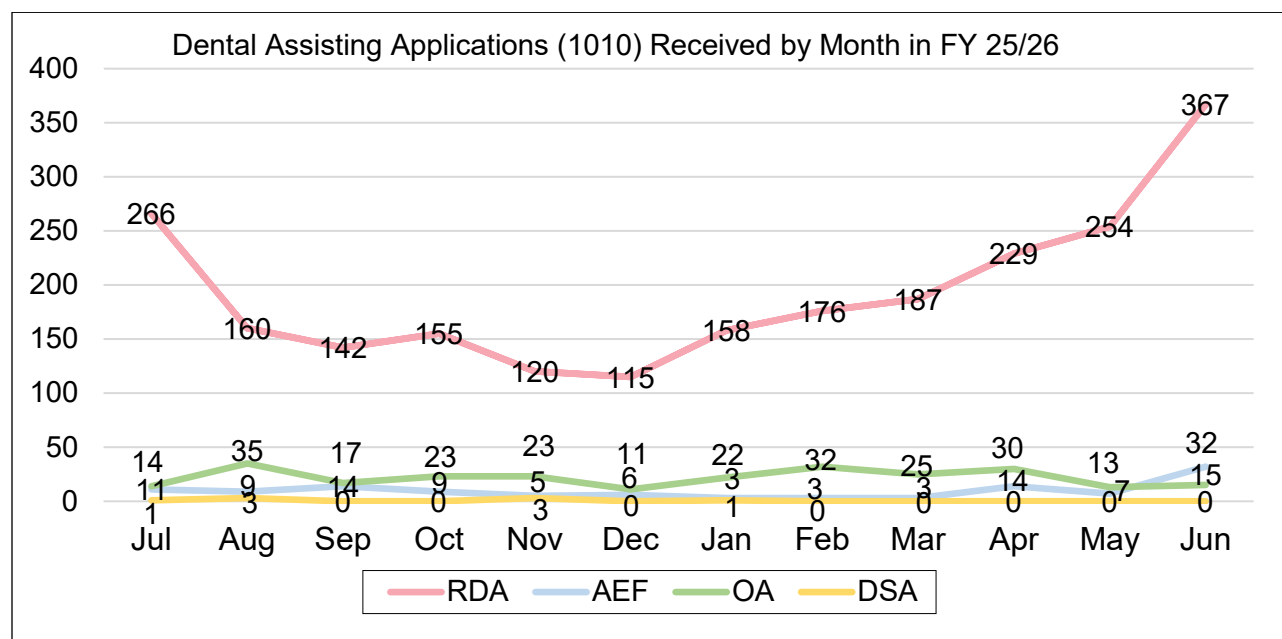
Dental Assisting Applications (1020) Abandoned by FY					
	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	Totals
RDA	N/A	1,104	547	576	2,227
AEF	N/A	40	4	3	47
OA	N/A	41	35	29	105
DSA	N/A	1	2	2	5
Total	0	1,186	588	610	2,384



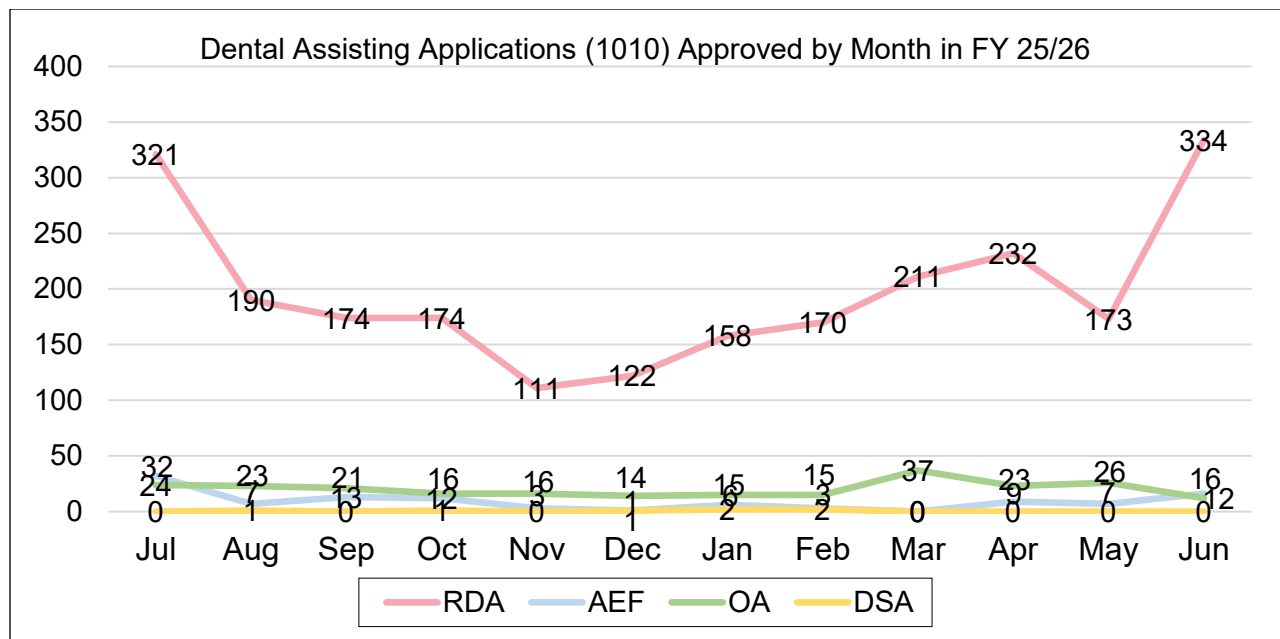
Application Definitions	
Received	Application received in paper format or electronically through BreZE system.
Approved	Application for eligibility of licensure processed with required documentation and examination eligibility issued.
License Issued	Final application including examination results approved and license issued.
Abandoned (1010)	An applicant who fails to complete application requirements within one year after being notified by the Board of deficiencies.
Abandoned (1020)	Pursuant to CCR, title 16, section 1004, an application is considered abandoned if: 1) The applicant fails to submit the application, examination, or reexamination fee within 180 days after notification by the Board that such fee is due and unpaid. 2) The applicant fails to take the licensing examination within two years after the date their application was received by the Board. 3) ... [A]fter failing the examination, [the applicant] fails to take a reexamination within two years after the date the applicant was notified of such failure.
Denied	The Board denies an application on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or has been subject to formal discipline; in accordance with Business and Professions Code, Division 1.5, Chapter 2, Denial of Licenses.

Monthly Dental Assisting License and Permit Application Statistics

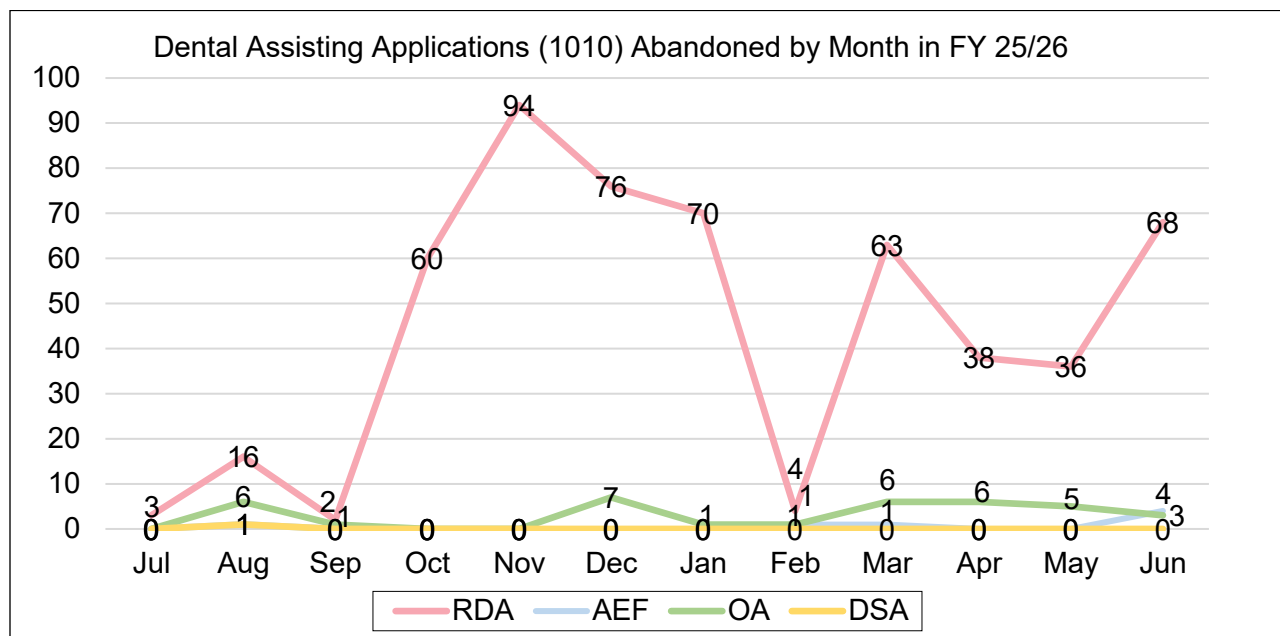
Dental Assisting Applications (1010) Received by Month in FY 25/26													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA	266	160	142	155	120	115	158	176	187	229	254	367	2,329
AEF	11	9	14	9	5	6	3	3	3	14	7	32	116
OA	14	35	17	23	23	11	22	32	25	30	13	15	260
DSA	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Total	292	207	173	187	151	132	184	211	215	273	274	414	2,713



