

## DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

- Purpose: Protect and promote the health and safety of consumers of the State of California. Examine all applicants for a license to practice dentistry, issue licenses, and establish standards for the approval of dental colleges.
- Authority: Business and Professions Code §§ 1601.1 et seq.
- Appointing Power: Governor – 13  
Senate Rules Committee – 1  
Speaker of the Assembly – 1
- Number: Fifteen (15)
- Special Considerations: All of the members of the board, except the public members, shall have been actively and legally engaged in the practice of dentistry in the State of California, for at least five (5) years next preceding the date of their appointment. No more than one (1) member of the board shall be a member of the faculty of any dental college or dental department of any medical college in the State of California. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1602.)
- Public members shall not be licentiates of the board or of any other board under this division or of any board referred to in Sections 1000 and 3600. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1602.)
- None of the members, including the public members, shall have any financial interest in any such college. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1602.)
- Additional statutory requirements for public members shall be as follows under Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 450 et seq.
- Qualifications:
- Governor:
- 1) Eight (8) practicing dentists;  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 1601.1(a).)
    - a. One (1) shall be a member of a faculty of any California dental college;
    - b. One (1) shall be a dentist practicing in a nonprofit community clinic.
  - 2) One (1) dental hygienist;
  - 3) One (1) dental assistant;
  - 4) Three (3) public members.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 1603.)
- Senate Committee on Rules appoints one (1) public member. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1603.)

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Speaker of the Assembly appoints one (1) public member.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 1603.)

The appointing powers, described in Bus. & Prof. Code § 1603, may appoint to the board a person who was a member of the prior board. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1601.1(a).)

Term:

Four (4) years. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1603.)

A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term, within 30 days after it occurs.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 1603.)

Term Limits:

No person shall serve for more than two (2) full terms.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 1603.)

Grace Period:

Members shall hold office until the appointment of a successor or until one (1) year shall have elapsed since the expiration of the term for which he or she was appointed, whichever first occurs.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 105.5.)

Compensation:

One hundred dollars (\$100) for each day spent on official duties, and reimbursed for traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1615.)

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no public officer or employee shall receive per diem salary compensation for serving on those boards, commissions, committees, or the Consumer Advisory Council on any day when the officer or employee also received compensation for his or her regular public employment.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 103.)

The Secretary shall be entitled to traveling and other expenses necessary in the performance of his duties. The Secretary shall not receive a salary for acting in such capacity.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 1615.)

Meeting

Frequency:

Shall meet regularly once (1) each year in San Francisco and once (1) each year in Los Angeles after the commencement of the dental schools for the purpose of examining applicants, and at such other times and places as the board may designate.  
(Bus. & Prof. Code § 1607.)

Special meetings may be held at such times as the board may elect, or on the call of the president of the board, or of not less than four members thereof. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1608.)

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- Bond: Not stated in statute.
- Oath: Government Code §§ 1360 – 1363.
- Duties: Shall examine all applicants for a license to practice dentistry according to the provisions of this chapter and shall issue licenses to practice dentistry in this State to such applicants as successfully pass the examination of the board and otherwise comply with the provisions of this chapter. The board shall collect and apply all fees as directed by this chapter. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1611.)
- The board may inspect the books, records, and premises of any dentist licensed under this chapter in response to a complaint that a licensee has violated any law or regulation that constitutes grounds for disciplinary action by the board, and may employ inspectors for this purpose. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1611.5.)
- The board may enforce all disciplinary actions undertaken by the previous board. (Bus. & Prof. Code § 1601.1(c).)
- Website: [www.dbc.ca.gov](http://www.dbc.ca.gov)