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# THE DENTAL DIGEST

## NEW PATHWAY TO LICENSURE IN MISSISSIPPI

In July 2021, Miss Code Ann. § 73-50-2, called the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act ("UROLA") went into effect in Mississippi. UROLA requires the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners to recognize dental and dental hygiene licenses awarded in other states as a basis for licensure in Mississippi.

The requirements for Application by Reciprocity may be found here for [Dentists](#) or here for [Dental Hygienists](#). Presently, the application for Licensure is not available in the licensure gateway. Instead, the application may be downloaded from the [MSBDE Website](#). Completed applications may be returned to the MSBDE office along with the required non-refundable application fee.

## Dental Renewals Nears

Dental License renewals will begin on September 1. All dental licenses, specialty dental licenses, and advanced anesthesia permits will renew for the biennial period from November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2025.

The online portal will open on September 1 for DENTAL LICENSE renewals only. This will be the first renewal for dentists utilizing the Board's online database system. Please contact the Board's office if you need assistance with your renewal.



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## 2023 Calendar

**Sept. 1st** - Dental License Renewals open

**October 27th** - Board Meeting

**October 31st** - Dental License renewals ends

**November 1st** - Dental License renewals with penalties begin

**December 31st** - Last day to renew a Dental License with penalties

**January 1, 2024** - all non-renewed dental licenses and advanced anesthesia permits will VOID

## Did You Know?

All Dentists who prescribe controlled substances **MUST** take three (3) hours of Continuing Dental Education every two (2) years related to the prescribing of opioids. For information on the Board's requirements for Continuing Dental Education, please click [here](#).

Separately, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 enacted a one-time, eight-hour training requirement for all Drug Enforcement Administration-registered practitioners on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders. (See the U.S. Department of Justice's Letter [here](#).) Hours obtained in satisfaction of the DEA's requirement will be considered Board-approved for purposes of satisfying the Board's continuing education requirements.

## Current Licenses and Permits

Mississippi License Type	License Count July 2023
DENTAL	1731
DENTAL PROVISIONAL	3
DENTAL PROVISIONAL FELLOWSHIP	1
DENTAL PROVISIONAL TEACHING	4
DENTAL SPECIALITY LICENSES	326
DENTAL SEDATION - CLASS 1	60
DENTAL SEDATION - CLASS 2	102
DENTAL SEDATION - CLASS 3	22
DENTAL HYGIENIST	1719
DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVISIONAL	2
DENTAL HYGIENIST LOCAL ANESTHESIA PERMITS	0
RADIOLOGY PERMITS	3970

## REGULATION 13 AMENDED

Effective July 17, 2023, Board Regulation 13 has been amended to include a Board certification to administer local anesthesia for dental hygienists.

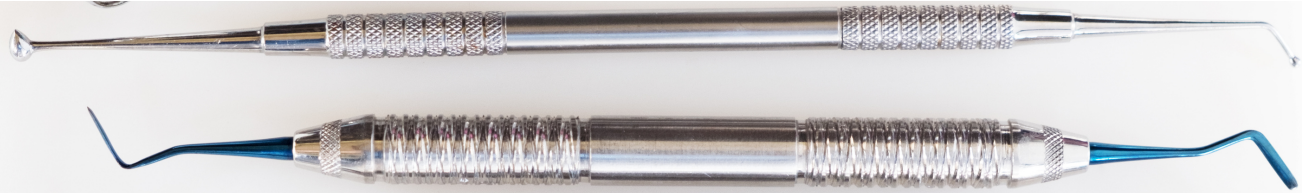
Dental hygienists who wish to apply for the Certification may contact the Board's office by phone or by contacting an MSBDE Licensing Representative. Initially, applications and payments will only be received by mail or in the office.

The link to the amended regulation may be found by clicking [here](#). A copy of a paper application and the requirements to apply may be found by clicking [here](#).

