

Legislative Update

As a result of the Sunset Review process for the Dental Board, AB 179 was signed by the governor in October and will go into effect in January.

The RDA Practical Exam is addressed in this bill; it was originally addressed in AB 178, but the efforts of opponents of AB178 resulted in language related to the practical exam being removed. So, the Board is now, but the choice for continuing or discontinuing the Exam now rests in the hands of the Dental Board, who is completing its Occupational Analysis. The RDA Practical will continue unless the Dental Board between now and July 1, 2017 votes to suspend it once the Occupational Analysis is complete.

Other things that will be affected by AB 179 include an increase in application and renewal fees for the RDA and the OA and DSA permits as well as CE provider fees and new RDA Program or new course fees; it also now includes term limits for the Dental Assisting Council of 2 terms.

The Dental Board is looking for RDAs to participate in a survey related to the Occupational Analysis. If you are interested, read the [request](#) and respond to the Board.