



# Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

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2x2 Passport Photo  
Required

## Dental Assistant Registration Application

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**Instructions:** Print legibly or type all information. All fields are required. Submitting an incomplete application will delay your application process. All supporting documentation should be submitted with this application. Fees are Non-Refundable. Select the application type and submit the appropriate fee(s). Make your check or money order payable to TSBDE and mail to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners at 333 Guadalupe St, Tower 3 Suite 800 Austin, TX 78701. A 2x2 passport photo is required.

Please check (✓) one

- Initial Application (1<sup>st</sup> time applicant)
- My RDA registration has cancelled and now I am reapplying. RDA # \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Fee

**\$38**

Military Active Duty, Veteran, & Spouse: NO FEE:

- Active Duty\*\*
- Veteran\*\*
- Active Duty Spouse\*\*

\*\* Please include a copy of one of the following: Copy of Military Orders, I.D. Card or proof of Honorable or General Discharge

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|--|--|----------------------------------|--------|
| Social Security #*:  |  | Date of Birth:<br>MM / DD / YYYY |        |
| Last Name:   |  | First Name                       | Middle |
| Current Address:   |  | City                             | State  |
|  |  |                                  | Zip    |
| Permanent Address:   |  | City                             | State  |
|  |  |                                  | Zip:   |
| Work Address:  |  | City                             | State  |
|  |  |                                  | Zip    |
| Preferred mailing address: (All Board communication will be sent to your preferred address and your preferred address will be made available to the public)  |  |                                  |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Work  |  |                                  |        |
| Daytime Phone #:   |  | Email Address:                   |        |
| *Pursuant to Sec. 59.001 of the Dental Practice Act, the social security number of an applicant for or holder of a license, certificate of registration, or other legal authorization issued by a licensing agency to practice in a specific occupation or profession that is provided to the licensing agency is confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code. |  |                                  |        |

**State Licensure/Registration: List all state(s) and/or jurisdiction(s) in which you have ever held a Dental Assistant Permit/Registration. A verification of licensure is required from each state in which you have held a permit or registration. A copy of the permit or registration is not acceptable.**

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Disciplinary Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_\_ No

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**Employer Information: All fields are required. You may enter N/A if an area does not apply to you.**

|  |                    |                              |                             |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Are you currently employed in a dental office? |                    | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dentist Name                                   | Dentist License #: | Phone Number                 |                             |
| Address  | City               | State                        | Zip                         |
| Business Email                                 |                    |                              |                             |

**Education Information: A response is required for each question. Failure to attach and submit a copy of the required document(s) will make your application incomplete and will delay your process.**

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| Have you successfully graduated from an accredited high school or completed a high school equivalency, General Equivalency Diploma (GED)?   | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you hold a Dental Assisting National Board (DANB-CDA) certification? If, "YES" please attach a copy.   | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If you hold a current DANB CDA certification and are using this as proof of an approved TSBDE course, have you completed the Texas Jurisprudence Assessment? If, "YES", please attach a copy of the completion certificate. | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you hold a current Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR certification? If, "YES" please attach a copy  | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you completed an approved TSBDE Dental Assistant Registration course and exam? If, "YES" please attach a copy  | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Background Questions: Please answer each of the following questions by putting a check (✓) in the appropriate box on the right. You must answer each question with a "Yes" or "No" response as no other response is acceptable. All "Yes" answers MUST be explained in detail in a separate SIGNED and NOTARIZED affidavit. The affidavit should include all relevant dates and identify the relevant jurisdiction and/or entity involved. Failure to disclose any of the requested information may result in the denial of your application or other appropriate action.**

**NOTE: If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions below and you have already submitted a detailed affidavit to this licensing authority explaining your response you need not submit another detailed affidavit. Please note the date of your previous submission next to the applicable question(s).**

