

ARIZONA

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

FY2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR

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.



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FISCAL YEAR 2024

On behalf of the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (“Board”), the following information is for fiscal year 2024 (“FY24”) – beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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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	226
Dental Therapists ¹	2
Dental Hygienists.....	289
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	102
Dental Therapists	0
Dental Hygienists.....	60

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.....	26
Denturists	0

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	45
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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.....115

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 issued112

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.....403
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 General Anesthesia & Deep Sedation (1301 Permits)50
 Parenteral Sedation (1302 Permits)30
 Oral Sedation (1303 Permits).....87
 Permit to Employ or Work with a non-dental anesthesia provider
 (1304 Permits).....38
 Mobile Dental Facilities & Mobile Dental Units5

TOTAL LICENSEE POPULATION BY PROFESSION

License/Certificate/ Registration	TOTAL	In State	Out-of-State
Dentists	5,658	4,780	878
Dental Therapists	2	0	2
Dental Hygienists	5,405	4,924	481
Denturists	8	8	0
Business Entities	415	415	0

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 Administered59

RADIATION HEALTH AND SAFETY (RHS) EXAMINATION:

Dental Assisting RHS Examination Total Administered1,793

Dental Assisting RHS Examination Number Passing999

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 Administered529

Dental Assisting Coronal Polishing Examination Number Passing336

ARIZONA CORONAL POLISHING CERTIFICATES ISSUED:

Dental Assisting Coronal Polishing Total Certified by National CP Exam115

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 2024 COMPLIANCE STATISTICS

Total Number of Complaints Adjudicated	399
Total Number of Compliance Cases that Resulted in Discipline	22
• Total Number of Revocations/ Surrenders.....	4
• Total Number of Suspensions, (including anesthesia/sedation permits)...	2
• Total Number of Probations.....	3
• Total Number of Practice Restrictions	1
• Other	0
• Total Number of Formal Hearings Held	2
○ Revocation	2
○ Suspension.....	0
○ Anesthesia/Sedation Permit Suspension.....	0
○ Practice Restriction.....	0
○ Probation	0
○ Other	0
• Total Number of Compliance Cases that Resulted in Non-Discipline	47
• Total Number of Letters of Concern	48
• Total Number of Complaints Investigated and Dismissed	270

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 Fund².

Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation (Lump Sum Appropriation)..... \$2,056,600

REVENUES BY SOURCE	FY24
Licensure	\$1,935,404
Fines/Late Fees	\$59,775
Misc. Revenues	\$151,830
Credit Card	(\$31,978)
Prior Year Refunds	\$1,500
Misc. Receipts	\$7,764
TOTAL	\$1,905,979
Less 10% to the General Fund	(\$218,316)
NET REVENUES	\$2,124,295

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY	FY24
Personnel Services	\$839,213
Employee Related Expenses	\$339,862
Professional & Outside Services	\$448,407
Travel - In-State	\$2,556
Travel - Out-of-State	\$5,426
Other Operating Expenses	\$199,795
Equipment	\$44,497
Transfers	\$2,002,135
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,881,891

² The dental board revenue sharing structure will change in fiscal year 2025 and 2026. Pursuant to HB 2910, the executive director of the board shall each month deposit 15% of all fees fines and other revenue received by the board, in the state general fund and deposit the reaming 85% percent in the dental board fund.