

CDA Government Relations Update

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The Dental Board of California recently sent out an announcement regarding SB1453 and compliance for the unlicensed dental assistant effective January 1, 2025.

The unlicensed dental assistant will be required to take a Dental Board of CA approved 8-hour infection control course prior to exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials. Existing DBC approved 8-hour IC courses will remain as is until further notification from the dental board. The employer of the unlicensed dental assistant is responsible for ensuring that they complete the IC course.

Below is the announcement from the DBC sent December 23, 2024:

The Dental Board of California's Sunset Bill, SB 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024) requires unlicensed dental assistants to complete a Board-approved 8-hour course in infection control (IC) prior to performing any basic supportive dental procedures involving potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials. The employer of the unlicensed dental assistant is responsible for ensuring that they complete the IC course. As of January 1, 2025, this requirement will be existing law, Business and Professions Code (BPC), section 1750, subdivision (c).

SB 1453 also changes IC course requirements. However, implementation of these changes has been delayed. Accordingly, Board-approved IC course providers are required to continue providing instruction pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1070.6. For more information, consult the materials of the Board meeting of November 7-8, 2024. A list of Board-approved IC course providers is available on the Approved Educational Programs and Courses webpage of the Board's website.

For more information on Board-approved dental assisting educational programs and courses, contact the Board's License and Program Compliance Unit at LPCU.DBC@dca.ca.gov.

November 7-8, 2024 Board meeting

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