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| 1. Have you ever had an application for a dental assistant any professional license, registration, certification, or permit refused or denied by any licensing authority or government agency?   | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Have you ever had a dental assistant or professional license, registration, certification, or permit revoked, suspended, or canceled, by any licensing authority or government agency, or voluntarily surrendered?  | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action by any licensing authority or government agency with regard to a dental assistant or any professional license, registration, certification, or permit?<br><br><b>If you answer "Yes" you must attach documentation of disciplinary action not previously reported to TSBDE.</b> | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <p>4. For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:</p> <p>A. been convicted of a misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic violations)?</p> <p>B. been convicted of a felony?</p> <p>C. pled nolo contendere, no contest or guilty?</p> <p>D. received deferred adjudication?</p> <p>E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?</p> <p>F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?</p> <p>G. been granted pre-trial diversion?</p> <p>H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?</p> <p>I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?</p> <p>J. been the subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgement/punishment/action?</p> <p>If Yes, in addition to the affidavit, attach a certified copy of the court records regarding your conviction, the nature of the offense, date of discharge, if applicable, as well as a statement from the probation or parole officer, Also, provide a copy of an Order of Non-Disclosure or the Court Order expunging or sealing (non-disclosure) any conviction, offense, arrest, or citation.</p> | <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>5. Are you currently addicted to any chemical substance including alcohol (excluding tobacco and caffeine)?</p>  | <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>6. Are you currently abusing any chemical substance including alcohol (excluding tobacco and caffeine)?</p>  | <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <p>7. Have you ever been diagnosed with any condition or impairment (including but not limited to, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, or a mental, emotional or nervous disorder or condition) that in any way affects your ability to practice as a Dental Assistant in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?</p>  | <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> |

**ATTESTATION**

In addition to the foregoing: I acknowledge this is a legal document and I attest that I understand and meet all the requirements to practice for the type of registration requested. Further, I understand that it is a violation of the Texas Administrative Code and the Penal Code to submit a false statement to a government agency and I consent to the release of confidential information to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners and further authorize the Board to use and to release said information as needed for the evaluation and disposition of my application for registration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_**

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the applicant whose signature appears above and who being by me sworn upon oath says that all the facts, statements and answers contained in this application are true and correct.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, the said \_\_\_\_\_ appeared on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Signature

(Seal)

## Dental Assistant Requirements

- Submit a fully completed dental assistant registration application and fee. Submitting an incomplete application will delay your application process.
- 2x2 passport photo
  - Your head must face the camera directly with full face in view
  - You must have a neutral facial expression or a natural smile, with both eyes open.
  - Use a plain white or off-white background.
  - Be sized correctly
- Must have graduated from an accredited high school or hold a certificate of high school equivalency, General Equivalency Diploma (GED);
- Submit 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 from IdentoGO to [licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov).
- Copy of your driver's license, naturalization papers, or passport.
- Proof of current hands-on course in Basic Life Support (BLS) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.
- Proof of successful completion of a TSBDE approved dental assistant registration course or a copy of your current DANB CDA Card. If you are submitting a DANB card, please note you are also required to complete the TSBDE Jurisprudence Assessment. The assessment must have been taken within one year prior to submitting your application.
- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query Report. The report results must remain in its original sealed envelope. **Do not mail TSBDE a copy or an opened query.** You will only further delay your approval process. NPDB self-query report is valid for 60 days. You may contact the NPDB at (800) 767-6732 or at <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/pract/howToGetStarted.jsp>.

**Application Process: Once your application has been approved, please allow 7-10 business days to receive your Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) registration in the mail.**

- Applications are processed in the order received. Your payment will be processed before your application is reviewed. The estimated processing turnaround time is 3-4 weeks. Applicants with a criminal history or disciplinary action should expect a longer processing time.
- Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant.
- Please allow two (2) weeks before contact the Licensing Division requesting a status of your application.
- If you change your address after submitting your application, email [licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov) immediately and provide your full name, the type of application you mailed to the TSBDE, the last four (4) numbers of your Social Security Number along with your new mailing address.
- 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 not be less than 18 months.

## Continuing Education (CE) Requirements

- A dental assistant must complete six (6) hours of continuing education (CE) each year in areas covering dental assistant duties. At least three (3) of these six (6) must be clinical continuing education.
- Up to 6 hours may be carried forward from the year preceding the current renewal period.
- CE requirement may be fulfilled through board-approved self-study, interactive computer courses, or lecture courses. All continuing education must be offered by providers approved under 22 Texas Administrative Code §104.2.

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

Though the Board will no longer issue 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 approved courses in coronal polishing and/or pit and fissure as stated in Rule §114.3 and §114.5.