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**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 2023 – July 2024**

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**Section 1(a): Total number of licensees as of 1 Oct. 2024**

Dentists:	7704
Dental Hygienists:	8970

**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) group 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 the latest report from CDCA-WREB-CITA attached as Appendix A.

**Section 5: Number to whom initial licenses were issued**

In 2023, 382 applicants applied for a dental license in North Carolina. All 382 were granted a dental license. Three hundred nineteen [319] applicants applied for a dental hygiene license. All 319 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 2023, 140 dentists and 113 dental hygienists from other states applied for licensure by credentials.

## **Section 7: License by Credentials Issued**

In 2023, the Board licensed 140 dentists and 113 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**

466 complaints were received in 2023.

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

20 Consent Orders entered  
17 licensees suspended  
11 licensees placed on probation  
1 license revoked  
2 official reprimands issued  
2 licensees summarily suspended

The Board filed seven cases seeking injunctive relief against individuals engaged in the unauthorized/unlicensed practice of dentistry. Injunctive relief was granted, or a Consent Agreement was reached in each case.

## **Section 8: Number of licenses suspended or revoked**

Number of Licenses Suspended: 19 (includes summary suspensions)  
Number of Licenses Revoked: 1

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

One licensee voluntarily surrendered his/her license in 2023.

**Section (9a):** Number of applicants for a dental license: 382  
Number granted a dental license: 382  
Number of applicants for a dental hygiene license: 319  
Number of applicants granted a dental hygiene license: 319

**Section (9b):** Number of applicants with a conviction record: 30

Number of applicants with a conviction record granted a license: 30  
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: 29  
Number of applicants with military training granted a license: 29  
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: 6  
Number of military spouse applicants granted a license: 6  
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. If the bill does not become law, the Board will support efforts to reintroduce the bill in the 2025 legislative session. 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.**

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, 2020.**

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 Agency

### 2023 Graduates DENTAL

ADEX Dental Examination (CDCA-WREB-CITA)  
Initial Attempts and End of Season Status per Candidate (2023 Graduates)

	Total Candidates	Pass Count Initial	Passing Percentage Initial Attempts	Pass Count End of Season	Passing Percentage End of Season
DSE OSCE	6,619	6,576	99.35%	6,612	99.89%
Endodontic	6,648	5,610	84.39%	6,601	99.29%
Prosthodontic	6,650	5,854	88.03%	6,611	99.41%
Periodontal	6,558	6,506	99.21%	6,555	99.95%
Anterior Restorative	6,629	6,118	92.29%	6,610	99.71%
Posterior Restorative	6,630	5,682	85.70%	6,570	99.10%

### 2023 Graduates DENTAL HYGIENE

ADEX Dental Examination (CDCA-WREB-CITA)  
Initial Attempts and End of Season Status per Candidate (2023 Graduates)

	Total Candidates	Pass Count Initial	Passing Percentage Initial Attempts	Pass Count End of Season	Passing Percentage End of Season
CSCE OSCE	5,125	5,070	98.93%	5,112	99.75%
Dental Hygiene Clinical	5,483	5,138	93.71%	5,420	98.85%