

THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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NEWS FROM THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS



The Mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients

AGENCY NEWS

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The dental board has had a busy year with the implementation of Sunset Advisory Committee recommendations and Senate Bill 313 (85r) requirements and the appointment of several new board members and key staff positions. Because of these changes and with the help of the board, our dental community, and the dental associations across the state, I believe our agency is on track to protect the health of the people of Texas and support the dentistry profession as a whole. As the new executive director, I assure you I am absolutely committed to the board's mission and look forward to leading the agency in exploring new and improved ways to meet the needs of the people of this state.

This update is a first installment designed to provide to the public information on the implementation of recent board changes.

NEW RULES

TSBDE has made changes to Rule 114.2 that modifies the registration requirements for Dental Assistants. The changes will be in effect beginning September 1, 2018.

The changes below are in addition to the previous requirements for the initial application:

Graduation from an accredited high school or proof of certificate of high school equivalency, General Equivalency Diploma (GED);

Fingerprint submission for the retrieval of criminal history record information – This information will be emailed to the applicant once a completed application has been received. Once you have completed the fingerprint session, applicants will be required to email a copy of their receipt to licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov.

Successfully complete a current hands-on course in basic life support

Any licensing questions should be directed to licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov.



Once the application has been approved, the initial, staggered registration period will range from 18 months to 30 months. The length of the initial registration period will be determined by the registrant's birth month, but will be no less than 18 months.

The State Board of Dental Examiners has established a staggered dental assistant registration system comprised of initial registration periods followed by biennial registrations (i.e., renewals).

The History of the Texas State Board Member Appointments

In 1905, Senate Bill 84 created the Board of Dental Examiners. The Board is composed of 11 members, all appointed by the Governor. There are 6 dentists, 3 dental hygienists, and 2 public members. The Governor appoints the Presiding Officer and Board members to serve staggered terms of 6 years. The Board elects a Secretary annually. The Board Presiding Officer appoints Board members to serve on four standing committees.

NEW RULES

Guidance on Dental Assistant Certificates Pit and Fissure Sealant and Coronal Polishing

Though the Board no longer issues dental assistant certificates in pit and fissure sealants or coronal polishing, it is the responsibility of the delegating dentist to ensure that the dental assistant has completed an approved course in coronal polishing and/or pit and fissure as stated in Rule 114.3 and 114.5.

Online Requests

You may now request a duplicate renewal certificate as well as request a verification of licensure from your online account.

**LOOK FOR
NEW RULES
IN THE NEXT
EDITION**



Licensing Online Requests

- 1 Log-in with User ID (email) and Password.
- 2 Under, "Manage your license information" select Duplicate Renewal Certificate or License verification with seal, from choose your application and then click on SELECT to be taken to the Introduction page. At that point you may proceed with your request.
3. Please allow 3-5 business days to process your completed online request. You may only make one request per transaction.
4. The paper version is still available on the website if you choose to make your request via mail.

The Philosophy of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

In carrying out our Mission, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners will act with the highest standard of ethics, accountability, efficiency, transparency and responsiveness. We will preserve the public trust by regulating the practice of dentistry with a sense of purpose and responsibility and in a fair and impartial manner. We will commit to excellence and professionalism in responding to the needs of the public and the regulated profession that we serve.

NEW RULES IN LICENSING

Biennial Renewals

Beginning September 1, 2018, the TSBDE will begin staggering license and registration periods to implement Biennial renewals. In addition, the following new requirements will be in effect after a licensee/registrant has held their license/registration for two years.

New rules apply such as;

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The required number of Continuing Education hours for the biennial renewals are modified as follows:

Dentists & Hygienists
24 hours with 24 hours carryover

Registered Dental Assistants
12 hours with 6 hours carryover

*carryover pertains to 12 months preceding renewal

Jurisprudence exam must be taken every four years



Licensing Expo at the TSBDE

**Our expo was a great success!
Over 479 dentists and hygienists
attended our yearly
licensing expo.**

**On May 25th and June 8th,
214 hygienists and 265 dentists
were able to be processed and
approved on-site. That means
they were able to start working
immediately.**

Watch our website for
information on
next year's expo!

*these do not include license renewals

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NEW IN ANESTHESIA INSPECTION

The TSBDE has been instructed by the Legislature to implement an Anesthesia Inspection Program.

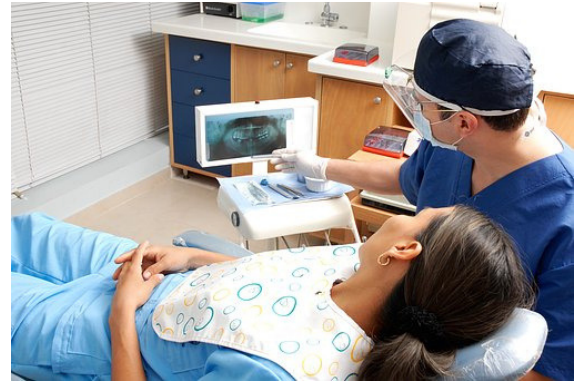
It is important that the board has up-to-date information on each Texas Dentist who may have a Level 2-4 Sedation Permit

Pursuant to Sedation Inspections, please ensure you have a current work address, phone number, and email on file with TSBDE. Changes may be emailed to anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov. Include the following information:

1. Full Name
2. Dental License Number
3. Work Address
4. Email
5. Phone Number
6. Note if your work address will be used as your mailing address

If you no longer use one or more of your permit(s) and wish to have them removed from your record, please visit our website at <http://www.tsbde.texas.gov> under the Dentist Tab → Drop Level of Sedation. You will need to complete and submit a separate form for each level of sedation you wish to remove. Confirmation notice will be emailed once the permit(s) have been removed.

You may send your anesthesia related questions to the Anesthesia Specialist at (512)305-6725 or via email at Anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov



TSBDE OFFICE CLOSURES

Labor Day
09/03/18

Thanksgiving
11/22/18 and 11/23/18

Christmas
12/24/18 to 12/26/18

New Year's Day
01/01/19

MLK Jr. Day
01/21/19

President's Day
02/18/19



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