

## **Alert: New Application Requirements for Registered Dental Assistants (RDA) Established by SB 1453 Become Effective July 1, 2025.**

The Dental Board of California (Board) Sunset Bill, SB 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024), made several changes to the requirements for Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) applicants. We suggest all educators, applicants, and stakeholders review the bill and prepare to comply with these changes. The changes include:

### **Three New Pathways Established to Qualify for RDA licensure**

- Certified Dental Assistant Pathway
- The Alternative Dental Assisting Program Pathway
- The Preceptorship in Dental Assisting Pathway

With the establishment of these new pathways, there will be new forms added to our website on July 1, 2025.

**Please Note:** The Board will be eliminating the Certification of Board Approved Registered Dental Assisting Program Completion (RDA2) Form, effective July 1, 2025. Instead, applicants will need to submit a copy of their RDA Program certificate.

### **Pit and Fissure Sealants Certificate Required with Application**

As of July 1, 2025, all applicants will be required to submit a copy of their completion certificate for a Board-approved pit and fissure sealants course with the Registered Dental Assisting Examination and Licensure Application.

### **Expiration Dates Applied to Course Certificates**

For those applying for RDA licensure, Orthodontic Assistant (OA) permits, and Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA) permits, there are new expiration dates assigned to course completion certificates. They are as follows:

- The Dental Practice Act and Infection Control course certificates must indicate the course was completed within **2 years** of the application date.
- Coronal Polishing, pit and fissure sealants, and ultrasonic scaling certificates must indicate the course was completed within **5 years** of the application date.
- Radiation Safety certificates must indicate the course was completed within **10 years** of the application date.

**Please Note:** The expiration date listed above do not apply to unlicensed dental assistants, only those that are pursuing a license or permit.

### **New Content Required on Student Certificates of Completion**

As of January 1, 2025, student certificates of completion are required to include the following:

- The participant's name.
- The name of the course or program completed.
- The name of the course or program provider.
- The Board-issued approval number.
- The date or date range of completion of the course or program.
- The number of completed hours of the course or program.
- The signature of the course or program provider, director, administrator, or their designee.

**Please Note:** As of January 1, 2025, the Board is not accepting certificates of student completion as evidence of successful completion of a Board-approved dental assisting educational program or course unless the certificate meets the above requirements.