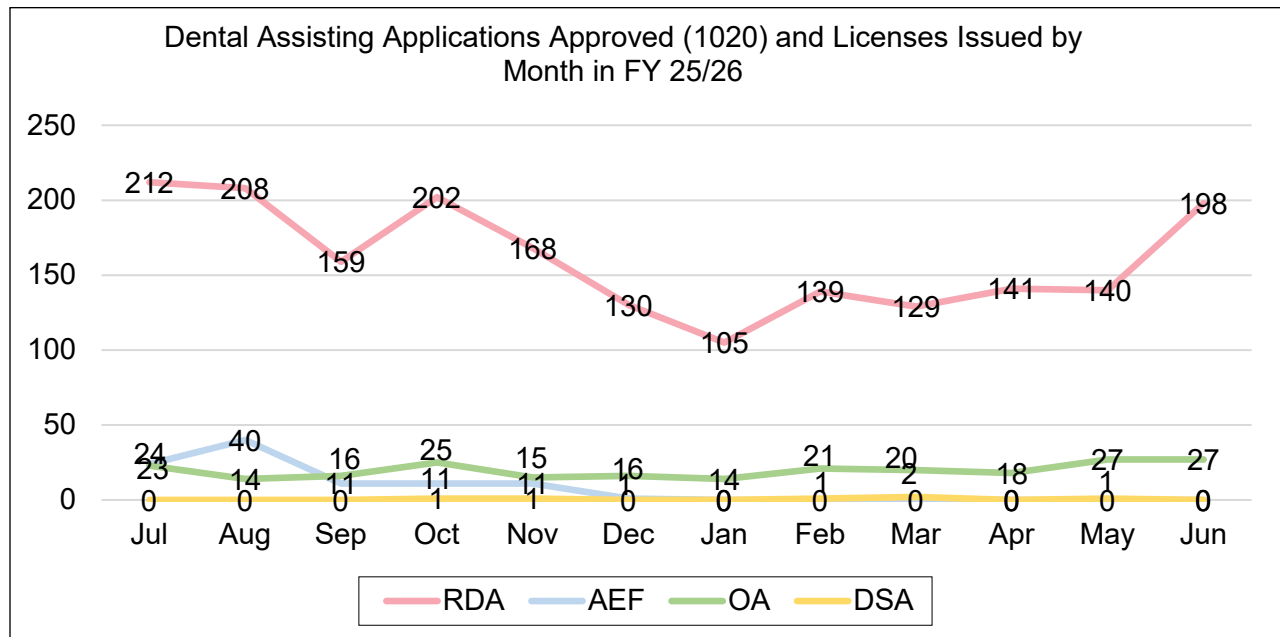
Dental Assisting Applications (1010) Approved by Month in FY 25/26													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA	321	190	174	174	111	122	158	170	211	232	173	334	2,370
AEF	32	7	13	12	3	1	6	3	0	9	7	16	109
OA	24	23	21	16	16	14	15	15	37	23	26	12	242
DSA	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	7
Total	377	221	208	203	130	138	181	190	248	264	206	362	2,728



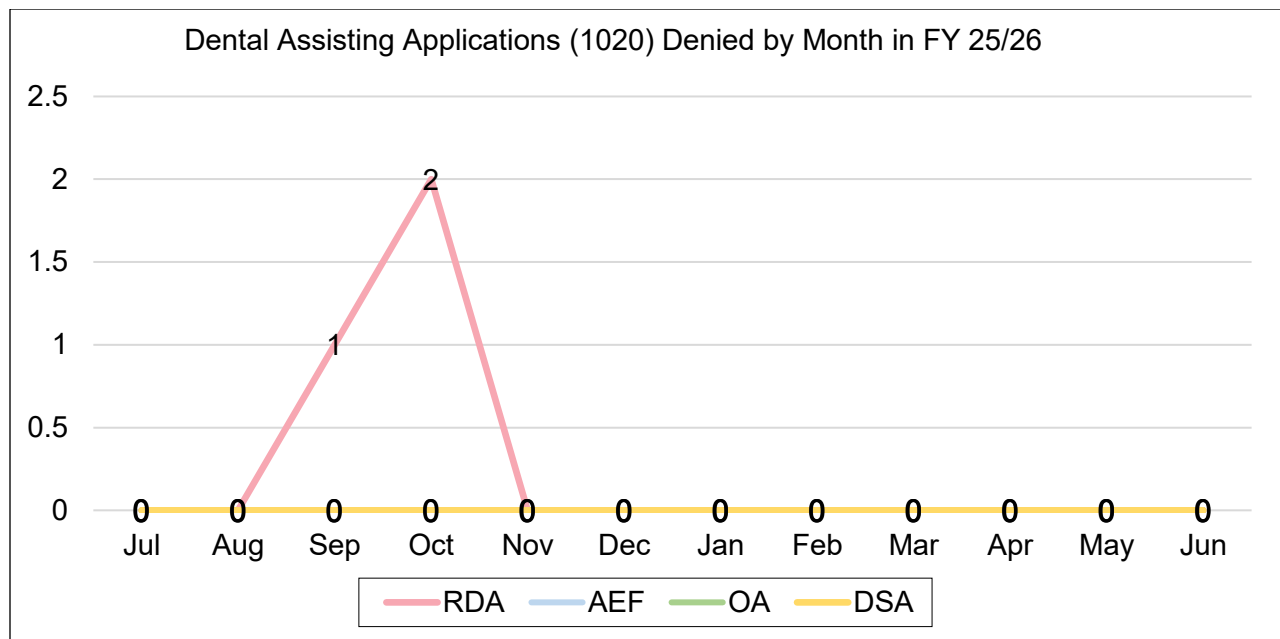
Dental Assisting Applications (1010) Abandoned by Month in FY 25/26													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA	3	16	2	60	94	76	70	4	63	38	36	68	530
AEF	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	7
OA	0	6	1	0	0	7	1	1	6	6	5	3	36
DSA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	3	24	3	60	94	83	71	6	70	0	0	0	574



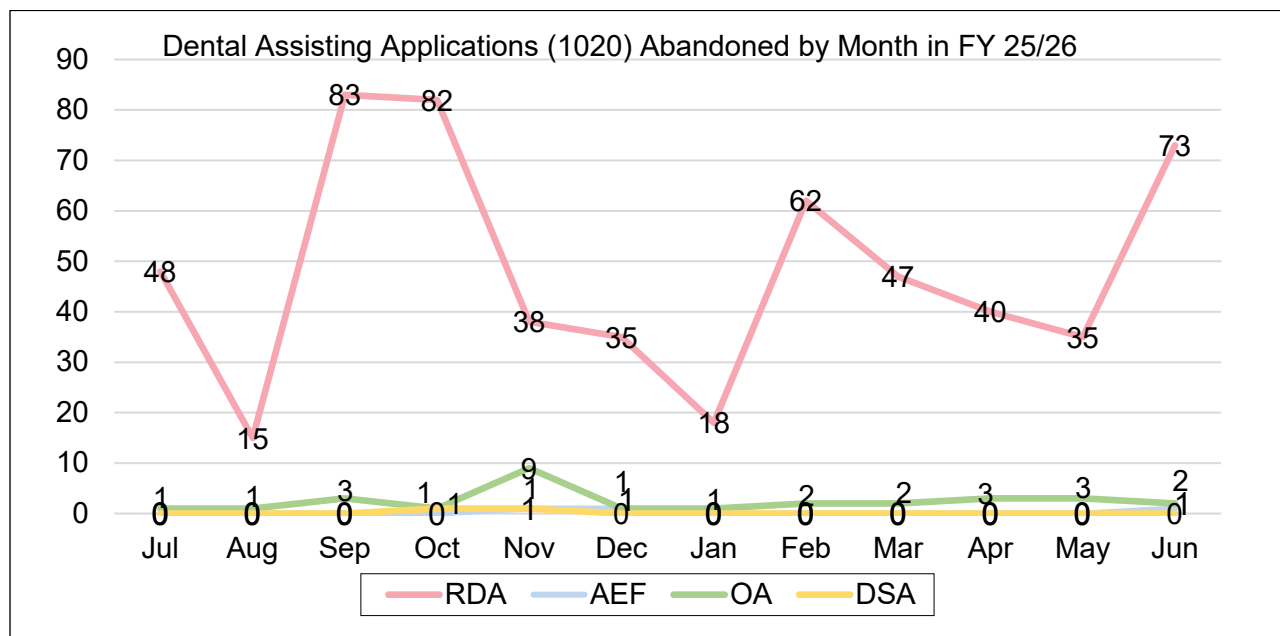
Dental Assisting Applications (1020) Approved and Licenses Issued by Month in FY 25/26													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA	212	208	159	202	168	130	105	139	129	141	140	198	1,931
AEF	24	40	11	11	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
OA	23	14	16	25	15	16	14	21	20	18	27	27	236
DSA	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	6
Total	259	262	186	239	195	147	119	161	151	159	168	225	2,271



Dental Assisting 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	0	0	0	3
AEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3



Dental Assisting Applications (1020) Abandoned by Month in FY 25/26													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
RDA	48	15	83	82	38	35	18	62	47	40	35	73	576
AEF	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
OA	1	1	3	1	9	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	29
DSA	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	49	16	86	84	49	37	19	64	49	43	38	76	610



Dental Assisting License and Permit Status Statistics

The table below shows the status of dental assisting licenses and permits from fiscal years 2022–2023 through 2025–2026. Cancelled licenses represent the number cancelled to date.

