

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

Annual Report to

The Secretary of State, the Attorney General

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.

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Section 2: Number of persons who applied for examination

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners is a member of the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) which is a regional agency administering clinical examinations for both dentistry and dental hygiene. There are five member states in CITA and the examinations are accepted in 26 states and territories. Candidates for licensure do not apply directly to the Board for admission to the examination. In 2012 a total of 626 applied for the CITA dental examination and 439 applied for the dental hygiene examination from throughout the United States. Those who pass the examination may apply for licensure in any of the 26 states and territories that accept the results of the examination.

Section 3: The number refused examination

CITA refused examination to 3 dental hygiene candidates.

Section 4: The number who took the examination

In 2012, CITA examined a total of 626 dental and 436 dental hygiene candidates from all states.

Section 5: Number to whom initial licenses were issued

In 2012, of the 626 dental candidates that applied to take the CITA examination, 130 applied for a dental license in North Carolina. All 130 were granted a dental license. Of the 439 dental hygienists that applied to take the CITA examination, 261 applied for a North Carolina license. Of the 261 dental hygienists who applied for a license in North Carolina, all 261 were granted.

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 experience and a safe practice record as a licensee in another state. No additional clinical examination process is required for those who qualify. In 2012, 59 dentists and 56 dental hygienists from other states applied for licensure by credentials.

Section 7: License by Credentials Issued

In 2012, the Board licensed 59 dentists and 55 dental hygienists from other states through the credentialing process. One (1) dental hygienist who applied for licensure by credentials was denied.

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

255 Complaints

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

11 Consent Orders entered
12 licensees suspended
8 licensees placed on probation
1 licensee revoked
3 official reprimands issued
1 licensee summarily suspended

Section 8: Number of licenses suspended or revoked

Number of Licenses Suspended were 12
Number of Licenses Revoked were 1

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

No licensees were asked to retire or voluntarily surrender his/her license.

Section 10: Substance of any anticipated statutory amendment

None

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

The Dental Board anticipates amending some of its rules to reflect that the Dental Board has agreed to recognize a new dental licensure examination in North Carolina.

Financial Reports are attached.