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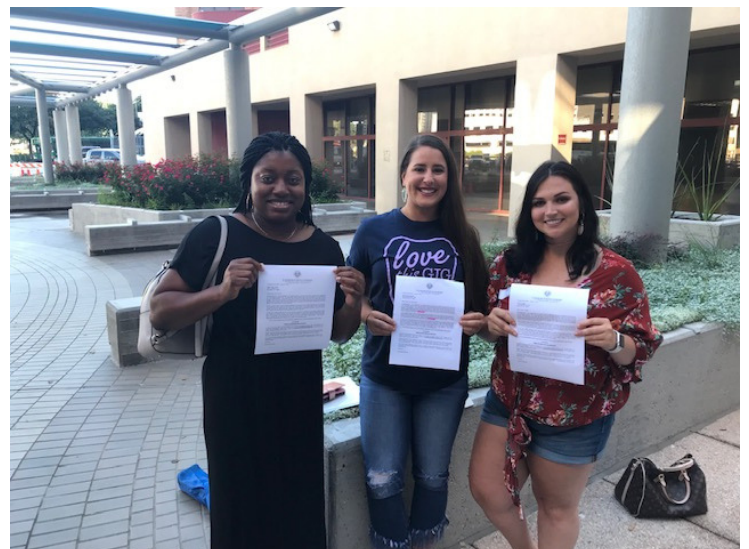
From Executive Director Dr. Boyd Bush



I have been privileged to help lead this agency for over a year now. The whirlwind of adventure involved with that task has been exciting and admittedly at times challenging. However, I am proud and thrilled to be a part of this remarkable board. Over the preceding year, the agency has implemented rule and program changes, added a new anesthesia inspection program, and hired new staff members. Much of TSBDE's progress can be attributed to the dedicated group of professionals serving the board. The board could not perform its duties for the dental profession in Texas without the amazing staff we have supporting our mission to "[p]rotect 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." Due to the sheer size of this state, each division of the board has an unparalleled task in safeguarding the dental professionals and the other great people of this state.

2019 OUR LICENSING EXPO

WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!



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LICENSING NEWS

Dental and Dental Hygiene Reminders:

A dental applicant who takes an examination after January 1, 2019, must also successfully complete the periodontics and prosthodontics sections of a designated board approved regional examining board.

Each licensee shall complete the jurisprudence assessment every four (4) years. This requirement is in addition to the twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education required biennially for the renewal of a license.

Dental Assistant Registration:

A dental assistant must complete six (6) hours of continuing education each year in areas covering dental assistant duties. At least three (3) of these six (6) hours must be clinical continuing education.

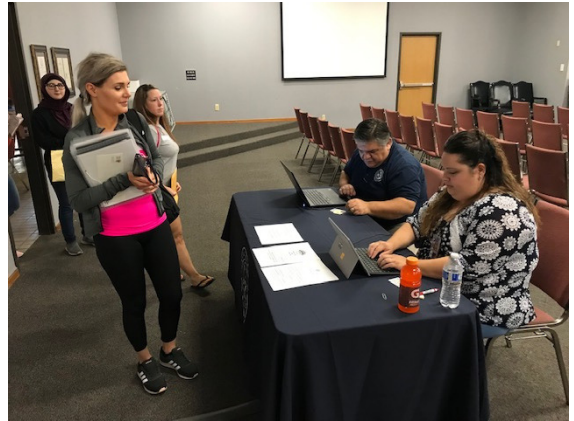
Online License Renewals:

The processing of an online renewal is typically within one business day. If you searched your license and notice it has not been updated within the next business day, you may have one or more of the following deficiencies:

*Expired CPR
Office of the Attorney General
(OAG) Child Support hold
Continuing Education (CE) Audit
Jurisprudence Assessment
Missing Corporate address
information
DSO questionnaire
ACLS/PALS*

Contact the Licensing division at licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov for information on how to correct these issues.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Our Licensing Expo was a great success!