License Type	License Status	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
RDA	Active	28,437	28,711	29,146	28,905
	Inactive	3,790	3,611	3,439	3,291
	Delinquent	13,543	13,696	13,668	14,110
	Cancelled	53,712	55,903	57,957	59,775
License Type	License Status	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
RDAEF	Active	1,950	2,082	2,243	2,228
	Inactive	77	78	78	84
	Delinquent	305	352	335	386
	Cancelled	462	494	536	583
Permit Type	Permit Status	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
OA	Active	1,602	1,678	1,843	1,937
	Inactive	46	50	53	59
	Delinquent	333	399	419	493
	Cancelled	51	78	119	178
Permit Type	Permit Status	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
DSA	Active	45	52	55	53
	Inactive	4	4	3	5
	Delinquent	17	12	14	19
	Cancelled	9	15	15	16

License and Permit 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 Assisting (RDA) licenses by county, and population per RDA license by county for fiscal years 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025-26 through June. 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	1,100	1,662,482	1,511	1472	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	56	39,563	706	22	2:1
Butte	271	205,592	758	118	2:1	262	205,928	785	116	2:1	257	207,525	807	110	2:1
Calaveras	59	44,890	760	21	2:1	59	44,842	760	17	3:1	62	44,722	721	15	4:1
Colusa	28	21,771	777	4	4:1	29	21,743	749	3	9:1	29	22,026	759	4	7:1
Contra Costa	1222	1,147,653	939	1,092	1:1	1,208	1,146,626	949	1,094	1:1	1,184	1,158,225	978	1110	1:1
Del Norte	28	26,599	949	11	2:1	30	26,345	878	14	2:1	29	26,544	915	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	874	1,037,053	1,186	645	1:1
Glenn	50	28,636	572	7	7:1	47	28,736	611	7	6:1	49	29,369	599	7	7:1
Humboldt	161	134,047	832	66	2:1	164	133,100	811	67	2:1	169	133,817	791	69	2:1
Imperial	90	179,476	1,994	40	2:1	92	182,881	1,987	38	2:1	90	186,499	2,072	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	6	1:1
Kern	624	907,476	1,454	350	1:1	666	910,300	1,366	352	1:1	671	923,961	1,376	362	1:1
Kings	155	151,018	974	58	2:1	166	152,627	919	58	2:1	168	154,015	916	59	2:1
Lake	84	66,800	795	37	1:1	86	67,001	779	41	2:1	72	67,254	934	44	1:1
Lassen	35	28,275	807	18	1:1	34	28,197	829	18	1:1	34	28,716	844	19	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	4,473	9,876,811	2,208	8481	0:1
Madera	155	158,148	1,020	47	3:1	147	159,328	1,083	55	2:1	146	162,599	1,113	57	2:1
Marin	172	252,959	1,470	279	0:1	170	252,844	1,487	266	0:1	170	254,550	1,497	259	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	241	293,080	1,216	88	2:1
Modoc	3	8,690	2,896	3	0:1	3	8,527	2,842	5	0:1	6	8,491	1,415	4	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	375	438,831	1,170	249	1:1
Napa	141	136,179	965	110	1:1	130	134,637	1,035	106	1:1	127	136,124	1,071	105	1:1
Nevada	100	101,242	1,012	72	1:1	84	100,720	1,199	69	1:1	74	100,354	1,356	62	1:1
Orange	1814	3,162,245	1,743	4,073	0:1	1632	3,137,164	1,922	4,183	0:1	1,585	3,175,427	2,003	4242	0:1
Placer	534	409,025	765	472	0:1	469	410,305	874	482	0:1	448	421,446	940	492	0:1
Plumas	18	18,942	1,052	13	1:1	14	18,996	1,356	13	1:1	17	18,885	1,110	10	1:1
Riverside	2171	2,435,525	1,121	1,142	1:1	2019	2,439,234	1,208	1,163	1:1	1,995	2,495,640	1,250	1199	1:1
Sacramento	1887	1,576,618	835	1,176	1:1	1590	1,572,453	988	1,207	1:1	1,547	1,604,745	1,037	1254	1:1
San Benito	118	65,479	554	23	4:1	98	65,666	670	26	4:1	102	66,822	655	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	1,528	2,207,424	1,444	1457	1:1
San Diego	2808	3,287,306	1,170	2,820	0:1	2537	3,269,755	1,288	2,853	0:1	2,563	3,330,139	1,299	2895	0:1
San Francisco	452	842,754	1,864	1,151	0:1	424	831,703	1,961	1,127	0:1	417	842,027	2,019	1127	0:1
San Joaquin	873	784,298	898	376	1:1	793	786,145	991	393	1:1	810	805,856	994	404	2:1
San Luis Obispo	248	280,721	1,131	210	1:1	207	278,348	1,344	217	1:1	204	279,337	1,369	218	0:1
San Mateo	572	744,662	1,301	843	0:1	533	737,644	1,383	829	0:1	533	748,337	1,404	844	0:1
Santa Barbara	399	445,164	1,115	307	1:1	355	440,557	1,241	312	1:1	326	447,132	1,371	304	1:1
Santa Clara	1662	1,894,783	1,140	2,289	0:1	1517	1,886,079	1,243	2,283	0:1	1,449	1,922,259	1,326	2312	0:1
Santa Cruz	225	266,564	1,184	168	1:1	196	262,051	1,336	171	1:1	181	263,710	1,456	175	1:1
Shasta	203	180,531	889	100	1:1	164	179,436	1,094	109	1:1	160	180,201	1,126	96	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	23	43,311	1,883	21	1:1
Solano	623	447,241	717	279	2:1	562	443,749	789	277	2:1	567	449,839	793	272	2:1
Sonoma	675	482,404	714	382	1:1	607	478,174	787	374	1:1	580	482,848	832	378	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	544	555,765	1,021	274	1:1
Sutter	143	99,145	693	51	2:1	120	98,952	824	49	2:1	111	100,257	903	54	2:1
Tehama	95	65,052	684	31	2:1	75	64,271	856	28	2:1	81	64,827	800	27	3:1
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	462	487,209	1,054	226	2:1
Tuolumne	81	55,291	682	47	1:1	77	54,590	708	45	1:1	71	54,357	765	38	1:1
Ventura	590	833,652	1,412	627	0:1	512	825,653	1,612	634	0:1	508	829,005	1,631	635	0:1
Yolo	210	221,165	1,053	122	1:1	187	220,880	1,181	125	1:1	184	225,433	1,225	112	1:1
Yuba	104	82,275	791	7	13:1	97	82,677	852	10	13:1	98	85,023	867	10	9:1
TOTAL	31,499	39,185,605	66,100	32,080	N/A	28,219	38,940,231	72,942	32,298	N/A	27,869	39,529,101	74,807	32,597	N/A

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

**Ratios are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Counties with the Highest Population per RDA:	Sierra County (1:3,170)	Counties with the Lowest Population per RDA:	Glenn County (1:599)
	Inyo County (1:3,133)		San Benito County (1:655)
	Mono County (1:2,536)		Amador County (1:706)
	Trinity County (1:2,269)		Calaveras County (1:721)
	Los Angeles County (1:2,208)		Colusa County (1:759)

Action Requested

No action requested.

MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 6, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Tina Vallery, Division Chief Dental Assisting and License and Program Compliance Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 8.: 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 June 30, 2026.

RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Approved				
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	31
Coronal Polishing	9	3	4	31
Pit & Fissure Sealant	5	3	4	22
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	2	0	3
Infection Control	4	4	5	32
DSA Permit	3	0	1	0
OA Permit	19	6	4	5
Total Applications Approved	51	23	26	125
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Denied				
Program/Course	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
RDA Program	0	1	2	1
RDAEF Program	0	1	1	3
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	0	7	11	7
Coronal Polishing	0	4	10	6
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	0	12	13
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	1	2	1

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Infection Control	1	16	12	15
DSA Permit	1	1	1	1
OA Permit	0	2	6	5
Total Applications Denied	2	33	57	52
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Deficient				
Program/Course	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
RDA Program	0	1	0	1
RDAEF Program	0	0	0	0
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	0	2	3	3
Coronal Polishing	0	3	2	3
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	2	3	4
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	1	0	0
Infection Control	0	3	5	2
DSA Permit	0	0	0	0
OA Permit	1	2	1	0
Total Applications Deficient	1	14	14	13
RDA and RDAEF Educational Program and Course Applications Pending				
Program/Course	2022–23	2023–24	2024–25	2025–26
RDA Program	0	0	4	4
RDAEF Program	1	0	2	2
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0
Radiation Safety	0	6	11	18
Coronal Polishing	0	3	14	15
Pit & Fissure Sealant	0	3	9	24
Ultrasonic Scaling	0	1	3	2
Infection Control	0	4	19	24
DSA Permit	0	0	2	2
OA Permit	0	3	4	4
Total Applications Pending	1	20	68	95

Application Definitions	
Approved	Application for Board approval of educational program/course processed with required documentation, and approval number issued.
Denied	The Board denies an application on the grounds that the application lacks documentation that the educational program/course complies with the requirements of the Dental Practice Act or California Code of Regulations.
Deficient	Application for Board approval of educational program/course processed with submitted documentation, and additional documentation requested from applicant. For completed fiscal years, this is a snapshot of the number of deficient applications on June 30. Status changes weekly.
Pending	Board staff and/or contracted subject matter expert is reviewing an application for Board approval of an educational program/course with submitted documentation.

The following table provides the number of Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) and RDA in Extended Functions (RDAEF) program site visits conducted in fiscal years 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26 through June 30, 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 June 30, 2026.

Programs and Courses Approved 2025–26 through June 30, 2026											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA	RDAEF	EF ITR	RS	CP	PF	US	IC	DSA	OA
Valley Orthodontics	7/3/2025										x
EFDA - Covina	7/28/2025					x					
EFDA - Oakland	7/28/2025					x					
EFDA - Roseville	7/28/2025					x					
EFDA - Oakland	7/28/2025								x		
EFDA - Covina	7/28/2025								x		
EFDA - Roseville	7/28/2025								x		
EFDA - Oakland	7/28/2025				x						
EFDA - Covina	7/28/2025				x						
EFDA - 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					

Programs and Courses Approved 2025–26 through June 30, 2026											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA	RDAEF	EF ITR	RS	CP	PF	US	IC	DSA	OA
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						
EFDA - 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					

Programs and Courses Approved 2025–26 through June 30, 2026											
Provider	Approval Date	RDA	RDAEF	EF ITR	RS	CP	PF	US	IC	DSA	OA
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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Provider	Approval Date	RDA	RDAEF	EF ITR	RS	CP	PF	US	IC	DSA	OA
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				
Blue Apple Dental Academy	4/10/2026								x		
UEI College - Chula Vista	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Fresno	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Garden Grove	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Huntington Park	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Oceanside	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Ontario	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Reseda	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Riverside	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - Stockton	4/17/2026				x						
UEI College - West Covina	4/17/2026				x						
OceanPointe DAA of Bakersfield	4/27/2026								x		
California Dental Institute	4/28/2026							x			
Blue Apple Dental Academy	4/29/2026					x					
Mendocino County Office of Education	4/29/2026					x					
Nejat Orthodontics	4/29/2026										x
OceanPointe DAA of San Diego	4/29/2026				x						
UEI College - Chula Vista	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Fresno	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Garden Grove	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Huntington Park	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Oceanside	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Ontario	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Reseda	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Riverside	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Stockton	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - West Covina	6/18/2026								x		
UEI College - Bakersfield	6/18/2026								x		

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UEI College - Bakersfield	6/18/2026				x						
San Diego County DSA of Learning	6/25/2026						x				
PROGRAM/COURSE TOTALS		0	1	0	31	31	22	3	32	0	5
TOTAL APPROVALS = 125											

The following table provides the total number of approved DA educational programs and courses as of June 30, 2026.

Table 4 Total Approved DA Educational Programs and Courses in Active Status									
RDA Program	RDAEF Program	RDAEF ITR	Radiation Safety	Coronal Polishing	Pit & Fissure Sealant	Ultrasonic Scaling	Infection Control	DSA Permit	OA Permit
58	8	2	207	143	73	38	172	32	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 reinitiated 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 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

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statistics for fiscal year 2025–26 through June 30, 2026.

Note on Withdrawals. The table shows that approval was withdrawn from 28 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 June 30, 2026								
Program/Course	SRE Sent	CRE Sent	Approval Continued	Reported Closed	Approval Withdrawn	Application Deficient	Application Pending	Awaiting Initial Response
RDA	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
RDAEF	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
RDAEF-ITR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RS	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	3
CP	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2
PF	40	0	13	0	27	0	14	1
US	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IC	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	4
DSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OA	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Totals	59	0	19	0	45	0	17	14

Number of PF Courses Re-Evaluated in FY2024-25 and 2025-26				
96				
Reported closed	Continuance of approval	Withdrawal of Approval		Re-Eval Application Pending
12	17	53		14
		Due to non-response	Due to non-compliance	
		37	16	
Number of PF Courses Whose Approval was Withdrawn				
53				
Have not reapplied		Have reapplied		
30		23		
		Approved	Denied	Pending
		4	6	13

Re-Evaluation Definitions	
SRE	Standard Re-Evaluation – Initiated in fiscal year 2025-26 through June 30, 2026, based on 16 CCR § 1070, subs. (a)(2) which requires the Board to re-evaluate educational programs and courses approximately every seven years.
CRE	Enforcement Investigation Re-Evaluation – Initiated in fiscal year 2025-26 through June 30, 2026, when a possible issue of non-compliance comes to the attention of the Board.

Approval Continued	The program or course successfully demonstrated compliance with applicable regulations during the re-evaluation process. A Notice of Continuance was issued to the re-evaluated program or course in fiscal year 2025-26 through June 30, 2026.
Reported Closed	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 June 30, 2026.
Approval Withdrawn	The program or course was found to be out of compliance with the applicable regulations or did not respond within the required timeframes set by the Board, and a Notice of Withdrawal of Approval was issued to the program or course. The program or course was notified to cease operation in fiscal year 2025-26 through June 30, 2026.
Deficient	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 June 30, 2026. Status changes weekly.
Pending	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 June 30, 2026. Status changes weekly.
Awaiting Response	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

No action requested.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 17, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council
FROM	Mirela Taran, Administrative Analyst Dental Board of California
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 9.: Presentation on Opportunities and Resources for Dental Assistants – Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and the DALE Foundation

Background

Representatives from Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and the DALE Foundation will provide a presentation on opportunities and resources for dental assistants.

Action Requested

No action requested.

Opportunities and Resources for Dental Assistants in California

**Dental Board of California
Dental Assisting Council
Aug. 12, 2026**



Hanna Aronovich

Chief Marketing & Strategy Officer
Dental Assisting National Board

- Overview of the Dental Assisting Professional Model
- Opportunities for California
- Expanded functions utilization
- How DANB supports dental boards
- Q&A



What is the problem?

**Shortage of qualified
dental assistants**

**Lack of
mobility**

**No consistency
across states**

What's the solution?

The Dental Assisting Professional Model

- ✓ Levels
- ✓ Descriptions
- ✓ Tasks
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Credentials
- ✓ Pathways

**Where did the model
come from?**

**The dental
community**



Developed by

26

**workgroup
members**

12

**dental
organizations**

9

**stakeholder
groups**

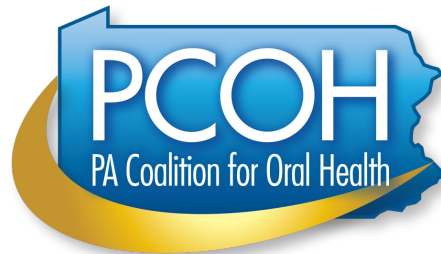
Who developed the model?



Dental assistants, orthodontic assistants, dentists, orthodontists, dental hygienists, educators, regulators, dental service organizations, the public

Dental Assisting Professional Model Endorsements

Endorsed by:



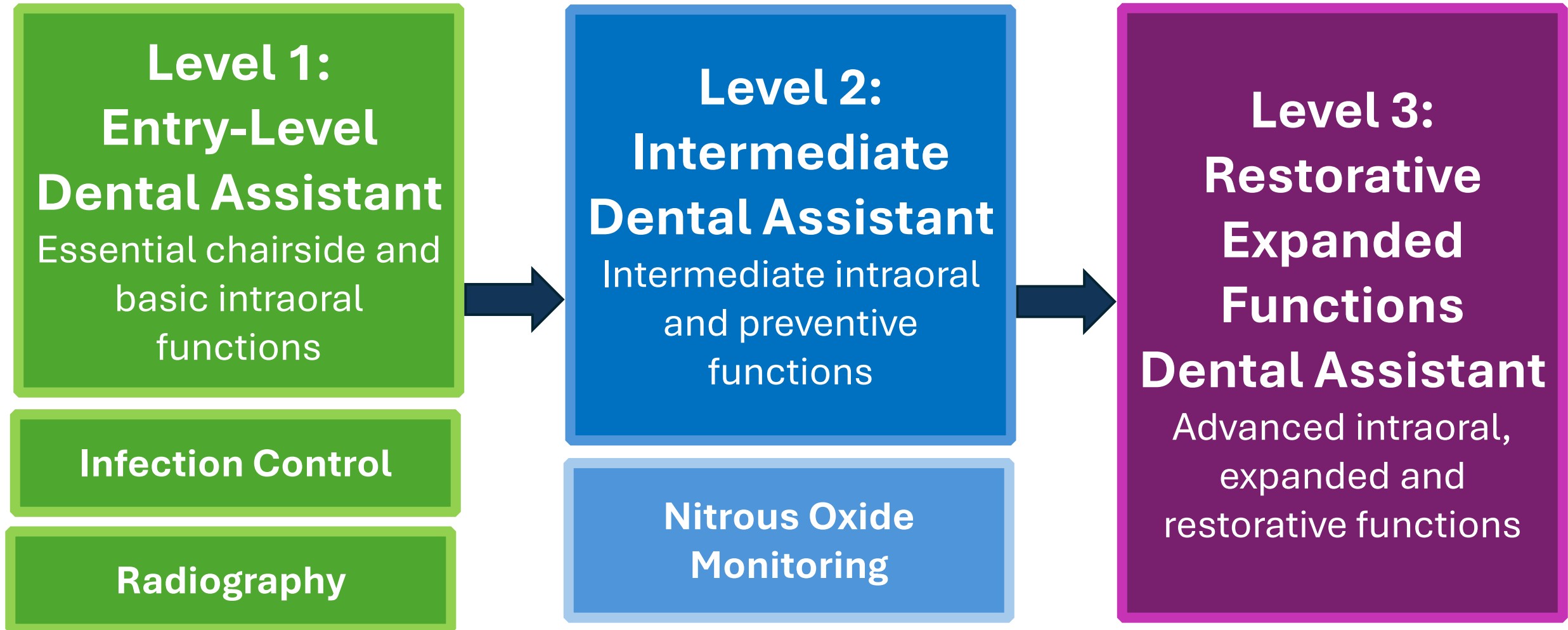
What does the model do?

- ✓ Creates three levels for assistants
- ✓ Allows multiple paths, including on-the-job training and CODA and board-approved programs
- ✓ Builds on existing state similarities

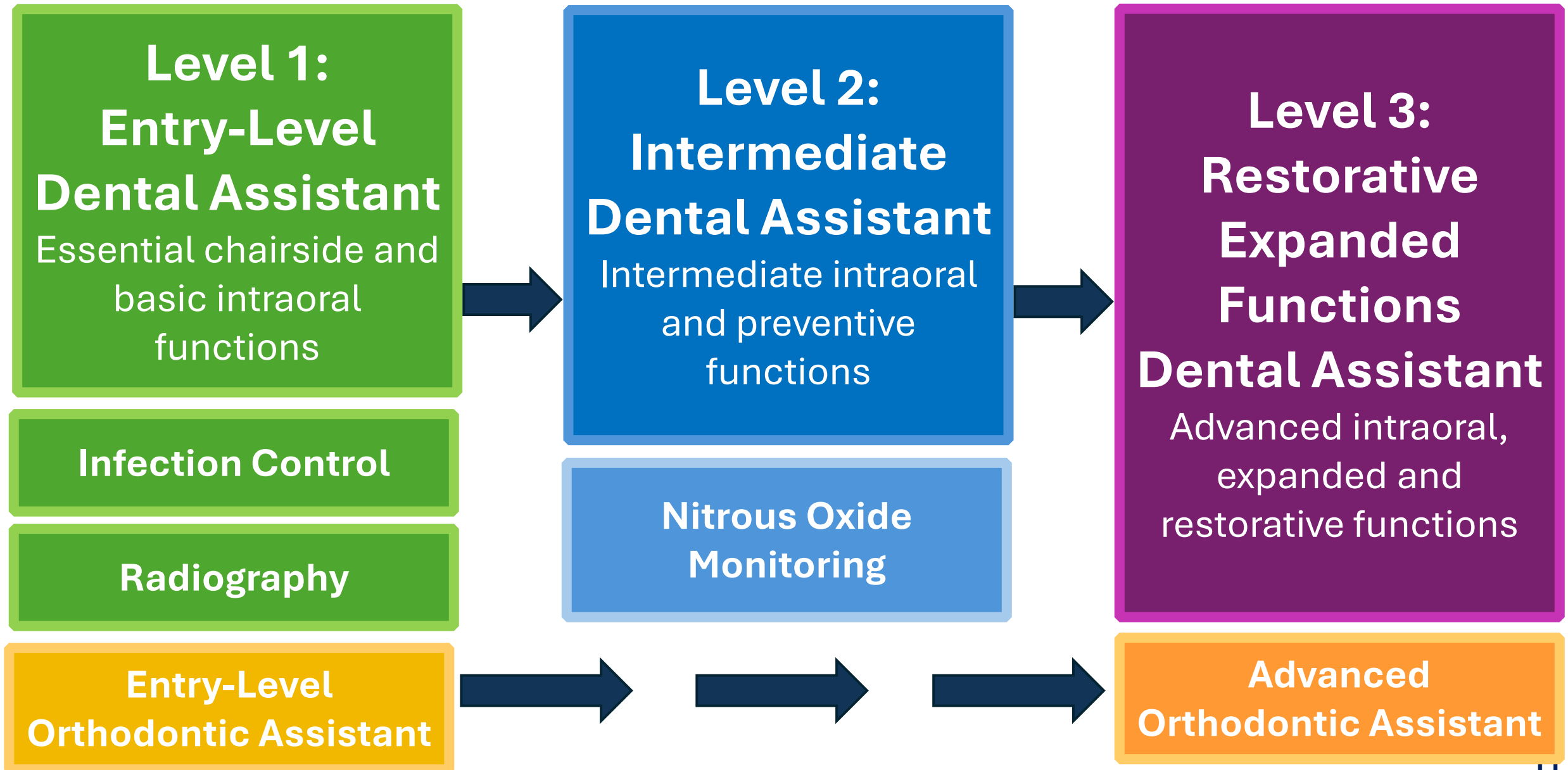
How can the model be used?

- ✓ To revise existing levels to realign functions
- ✓ To adjust existing requirements to support reciprocity across states
- ✓ To guide dental boards in criteria for approving courses or programs

Dental Assisting Professional Model Snapshot



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Dental Assisting Professional Model Proposed Requirements

Level 1:

Entry-Level Dental Assistant

- First-day safety orientation
- Within 3 months: CPR/BLS
- Within 12 months: Structured on-the-job training and pass a national exam, or complete a board-approved course with a final exam

Infection Control

- 90 days training period
- After training period: Pass a national exam
- CODA graduates are qualified

Radiography

- Structured on-the-job training or a board-approved course
- Pass a national exam
- CODA graduates are qualified

Level 2:

Intermediate Dental Assistant

- Meet level 1 requirements
- Complete an approved course and pass a national exam
- CODA graduates are qualified

Nitrous Oxide Monitoring

- Meet level 1 requirements and complete an approved course with a final exam
- CODA graduates are qualified

Level 3: Restorative Expanded Functions Dental Assistant

- Meet level 2 requirements
- Earn a national certification
- Complete an approved EFDA program
- Pass a national exam
- CODA graduates are qualified after passing a national exam

Level 1: Entry level

Tasks: Reversible and pose a minimal risk to the patient

Examples:

- Maintaining the field of operation
- Applying topical anesthetic
- Applying topical fluoride
- Taking impressions for study models
- Removing temporary crowns and cements



Level 2: Intermediate

Tasks: Reversible intraoral and preventive functions

Examples:

- Coronal polishing
- Placing sealants
- Place and remove retraction materials
- Fabricate, place and cement temporary crowns



