



NEW RULES FROM THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS ~ Effective September 1, 2018:

► Rule 114.2 Registration of Dental Assistants

The new rule makes a number of changes to dental assistant registrations. Dental assistant registrations will go to a two-year cycle. Applicants will now be required to:

- Submit fingerprints for retrieval of criminal history record information. Instructions for obtaining fingerprints will be emailed to the applicant once a completed application has been received. Once the applicant has completed the fingerprint session, he/she is required to email a copy of his/her receipt to licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov
- Proof of completion of high-school or a high-school equivalency (General Equivalency Diploma, GED).
- Proof of successful completion of a hands-on basic life support course.

Once the application has been approved, the initial, staggered registration period will range from 18 months to 30 months. The length of the initial registration period will be determined by the registrant's birth month, but will be no less than 18 months. Following the initial registration, the dental assistant will renew biennially.

RDAs will be allowed to carry forward 6 hours of continuing education from the previous renewal cycle. Applicants will be ineligible for licensure if they are in violation of a board order at the time of application.

► Rules 114.3 and 114.5, Pit and Fissure Sealants & Coronal Polishing

The TSBDE has provided guidance on dental assistants performing pit & fissure sealants and coronal polishing.

Although the Board no longer issues dental assistant certificates in pit and fissure sealants or coronal polishing, it is the responsibility of the delegating dentist to ensure that the dental assistant has completed an approved course in coronal polishing and/or pit and fissure as stated in Rule 114.3 and 114.5.

► Recent Rule Proposals

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[Rule 101.11 Employment by Estate of Dentist or Person Acting for Mentally Incompetent Dentist](#)

[Rule 102.1 Fees](#)

[Rule 107.63 Informal Disposition and Mediation](#)

[Rule 110.9 Anesthesia Permit Renewal](#)

[Rule 110.16 Sedation/Anesthesia of High Risk Patients](#)

[Rule 110.17 Sedation/Anesthesia of Pediatric Patients](#)

[Rule 110.18 Inspection of Sedation/Anesthesia Providers](#)

[Rule 114.2 Continuing Education for Certificate Holders](#)

References:

<http://www.tsbde.texas.gov/RecentRuleProposals.html>

http://www.tsbde.texas.gov/documents/Newsletters/Aug_2018_TSBDE_Newsletter.pdf