

Government Relations

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Regulatory Workshops

The workshop held on June 23rd was to have been the last, but work on the language was not completed. Another workshop will be scheduled, TBA. The entire package will then go to the Dental Board, where public comments can be made.

Occupational Analysis - RDA

The RDA Occupational Analysis was completed last year. The results can be found on the dental board website under calendar/May meeting/supplemental materials. OPES will be bringing multiple options for the RDA Practical Exam to the August Board meeting. Stay tuned – or come to the meeting!

RDA Practical Exam

The July 1 deadline for signature of the urgency legislation was not met, so at this point, the Dental Board cannot issue licenses. *At the request of the DBC, CDAA sent notice to its members with this information. The emergency legislation was originally being carried in AB1732, but it is now being carried in AB1707. If the bill is signed by Governor Brown as urgency legislation, it will become effective immediately; the last day for him to sign is October 15. It passed through the Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee on July 10th, has been referred to the Committee on Appropriations and as we are to go to print, it has also passed the Senate and Assembly so is very close. The bill can be found at https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billVersionsCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1707

The DBC has been contacting all RDA applicants that were not ‘abandoned’ (the two-year rule) but had not passed the practical and issuing them a license. I have no data as to how many licenses have been issued.

RDA Written exams are being updated in addition to combining the written General Exam with the Law & Ethics Exam. Board staff expects to have the combined test ready for release by mid- to late-2018.

DBC/DAC Positions

- The RDA position on the DBC is currently Judith Forsythe. She has served two terms, so cannot be reappointed, however she is currently in her grace period. A new appointment will need to be made.
- Emma Ramos has resigned her position on the DAC; she was serving as Chair

Calendar of Future Events:

August 10-11, 2017 – San Francisco
Dental Board (DBC) / Dental Assisting Council (DAC)

November 2-3, 2017 – Sacramento
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TBA, 2017 – Sacramento
Final Legislative Language Workshop