

**The North Carolina State Board of Dental
Examiners**

Annual Report to

**The Secretary of State, the Attorney General, The
Office of State Budget and Management,**

And

**The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure
Oversight Committee**

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The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners submits the following information as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. §93B-2.

Section 1: Board Members and Officers, August 2019 – July 2020

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Section 1(a): Total number of licensees as of 1 Oct. 2020

Dentists:	6779
Dental Hygienists:	8309

Section 2: Number of persons who applied for examination

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners is a member of the American Dental Examination (ADEX) which has developed a clinical examination for dentistry and dental hygiene that is offered in 35 states and is accepted in 45. Candidates for dental/dental hygiene licensure do not apply or pay any examination fees directly to the North Carolina State Board Dental Examiners for admission to the examination. Several thousand graduates of dental and dental hygiene schools throughout the 35 member states are eligible to apply for licensure in NC upon passing the examination.

The ADEX clinical dental and dental hygiene examinations are offered by two regional testing agencies: The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) and the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA). Passing rates and other statistics from these two agencies are attached as Appendix A.

Section 3: The number refused examination

Applicants are not allowed to apply for the examination until all educational prerequisites are met. Therefore, no applicants were refused admission to either the CDCA or CITA dental and dental hygiene examinations.

Section 4: The number who took the examination

See latest reports from CITA and CDCA attached as Appendix A.

Section 5: Number to whom initial licenses were issued

In 2019, 316 applicants applied for a dental license in North Carolina. All 316 were granted a dental license. Two hundred ninety-seven [297] applicants applied for a dental hygiene license. All 297 were granted a dental hygiene license

Section 5(a): Number who failed the examination

See attached reports from the two regional testing agencies (CDCA and CITA) offering the ADEX dental and dental hygiene examinations. (Appendix A)

Section 6: Application for License by credentials

Licensure by credentials is the process through which licensees in other states may apply for a North Carolina license based on their experience and a safe practice record. No additional clinical examination is required for those who qualify. In 2019, 119 dentists and 97 dental hygienists from other states applied for licensure by credentials.

Section 7: License by Credentials Issued

In 2019, the Board licensed 119 dentists and 97 dental hygienists from other states through the credentialing process. No applicants for licensure by credentials were denied.

Section 7(a): Number of Official complaints involving licensed and unlicensed activity

295 complaints were received in 2019.

Section 7(b): Number of disciplinary actions against licensees or non-licensees, including injunctive relief.

16 Consent Orders entered
11 licensees suspended
9 licensees placed on probation
1 license was revoked
5 official reprimands issued
3 licensees summarily suspended

Section 8: Number of licenses suspended or revoked

Number of Licenses Suspended: 11
Number of Licenses Revoked: 1

Section 9: Licensees terminated for any reason other than failure to renew

No licensees were asked to retire or voluntarily surrender their license in 2019.

Section (9a): Number of applicants for a dental license: 316
Number granted a dental license: 316
Number of applicants for a dental hygiene license: 297
Number of applicants granted a dental hygiene license: 297

Section (9b): Number of applicants with a conviction record: 18
Number of applicants with a conviction record granted a license: 18
Number of applicants with a conviction recorded denied a license
For any reason: 0
Number of applicants denied a license because of a conviction: 0

Section (9c): Number of applicants with military training: 35
Number of applicants with military training granted a license: 35
Number of military applicants denied a license: 0
Summary of reasons for denial attached as Appendix B (if applicable).

Section (9d): Number of applicants who are military spouses: 8
Number of military spouse applicants granted a license: 8
Number of military spouse applicants denied a license: 0
Summary of reasons for denial attached as Appendix C (if applicable).

Section 10: Substance of any anticipated statutory amendment

The Board is considering what statutory changes would be necessary to facilitate the practice of teledentistry in North Carolina.

Section 11: Substance of any anticipated rule changes or adoption.

No substantive rule changes are anticipated.

Financial Reports were previously submitted directly from the audit firm of Bernard Robinson on or about April 30, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive Officer

Appendix A

Reports from Regional Testing Agencies