Level 3: Expanded Restorative Functions

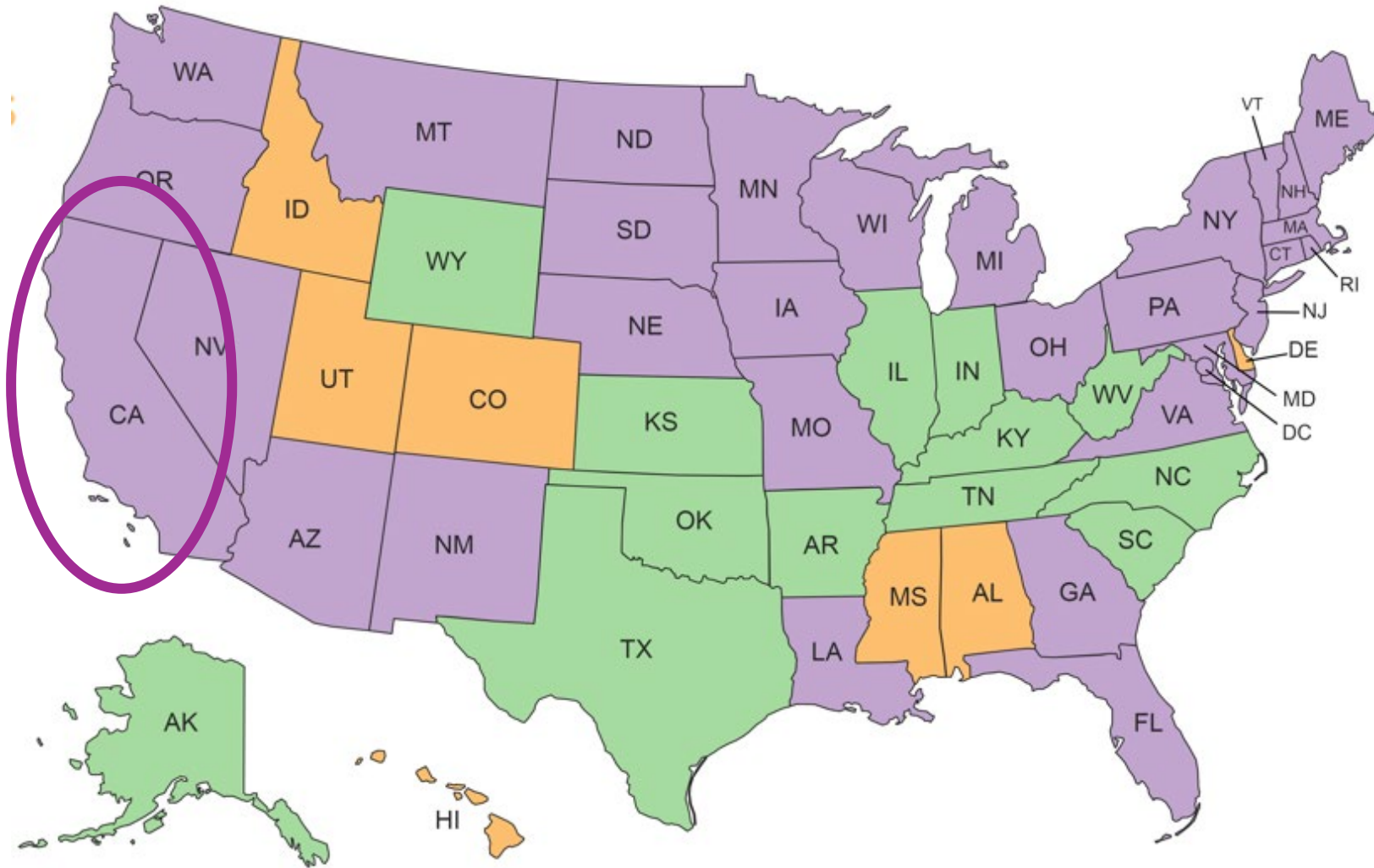
Tasks: Advanced, reversible expanded restorative functions

Examples:

- Placing and finishing direct restorations
- Taking final impressions
- Place and cement prefabricated crowns



Current alignment with the Professional Model



California aligns with the overall structure of the model

-  Closer alignment with model (2 or more levels, full scope of practice with requirements)
-  Somewhat aligned with model (some requirements)
-  Least aligned with model (minimal or no requirements)

Model	California
Level 1: Entry Level	✓ BLS
Infection Control	✓ Approved course
Radiography	✓ Approved course or exam
Monitoring Nitrous	✓ Sedation Assistant
Level 2: Preventive Functions	✓ RDA
Level 3: Restorative Functions	✓ RDAEF
Level 3: Advanced Orthodontic	✓ Orthodontic Assistant

California is highly aligned with the model's structure.

Opportunities in California

What does a dental assistants who moves to California need to do to work at the same level?

An EFDA from Arizona or Oregon, an RDA from Texas ... would all have to start over in California.



Opportunities in California

- ❑ Identify ways to create more state reciprocity
- ❑ Consider national exams and standardized course approval curriculums.





Expanded Functions Utilization Insights

Functions dentists delegated most to EFDAs (60-90%):

- Apply topical fluoride
- Perform coronal polishing
- Place sealants
- Fabricate, place and cement temporary crowns
- Monitor nitrous oxide

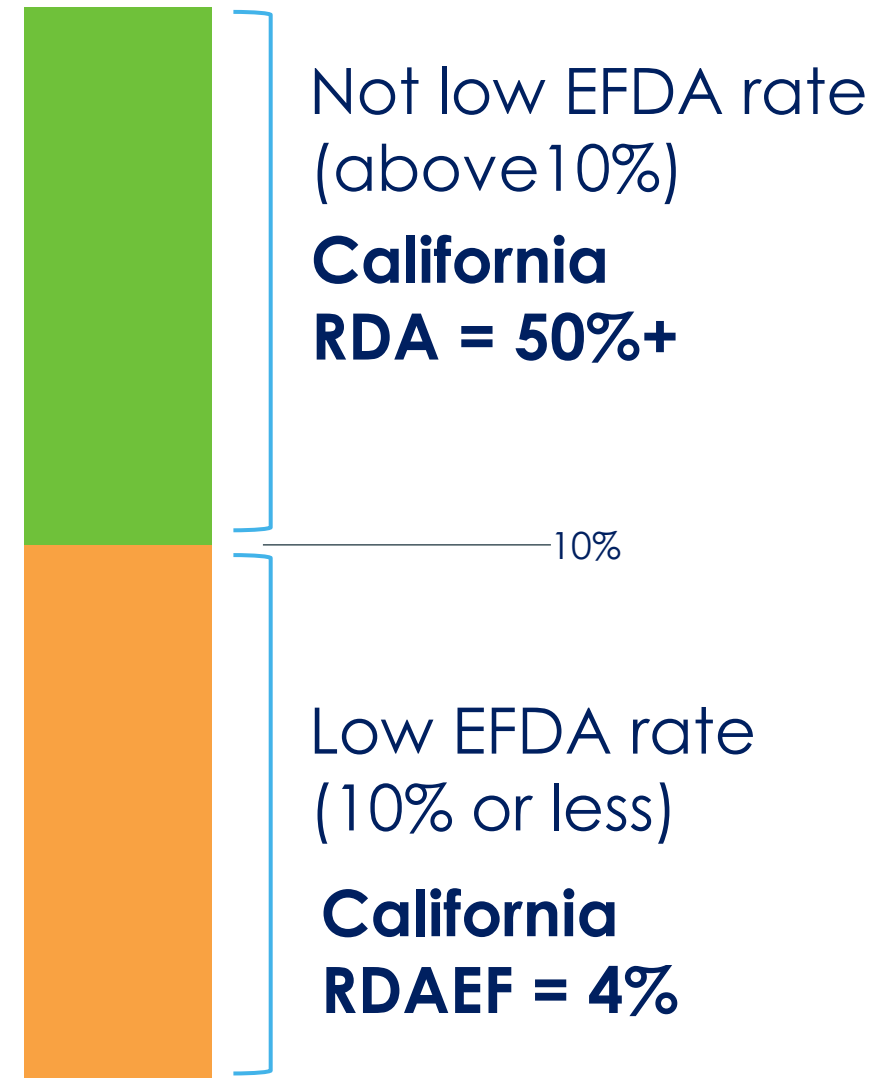
Functions dentists delegated least (30%)

- Take impressions for fabrication of appliances
- Place liners and bases
- Take final impression for fabrication of indirect restorations
- Place and cement prefabricated crowns
- Place, contour, finish direct restorations

FQHCs are more likely to delegate restorative functions than private practices or DSOs.

- 32 states register or count the EFDAs working in their state.
- Of those 32 states, about half (15 states) had a low EFDA rate (low = 10% or less of the dental assistants in that state holding an EFDA credential).
- In California, there was a high rate of RDAs, but a lower rate of RDAEF.

EFDA Rate Per State



- **59%** of EFDAs said they would like their dentist to delegate expanded functions to them more often.
- **62%** of dental assistants who are not yet EFDAs are interested. The most important consideration is if they will receive a pay raise (82%) – more important than both cost and time to earn the EFDA credential.