The 2019 Licensing Expos held on June 7th and 21st facilitated the approval of over 600 applicants.

Congratulations to all new dentists and hygienists. Thank you to the team who came in early and stayed late to ensure everyone was processed.

ANESTHESIA

Pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 110.18 TSBDE is conducting Sedation and Anesthesia Compliance inspections. Failure to allow the inspection to take place may result in suspension in one or more of your permit(s).

Texas Dentists who hold a Level 2-4 Sedation Permit please ensure you have a current work address, phone number, and email on file with TSBDE. If you need to update your information, you may email the following information to anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov.

1. Full Name
2. Dental License Number
3. Work Address
4. Email
5. Phone Number
6. Indicate if your work address is your mailing address

ANESTHESIA

DID YOU KNOW?

Effective 9/1/2019, a permit holder may not administer sedation/anesthesia under a level 2, level 3, or level 4 permit to a high-risk or pediatric patient unless the permit holder has completed the requirements outlined in Rules § 110.16 and 110.17.

If you no longer use one or more of your permits 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. Please complete and submit a separate form for each level of sedation you wish to remove. You will receive a confirmation email once the permit is removed.

In regards to Moderate Sedation, Rule §110.5(c)(5)(c) states; Pulse-oximetry, heart rate, respiratory rate, and blood pressure must be continually monitored and documented at appropriate intervals of no more than ten (10) minutes, not just at the beginning and end of the sedation.

Sedation/Anesthesia of High-Risk Patients (22 TAC § 110.16) and Sedation/Anesthesia of Pediatric Patients (22 TAC § 110.17) applications are now available; please visit our website at <http://www.tsbde.texas.gov> under the Dentist Tab, Anesthesia Privileges. Submit the application(s) along with proof of education. Once your application has been processed and approved, you will receive an approval letter by mail. The endorsements will be included on your renewal certificate when you next renew.

With recent legislative changes, an RDA who also holds a registration to monitor nitrous oxide will now begin to see this endorsement when they next renew their license. This endorsement will be located on the bottom left corner side of the renewal certificate.

AED pads have an expiration date! Please stop and take a moment to ensure YOUR AED pads have not expired.



Interesting Facts:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Outlook Handbook, is a great resource for determining projected employment growth (or lack thereof) in the job market.

Though some of the current job sectors experiencing growth are the usual suspects like computing, engineering, and infrastructure professions, the medical profession is experiencing a strong positive outlook for future job prospects; especially in the dental professions.

According to the BLS, by 2026 job prospects for Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists are projected to grow by 20% and will create an increased demand for those skilled positions in the market place. In fact, those two areas of dental practice are among the top 40 fastest growing jobs in the country. That is good news for the dental profession.

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LICENSING INFO

American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) self-query report is no longer required to be submitted with any TSBDE application. We are working on updating this information on our website and forms. Your patience is appreciated.

Renewals continue to be staggered. A system has been created in order to evenly distribute renewals to be moved to a two year license. Licensees selected for a one year renewal will pay the one year renewal fee.

Licensees selected for a two year renewal will be required to pay the 2 year renewal fee. If your renewal was updated to reflect a one year renewal, when you next renew your license in 2020, it will be for 2 years. There is not an option to opt out. Renewal postcards will continue to be sent out 60 days prior to your expiration date to the mailing address on file.

Any questions should be directed to the Licensing division at licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov.

TSBDE NEW RULES

Rule §107.110 Baseless or Unfounded Complaints
[107.110](#)

Rule §110.17 Sedation/Anesthesia of Pediatric Patients
[110.17](#)

Rule §108.14 Pediatric and Special Needs Case Management;
Protective Stabilization
[108.14](#)

Rule §110.18 Inspection of Sedation/Anesthesia Providers
[110.18](#)

To search an adopted rule,
check the above link in **red** or visit the [Texas Register](#)

TSBDE holiday office closures: INDEPENDENCE DAY * JULY 4 & JULY 5

