Mission Statement:
To provide professional, courteous service and information to the dental profession and the general public through examination, licensure and complaint adjudication and enforcement process; to protect the oral health, safety and welfare of Arizona citizens through a fair and impartial system.
On behalf of the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (“Board”), the following information is for fiscal year 2023 (“FY23”) – beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

I. Licensure, Certification, Registration and Permits

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I. LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION AND PERMITS

LICENSE / CERTIFICATE BY EXAMINATION
Graduates of accredited dental or dental hygiene schools who have successfully completed a clinical examination within the last five years or graduates from a recognized denturist school or a certificate of satisfactory completion of a course or curriculum in denture technology from a recognized denturist school.

- Dentists ........................................... 235
- Dental Therapists¹ ................................... 0
- Dental Hygienists ................................... 206
- Denturists ........................................... 0

LICENSE BY CREDENTIAL
Graduates of accredited dental or dental hygiene schools who have successfully completed a clinical examination more than five years before submitting an application for licensure and holds a valid license in another state may apply for licensure by credential.

Licensure by credential does not apply to graduates of non-accredited dental or dental hygiene schools.

- Dentists ....................................... 143
- Dental Therapists ................................... 0
- Dental Hygienists ................................... 70

LICENSE / CERTIFICATE BY UNIVERSAL RECOGNITION
Arizona’s licensing boards recognize out-of-state occupational licenses for people who have been licensed in their profession for at least one year, are in good standing in all U.S. jurisdictions where they are licensed, pay applicable Arizona fees, and meet all residency, testing and background check requirements.

- Dentists ....................................... 42
- Dental Therapists ................................... 0
- Dental Hygienists ................................... 102
- Denturists ........................................... 1

CERTIFICATIONS

Dental Assistants
An Expanded Function Dental Assistant (“EFDA”) may place, contour and finish a direct restoration or place and cement prefabricated crowns following the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist. They may also place interim therapeutic restorations. The dental assistant must complete an expanded function dental assistant training program and successfully complete board-approved examinations administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, or provide evidence of current EFDA certification in another state and proof of clinical experience.

- Dental Assistant EFDA certifications issued by examination .................. 32

Coronal polishing certification for dental assistants allows dental assistants to polish teeth under the supervision of a dentist. Certification is accomplished by successfully completing

¹ Due to a notice of proposed rulemaking to add Dental Therapy the Board was prohibited from licensing Dental Therapists until FY24.
the Dental Assisting National Board’s national written Coronal Polish Examination and submitting proof of clinical experience.

Dental Assistant Coronal Polish certifications issued ......................... 134

**BUSINESS ENTITY REGISTRATION**
Dental practices offering dental services, which are owned by individuals and who are not Arizona licensed dentists or hygienists are required to register their business.

New Business Entity registrations issued ........................................ 90

**PERMITS**
Dental Hygienists may administer local anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide upon submission of evidence that they have completed didactic and clinical coursework at an ADA/CODA accredited dental or dental hygiene program and passed a clinical and written examination.

New Local Anesthesia Only Certificates ........................................ 140
New Nitrous Oxide Only Certificates ............................................. 383
General Anesthesia & Deep Sedation (1301 Permits) .................... 36
Parenteral Sedation (1302 Permits) ................................................. 23
Oral Sedation (1303 Permits) ....................................................... 66
Permit to Employ or Work with a non-dental anesthesia provider (1304 Permits) ................................................................. 40
Mobile Dental Facilities & Mobile Dental Units ............................ 11

**TOTAL LICENSEE POPULATION BY PROFESSION**

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II. DENTAL ASSISTANTS

The Board collaborates with Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) to assist and certify Dental Assistants in the state of Arizona.

EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT EXAMINATIONS:

Dental Assisting EFDA Total Administered ................................................................. 32

RADIATION HEALTH AND SAFETY (RHS) EXAMINATION:

Dental Assisting RHS Examination Total Administered ............................................. 1,466
Dental Assisting RHS Examination Number Passing .................................................... 734

CORONAL POLISHING EXAMINATION: The Board requires individuals to pass DANB’s national coronal polish examination and submit the Arizona Clinical Skills Affidavit form to earn the Arizona coronal polishing certificate.

Dental Assisting Coronal Polishing Examination Total Administered ....................... 490
Dental Assisting Coronal Polishing Examination Number Passing ............................ 325

ARIZONA CORONAL POLISHING CERTIFICATES ISSUED:

Dental Assisting Coronal Polishing Total Certified by National CP Exam .................... 134
III. COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Board is charged with investigating written complaints received as well as those filed by the Board on its own motion. Upon receipt of the complaint, the compliance staff reviews the information provided and assigns each case to an investigator who identifies if the allegations are violations of the Board’s statutes and/or rules. The Board’s Investigative Committee reviews all complaints and makes specific recommendations regarding the appropriate disposition of each case. The Board reviews all records, including images submitted and all Investigative Committee recommendations and may accept, reject or modify those recommendations based on information presented during a board meeting. If a matter is voted to a formal hearing, the case is sent to the Arizona Attorney General Office for prosecution and only comes back to the Board to review the Administrative Law Judges recommended decision.

FISCAL YEAR 2023 COMPLIANCE STATISTICS

Total Number of Complaints Adjudicated ............................................................ 473
Total Number of Compliance Cases that Resulted in Discipline ...................... 21
  • Total Number of Revocations/ Surrenders .............................................. 7
  • Total Number of Suspensions, (including anesthesia/sedation permits) ... 2
  • Total Number of Probations ................................................................... 1
  • Total Number of Practice Restrictions .................................................. 0
  • Other .................................................................................................... 11
  • Total Number of Formal Hearings Held .................................................. 0
    o Revocation ............................................................................................ 0
    o Suspension ............................................................................................ 0
    o Anesthesia/Sedation Permit Suspension .............................................. 0
    o Practice Restriction ............................................................................. 0
    o Probation .............................................................................................. 0
    o Other ................................................................................................... 0
  • Total Number of Compliance Cases that Resulted in Non-Discipline ....... 23
  • Total Number of Letters of Concern ....................................................... 68
  • Total Number of Complaints Investigated and Dismissed ....................... 354
IV. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

License, permit and penalty fees are collected by the Board. However, 90% of the funds collected are deposited into the Board’s fund balance and 10% of the funds collected are deposited into the State’s General Fund.

Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation (Lump Sum Appropriation) .................. $1,937,500

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