Are you a Class 1 or Class 2 Sedation Permit holder in Mississippi? If so the Board needs your assistance in fulfilling its mission to protect consumers of professional dental care in Mississippi. Regulation 30 requires advanced anesthesia permit holders to perform onsite facility inspections necessary for approval and issuance of a Sedation Facility Permit. The Board is working statewide to build a pool of Class 1 and Class 2 permit holders to assist with these facility inspections. The Board will pay \$300 per facility inspection and reimburse mileage.

Additionally, one (1) hour of continuing education credit will be awarded for completion of the Board's online orientation. If you are willing to help, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete a brief survey. We are grateful to all permit holders willing to help the Board support our mission to protect the health and safety of patients.

**HELP NEEDED**



## Dental License Renewals

Beginning September 1, 2023, the renewal portal will open for all Dental licenses. **EARLY** renewal is KEY! This is the first renewal of dental licenses in Mississippi to be performed using the current online portal and MSBDE database system which was implemented in January of 2022.

To create a portal account, go to [www.dentalboard.ms.gov](http://www.dentalboard.ms.gov), scroll down, and select the Online Portal "Log In" button. Follow the instructions to create an account by selecting the "Register" button.

You can create your account at any time to review your current license information.

### **Biennial Renewal Fees for Dental Licenses and Permits: (Board Regulation 37)**

General Dental License	\$ 400.00
Specialty Dental License	\$ 250.00
Class 1, 2, or 3 Anesthesia Permit	\$ 300.00
Impaired Professional Practitioner Fee	\$ 50.00
Penalty for delinquent renewal	
November 1 - November 30	\$ 50.00
December 1- December 31	\$ 100.00

**All Dental Licenses not renewed on or before December 31, 2023, will VOID on January 1, 2024.**

## COVID STATE OF EMERGENCY ENDS

On May 11, 2023, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration ended. In anticipation thereof, the CDC released updated Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel for continued utilization after the expiration of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The updated recommendations may be accessed [HERE](#).

In recognition of these actions, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners voted at its July 14, 2023 meeting to extinguish any remaining mandates placed on its licensees as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further, the Board voted to refer licensees to the CDC's updated recommendations for guidance as needed.

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## Out of the Office

The Staff of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners will be participating in a required training August 22nd-23rd. Though the Board will have temporary office support to answer the Board's phones, the staff will be unavailable from 8:30 to 4:00pm on August 22nd and from 8:30am to noon on August 23rd.

We apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause. All messages will be returned on the afternoon of August 23rd.

## Is Your Contact Information Current?

All licensees must keep their contact information and practice locations updated with the Board.

Contact information should be updated within 30 days of the change as required by the Dental Practice Act Section 73-9-19.

You can update your information through the [Online Portal](#) on the MSBDE website or by contacting the MSBDE office at (601) 944-9622 or by email at [dental@dentalboard.ms.gov](mailto:dental@dentalboard.ms.gov).

## Board Installs New Phone System

In June, the Board installed a new VoIP phone system. The new system greatly enhances the Board's ability to effectively communicate with and serve the public. Though the main phone number and fax numbers did not change, the extensions for the Board staff have changed. The new extensions are noted on page three of this newsletter.



## 2021-2022 Continuing Dental Education Audit

<b>Total Licenses Audited</b>	<b>146</b>
Dental	73
Dental Hygiene	73
<b>Results:</b>	
Compliant	76%
Not required to meet compliance	9%
Non-compliant	15%

## Helpful Links

Looking for specific information? Below is a list of some helpful links which may assist you in your search for information related to the Dental profession in Mississippi and/or the work of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners. Just click the link and you will be redirected!

[Application to Administer Local Anesthesia - Dental Hygienist](#)

[Application by Reciprocity - Dentist](#)

[Application by Reciprocity - Dental Hygienist](#)

[Licensing Portal](#)   [Meeting Minutes](#)   [MSBDE Website](#)

[Practice Act and Board Regulations](#)   [Submit a Complaint](#)