Source: DANB's EFDA research



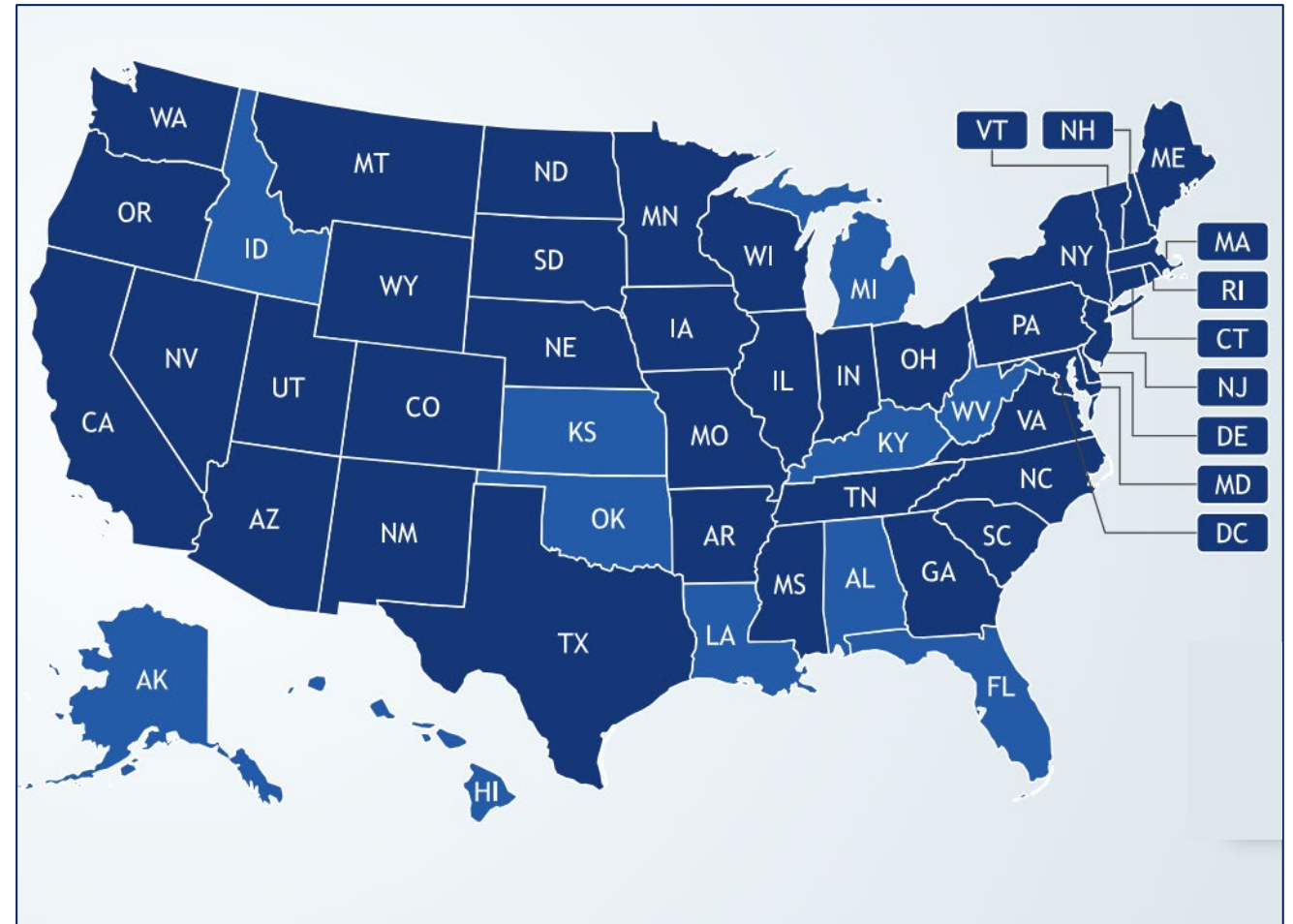


How DANB supports dental boards

39 states + DC

Recognize or require DANB certifications or exams to meet requirements

Portability of national credentials and certificates are crucial for workforce retention and growth.



 DANB exam recognized or required

Information services

- ✓ Data on national state requirements
- ✓ Comparative charts
- ✓ Custom analysis

State of the States Reports

View the latest reports summarizing recent state dental assisting legislati

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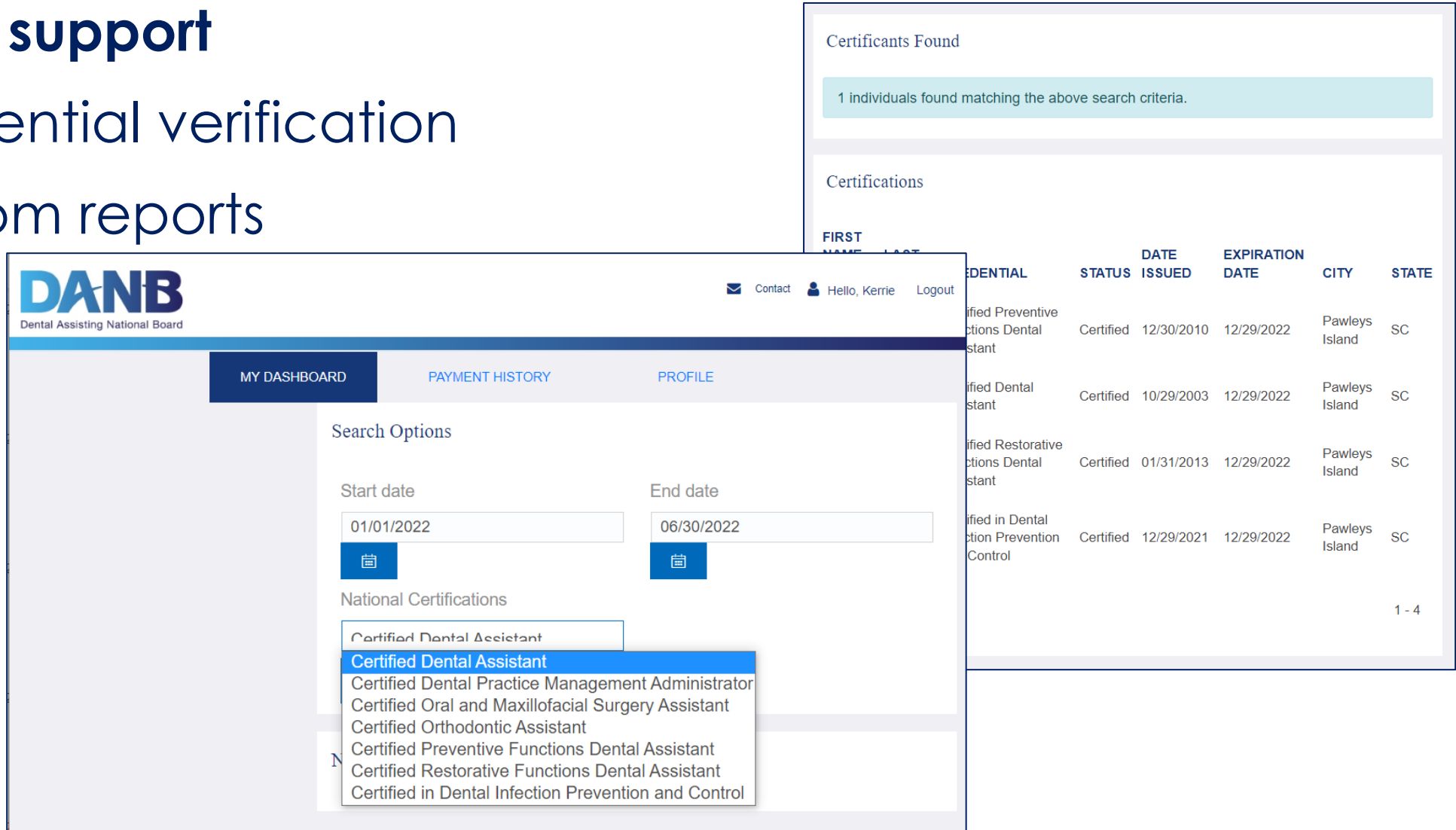
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Registry support

- ✓ Credential verification
- ✓ Custom reports



The screenshot displays the DANB (Dental Assisting National Board) website interface. The top navigation bar includes the DANB logo, a 'Contact' link, and a user greeting 'Hello, Kerrie' with a 'Logout' link. Below the navigation bar, there are three tabs: 'MY DASHBOARD' (selected), 'PAYMENT HISTORY', and 'PROFILE'.

The 'MY DASHBOARD' section features a 'Search Options' area with two date input fields: 'Start date' (01/01/2022) and 'End date' (06/30/2022). Below these fields is a dropdown menu for 'National Certifications'. The dropdown menu is open, showing a list of certification types, with 'Certified Dental Assistant' selected and highlighted in blue.

To the right of the search options, a 'Certifications Found' section indicates '1 individuals found matching the above search criteria.' Below this, a table titled 'Certifications' displays the following data:

CERTIFICATION	STATUS	DATE ISSUED	EXPIRATION DATE	CITY	STATE
Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant	Certified	12/30/2010	12/29/2022	Pawleys Island	SC
Certified Dental Assistant	Certified	10/29/2003	12/29/2022	Pawleys Island	SC
Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant	Certified	01/31/2013	12/29/2022	Pawleys Island	SC
Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control	Certified	12/29/2021	12/29/2022	Pawleys Island	SC

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Exam and credential management

