



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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TSBDE Licensing EXPO 2026 for Dental Graduates

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Licensing Expo to provide onsite application processing for all recent dental hygiene graduates. Licensing Specialists will be available to review required documentation and provide on-the-spot approvals.

Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2026
- Location: Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 Congress Avenue, Room 2.035, Austin, TX 78701
- Time: Processing begins at 8:00 AM. Applicants must check in by 3:00 PM for same-day processing.

Please be advised that we expect high attendance; we recommend planning for potential wait times.

Required Documentation:

Refer to the attached checklist. Copy machines will not be available onsite, so please arrive with all necessary materials prepared. Be advised that military applications are now processed exclusively online; paper applications are no longer available. With the exception of official school transcripts and verification of licensure, all other documentation can be uploaded and attached directly to your online application.

License Activation Process:

Upon approval, your license status will initially show as "Expired." You will receive a letter via your online licensing account with instructions to pay the prorated initial renewal (activation) fee. This letter authorizes you to practice for 30 days. Paying the fee will update your status to "Active" and set an expiration date valid for 18–30 months. Your decorative wall license will be mailed to your address on file within 10–15 business days after payment.

While not required on the day of the event, computer stations will be available if you wish to complete the initial renewal and activation process onsite.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dental Application Checklist –

- 1- 2x2 passport photo (No photo copies will be accepted).
- Copy of your driver's license, naturalization papers, or passport. The application and documents must match your legal name. If not, please provide the legal document which reflects the name change.
- Copy current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification – American Heart Association or the American Red Cross
- Official school transcript showing proof of graduation from a Commission on Dental Accreditation-accredited (CODA) dental school. **Transcripts must remain in the original sealed envelope.**
- Successful completion of a general dentistry clinical examination administered by an approved regional clinical examining board dated within 7 years from the date of examination. **TSBDE will validate score reports that have been made available to Texas from CRDTS, SRTA, and CDCA-WREB-CITA.** Students who have taken the regional clinical exam after 1/1/2019, are required to have completed the periodontics and prosthodontics sections.
- Successful completion of National Boards Parts I and II or the INBDE. **TSBDE now has access to current electronic results that have been made available to Texas. Please be sure you have requested these results to be sent to Texas electronically.**
- Proof of completion of TSBDE Jurisprudence Assessment **for dentists without sedation** taken within one year immediately prior to application.
- Successful completion of a fingerprint criminal records check. Please bring a copy of your fingerprint receipt. **Staff will confirm the results of your fingerprint session on the day of the expo.**
- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Self-Query. Report results must remain in the original sealed envelope. NPDB self-query reports are **valid for 60 days**. Contact the NPDB at telephone number (800) 767-6732, or website <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/pract/howToGetStarted.jsp>. An online copy will not be acceptable.
- Proof of completion of a course in human trafficking prevention approved by the executive commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. For information on where to find approved courses, please click [here](#).
- For applicants who hold or have every held a professional license, permit or registration (dental assistant, nurse, pharmacy technician, etc.) in Texas, or any other state including the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners: For each license you have ever held, you must obtain verification of the status of that license and list the information on the application. The verification must include the license number, the date issued, the current status, its expiration date, and whether any disciplinary action, sanction, or restriction was issued. A copy of the license alone is not acceptable. Verification must be received in its own sealed unopened envelope.