

Government Relations Update  
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Happy New Year and welcome to 2025. As the new year gets started, so do many of the statutes and regulations from SB1453. The Dental Board of California (DBC) has been working diligently to create the regulatory framework and language that represents the changes and updates from the bill.

To that point, the DBC has sent out notices regarding many of the specific changes. These notices are general in nature, as the board continues to work on forms and website details to reflect all the nuances. Below are the summary notices sent from the DBC summarizing the changes starting January 1, 2025. Some additional changes will be implemented starting in July 2025. Please note specific questions or concerns regarding these notices should be directed to the DBC.

The next DAC/DBC meeting will be held in Sacramento, February 6-7, 2025. All are welcome to attend and participate. Meeting materials and agendas are usually made available 10 days prior to the meetings. Tentative items to be discussed and/or voted on will include the updated infection control regulations, the 8 hour infection control courses, and the updated duties table/scope of practice. Board meeting materials can be found [here](#). Thank you again for the opportunity to serve and represent.

Attention Dentist Licensees:

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).

NOTE: Dental assistants who have evidence of completion of a Board-approved IC course do not need to retake the course.

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.

[Alert: New Dental Assisting Licensure Applications Coming January 1, 2025](#)

[Attention Dental Assisting Educational Program and Course Providers: New Requirements of SB 1453 Become Effective January 1, 2025 The Board's Sunset Bill, SB 1453 \(Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024\)](#),

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](mailto:LPCU.DBC@dca.ca.gov).