

**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 2021 – July 2022

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Section 1(a): Total number of licensees as of 1 Oct. 2023

Dentists:	7461
Dental Hygienists:	8799

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 accepted in 48 states. 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 United States are eligible to apply for licensure in NC upon passing the examination.

The ADEX clinical dental and dental hygiene examinations are offered by regional testing agencies that recently merged to form CDCA-WREB-CITA. Passing rates and other statistics from this agency 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 the ADEX dental and dental hygiene examinations.

Section 4: The number who took the examination

See latest reports from CDCA-WREB-CITA attached as Appendix A.

Section 5: Number to whom initial licenses were issued

In 2022, 337 applicants applied for a dental license in North Carolina. All 337 were granted a dental license. Three hundred thirteen [313] applicants applied for a dental hygiene license. All 313 were granted a dental hygiene license

Section 5(a): Number who failed the examination

See attached reports from CDCA-WREB-CITA testing agency that offers 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 2022, 146 dentists and 92 dental hygienists from other states applied for licensure by credentials.

Section 7: License by Credentials Issued

In 2022, the Board licensed 146 dentists and 92 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

364 complaints were received in 2022.

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

25 Consent Orders entered
13 licensees suspended
18 licensees placed on probation
0 licenses revoked
2 official reprimands issued
4 licensees summarily suspended

The Board initiate two lawsuits seeking injunctive relief against individuals engaged in the unauthorized/unlicensed practice of dentistry.

Section 8: Number of licenses suspended or revoked

Number of Licenses Suspended: 17 (includes summary suspensions)
Number of Licenses Revoked: 0

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

No licensee voluntarily surrendered his/her license in 2022.

Section (9a): Number of applicants for a dental license: 337
Number granted a dental license: 337
Number of applicants for a dental hygiene license: 313
Number of applicants granted a dental hygiene license: 313

- Section (9b):** Number of applicants with a conviction record: 69
Number of applicants with a conviction record granted a license: 68
Number of applicants with a conviction recorded denied a license
For any reason: 1
Number of applicants denied a license because of a conviction: 1
- Section (9c):** Number of applicants with military training: 30
Number of applicants with military training granted a license: 30
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

SB 382 was passed unanimously by the Senate and House. As of late 2023, it awaits final movement from a conference committee to the Governor's desk. The bill makes changes to statutes governing the Instructor's License and disciplinary action; approves manikins to test applicant hand skills; changes where dentists must display their dental license; and makes dentist's participation in the Health Information Exchange voluntary.

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

The Board has proposed changes to the Sedation and General Anesthesia rules to increase the margin of safety for patients.

If SB 382 [see Section 10 above] passes, the Board will submit rules to uphold new statutory requirements.

Financial Reports were previously submitted directly from the audit firm of Bernard Robinson on or about April 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bobby D. White".

Bobby D. White
Chief Executive Officer

Appendix A

Report from Regional Testing Agencies

2022 Graduates DENTAL

ADEX Dental Examination (CDCA-WREB-CITA)
Initial Attempts and End of Season Status per Candidate (2022 Graduates)

	Total Candidates	Pass Count Initial	Passing Percentage Initial Attempts	Pass Count End of Season	Passing Percentage End of Season
DSE OSCE	5,264	5,237	99.5%	5,262	99.96%
Endodontic	5,320	4,557	85.7%	5,266	99.0%
Prosthodontic	5,324	4,705	88.4%	5,277	99.1%
Periodontal	5,107	5,083	99.5%	5,103	99.9%
Anterior Restorative	5,308	4,956	93.4%	5,293	99.7%
Posterior Restorative	5,312	4,749	89.4%	5,274	99.3%

2022 Graduates DENTAL HYGIENE

ADEX Dental Examination (CDCA-WREB-CITA)
Initial Attempts and End of Season Status per Candidate (2022 Graduates)

	Total Candidates	Pass Count Initial	Passing Percentage Initial Attempts	Pass Count End of Season	Passing Percentage End of Season
CSCE OSCE	3,836	3,772	98.3%	3,811	99.3%
Dental Hygiene Clinical	4,120	3,639	88.3%	4,087	99.2%