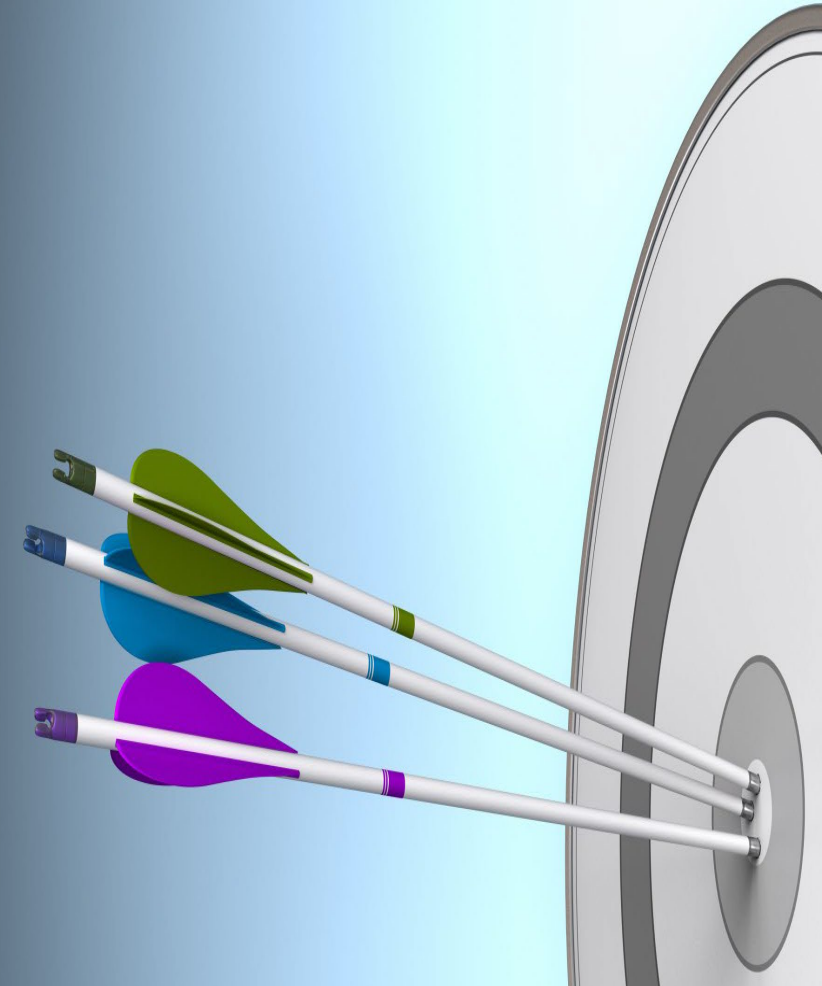
- ✓ Manage and administer state-specific exams
- ✓ Host and manage applications
- ✓ Issue credentials
- ✓ Handle customer service

States DANB works with for specific-state exams

- ✓ Arizona
- ✓ Maryland
- ✓ Missouri
- ✓ New Jersey
- ✓ New York
- ✓ Oregon
- ✓ Washington

Exam best practices

- ✓ Follows accreditation standards
- ✓ Conducts job task analysis
- ✓ Exams reflect clinical practice
- ✓ Performs passing score studies
- ✓ Maintains exam security
- ✓ Ensures fairness and validity in processes and procedures





Questions?
Comments?

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 14, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council)
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 10.: Update 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 worked with the Board's Regulations Counsel and Department of Consumer Affairs Budget Office to finalize the documents for departmental review. On July 6, 2026, the regulation package was submitted to the DCA Acting Director for review and approval. Per departmental policy, the Acting Director has at least 30 calendar days to review and make a decision to approve or disapprove the proposed regulations.

Action Requested

No action requested.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 14, 2026
TO	Members of the Dental Assisting Council (Council)
FROM	Brant Nelson, Legislative and Regulatory Specialist Dental Board of California (Board)
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 11: Update and Discussion on Legislation

Background

This memo addresses legislation of interest to the Dental Assisting Council as an update for information only.

- a. [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: DEAD—Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee hearing cancelled at the request of author on July 14, 2025.

Summary: As amended on July 9, 2025, AB 873, sponsored by the California Dental Association (CDA), would have amended 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 noted the amendments to BPC section 1725 would not resolve the Board's implementation issues with the ITR/RDM, radiation safety course, and electronic infection control course raised during the Board's November 2024 and February 2025 meetings as the application fee maximums do not reflect the actual costs to the Board to review and evaluate the ITR/RDM and radiation safety course applications (\$7,330) and electronic infection control course (\$1,350), or include the Board's request to increase the other dental assisting course fee maximum to \$8,000.

The bill would have amended BPC section 1750 to change the deadline for a dental assistant to successfully complete a Board-approved eight-hour course in infection control. Pursuant to the Board's Sunset bill (Senate Bill (SB) 1453 (Ashby, Ch. 483, Stats. 2024)), as of January 1, 2025, a dental assistant must successfully complete an infection control course prior to performing any basic supportive dental procedures involving potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials. AB 837 would have required the infection control course to be completed on or before 60 days from the date of first employment at the dental office, and required the employer of a dental assistant to provide bloodborne pathogen training, as specified, prior to the dental assistant's potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials and annually thereafter. The Board discussed the proposed amendments submitted by CDA to the infection control course deadline requirement, but the Board took no position on those amendments.

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

AB 873 would have made technical corrections to BPC section 1750.1 (dental assistant duties) citations and 1753.52 (ITR/RDM course). The bill would have amended 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 have amended BPC sections 1754.5 and 1755 to incorporate the Board's requested course curriculum and application process amendments approved by the Board at its February 2025 meeting, as negotiated with the author's office and sponsor.

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

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

- Amending BPC section 1638.1 regarding elective facial cosmetic surgery (EFCS) Permits; and
- Amending BPC section 1724 to remove the application fee for the portfolio pathway that was previously repealed.

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

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 that died in 2026.

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

Introduced: February 9, 2026

Last Amended: June 3, 2026

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

Status: ACTIVE

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. Resolving Dental Auxiliary Course Implementation Delays

The Board is currently facing legal impediments that have stalled the implementation of modernized curriculum for two foundational dental assisting courses: the Radiation Safety (X-ray) Course and online Infection Control Course.

- Problem: The Board's last sunset bill, SB 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024), established new radiation safety and infection control course statutes requiring Board approval of course providers. However, the statutes lack clear approval process provisions and course instruction requirements.

- Solution: These amendments would resolve the course approval and instruction requirements so the Board can implement the new statutes.

2. Rectifying Inadvertent Technical Errors in SB 1453

The 2024 Sunset Bill inadvertently introduced cross-referencing errors and omitted specific duties for Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEF).

- Problem: These errors create legal ambiguity for practitioners and supervisors regarding RDAEF scope of practice.
- Solution: This bill would restore lost RDAEF duties and correct technical flaws to harmonize the law with current dental office practice.

3. Modernizing Licensure and Permits

This proposal would clean up "statutory clutter" by conforming statutes with changes made in SB 1453 and dentist licensure examination administration:

- Elective Facial Cosmetic Surgery (EFCS) Permit: Conforms the credentialing committee review provisions with the new permit categories created under SB 1453 and establishes credentialing committee member removal provisions.
- Obsolete Pathways: Removes statutory references to the "Portfolio Examination" pathway repealed by SB 1453.
- Remedial Education: Conforms examination retake procedures with national examination administrator requirements.

4. Administrative Efficiency

By streamlining the "Licensure by Credential" process for out-of-state dentists and removing redundant insurance requirements, this bill would reduce administrative overhead.

Board Position: Sponsor

c. [SB 1311](#) (Wahab, 2026) Licensed Professions

Introduced: February 20, 2026

Last Amended: July 1, 2026

Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Status: ACTIVE

Summary: Pursuant to SB 1453, unlicensed dental assistants must complete an 8-hour infection control course before performing any basic supportive dental procedures that involve potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials. Employers are responsible for ensuring compliance. Many dental practices, particularly in rural or underserved areas, have faced challenges finding timely in-person or approved courses, leading to hiring delays and staffing shortages.

SB 1311 would expand the acceptable ways for unlicensed dental assistants to meet the infection control requirement by allowing the following options:

- Completion of the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Infection Control examination as an alternative to a full course.
- A Board-approved eight-hour course provided by a Board-approved RDA or alternative RDA program.
- A stand-alone eight-hour Board-approved infection control course.
- A six-hour infection control course, with at least four hours of didactic instruction, as specified, and at least two hours of laboratory instruction using video or a series of video tools that may be delivered online, offered by the CDA or a provider approved by the California Dental Association (CDA), American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

The bill also would shift the employer's duty to ensure the dental assistant has successfully completed one of the above options (course or exam) before allowing them to perform exposure-prone duties and declares urgency for quicker implementation.

According to CDA, many dental practices have reported difficulty finding available 8-hour in-person courses, particularly in rural areas. By allowing the DANB exam and virtual video-based training, the bill would create an alternative pathway for unlicensed dental assistants to enter the California workforce.

Staff Comments: Board staff note that SB 1311 does not change any criteria or oversight requirements of the Board's current infection control course obligations and is the byproduct of concerns originally raised by the Board and subsequent stakeholder discussion on AB 873 (Alanis, 2025). This bill also contains an urgency clause, which means it requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Legislature to pass and if signed by Governor Newsom would take effect immediately. Staff also note that the virtual video-based optional training authorized by SB 1311 does not require in-person laboratory instruction. Board staff also note that the Board-sponsored bill, AB 1760, would add additional minimum didactic instruction provisions not included in SB 1311. However, SB 1311 is the operative legislative vehicle to establish a virtual video-based infection control training course and would result in striking similar provisions contained in AB 1760.

Board Position: Support

- d. [SB 1445](#) (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, 2026) Healing Arts

Introduced: March 17, 2026
Last Amended: June 17, 2026
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
Status: ACTIVE

Summary: This is an omnibus "healing arts" bill authored by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. 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 1621:** Removes reference to the portfolio examination repealed by SB 1453.
- **BPC 1632.6:** Repeals outdated references to the "portfolio examination" pathway for dentists, which is no longer in use.
- **BPC 1724:** Removes the application fee for the portfolio examination repealed by SB 1453.
- **BPC 1750.1:** Corrects dental assistant duties inadvertently changed by SB 1453.

Board Position: Support