

# THE STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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## NEWS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. BOYD BUSH

In a recent article in Psychology Today, the author suggests that making changes in a person's life is one of the most difficult challenges the person can face. Couple that difficulty with the fact that every January 1st we are challenged to not only identify our shortcomings and make them known to everyone in our circle of influence, but to also create a plan to overcome those shortcomings and stick to it. Change is never easy.

Since the 85th Legislative Session just two years ago, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners has been facing the cold, hard reality of addressing the agency's shortcomings as revealed in the Sunset Advisory Commission's report and Senate Bill 313. I believe the changes the dental board has implemented will provide even greater protection to the people of Texas and our stakeholders. I am excited to be a part of the new direction the agency is taking and in the positive impact the agency will have on the Texas dental community.

In the coming installments of our newsletter, I will pull the curtain back on some of the changes we have implemented so you can better understand that we are working diligently to make Texas safer for dental professionals and the public.



*The Mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners is to protect the public health and safety and promote high quality and safe dental care by providing enforcement, licensing, peer assistance, and related information services to licensees and their patients*

# LICENSING NEWS

## Dental and Dental Hygiene Reminders:

A dental applicant who takes an examination after January 1, 2019, must also successfully complete the periodontics and prosthodontics sections of a designated board approved regional examining board.

Each licensee shall complete the jurisprudence assessment every four (4) years. This requirement is in addition to the twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education required biennially for the renewal of a license.

## Dental Assistant Registration:

a dental assistant must complete six (6) hours of continuing education each year in areas covering dental assistant duties. At least three (3) of these six (6) hours must be clinical continuing education.

## Online License Renewals:

The processing of an online renewal is typically within one business day. If you searched your license and notice it has not been updated within the next business day, you may have one or more of the following deficiencies:

*Student Loan Default*  
*Expired CPR*  
*Office of the Attorney General (OAG)*  
*Child Support hold*  
*Continuing Education (CE) Audit*  
*Jurisprudence Assessment*  
*Missing Corporate address information*

Contact the Licensing division at [licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:licensinghelp@tsbde.texas.gov) for information on how to correct these issues.



# ANESTHESIA INSPECTIONS

Pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code § 110.18, TSBDE is conducting inspections. Failure to allow the inspection to take place may result in suspension in one or more of your permit(s).

Texas Dentists who hold a Level 2-4 Sedation Permit please ensure you have a current work address, phone number, and email on file with TSBDE. If you need to update your information, you may email the following information to [anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov](mailto:anesthesiainfo@tsbde.texas.gov).

1. Full Name
2. Dental License Number
3. Work Address
4. Email
5. Phone Number
6. Indicate if your work address is your mailing address

# ANESTHESIA NEWS

## DID YOU KNOW?

If you no longer use one of all of your permits and wish to have them removed from your record, please visit our website at <http://www.tsbde.texas.gov> under the Dentist Tab, Drop Level of Sedation. Please complete and submit a separate form for each level of sedation you wish to remove. You will receive a confirmation email once the permit is removed.

In regards to Moderate Sedation, Rule §110.5(c)(5)(c) states; Pulse-oximetry, heart rate, respiratory rate, and blood pressure must be continually monitored and documented at appropriate intervals of no more than ten (10) minutes, not just at the beginning and end of the sedation.

Sedation/Anesthesia of High-Risk Patients (22 TAC § 110.16) and Sedation/Anesthesia of Pediatric Patients (22 TAC § 110.17) applications are now available; please visit our website at <http://www.tsbde.texas.gov> under the Dentist Tab, Anesthesia Privileges. Submit the application(s) along with proof of education. Once your application has been processed and approved, you will receive an approval letter by mail. The endorsements will be included on your renewal certificate when you next renew.

## DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION?

update your information

click here

or visit

<https://www.tsbde.texas.gov/DentistAddressChange.html>

*Fingerprint information will not be sent to any applicant until an application has been received.*



## TSBDE holiday schedule

President's Day

02/18/19

Memorial Day

05/19/19

4th of July

07/04/19

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## TSBDE PROPOSED RULES

to be addressed at the February 22 Board Meeting

### 22 TAC §101.11

State Board of Dental Examiners Employment by Estate of Dentist or Person Acting for Mentally Incompetent Dentist

### 22 TAC §107.206

State Board of Dental Examiners Public Actions of the Board

### 22 TAC §110.13

State Board of Dental Examiners Required Preoperative Checklist for Administration of Nitrous Oxide and Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 Sedation/Anesthesia

### 22 TAC §110.14

State Board of Dental Examiners Emergency Preparedness Policies and Procedures

### 22 TAC §110.15

State Board of Dental Examiners Prevention of and Response to Sedation/Anesthesia Emergencies

## TSBDE FINAL/ADOPTED RULES

### 22 TAC §101.8

State Board of Dental Examiners Persons with Criminal Backgrounds

### 22 TAC §107.201

State Board of Dental Examiners Procedures for Assessment of Administrative Penalties in Informal Complaint Resolution

### 22 TAC §107.202

State Board of Dental Examiners Administrative Penalty Schedule

### 22 TAC §114.4

State Board of Dental Examiners Monitoring the Administration of Nitrous Oxide

To search an adopted rule,  
check the above link in **red** or visit the **Texas Register**