

What's Next?

Preparing for After Graduation

How do I get a dental license?

- Visit CDA's 'California Dental Licensure Options' resource at cda.org
- Visit the Dental Board of California's 'How to Become a Licensed Dentist' resource at qrco.de/becomelicensed



The California Dental Board encourages applicants to apply for and take the **Law & Ethics Examination** within the year before they sit for their examinations or complete residencies for faster processing of their license. Results of the exam are good for 2 years.

How do I know when I'm licensed?

- Visit the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) BreEZe online services at qrco.de/BreEZe

Where do I get professional liability insurance?

- For full information, visit TDIC's New Dentist Programs at qrco.de/TDICnewdentist
- Benefit from generous Professional Liability premiums or discounts for three years:
 - *\$50 premium for your first year of coverage
 - **45% premium discount in year two
 - **25% premium discount in year three
- Apply once you're licensed and before you begin to practice. Agents will work to quickly provide you with a special temporary proof of insurance that starts when you need it. This ensures that you're able to secure coverage right away and begin to practice dentistry without having to wait for your formal policy to be received by mail.
 - Required tri-partite membership (ADA, CDA and local dental society)

Where do I get disability insurance?

- Visit TDIC Insurance Solutions at qrco.de/TDICdisability to connect with an agent to find coverage that fits your needs

How do I get a DEA number?

- Visit the DEA Diversion Control Division at qrco.de/DEANumber
 - Must have an active dental license
 - Must have a place of practice
 - Must have 8 hrs. of approved opioid education
 - Fee is \$888.00 (for 3 years)
 - Once DEA registration is obtained, you must register to access CURES. For more information on the rules for prescribing and dispensing medicines and controlled substances, see "Prescribing and Dispensing Q&A" on cda.org

How Do I Get an NPI Number?

- Visit the National Plan & Provider Enumeration System at nppes.cms.hhs.gov

Type 1 NPI is for an individual provider and is used to identify a prescriber on prescriptions and treating provider on treatment claim submissions.

Type 2 NPI is for a business entity, such as a sole proprietorship or dental corporation, which bills third-party payers for treatment. In the course of their professional career, a dentist may have several Type 2 NPI numbers but only one Type 1 number.

Where can I look for a job?

- Visit the CDA Career Center at careers.cda.org
 - Your one-stop career resource center to prepare you for your next opportunity
 - Resume writing and interview prep
 - Coaching and personalized guidance
 - Dentistry profession insights

How much does it cost to finally be legal to work?

- CA license application fee — \$680 paid every other year

After an application is confirmed as complete, applicants will be notified by email and mail with instructions for license number issuance. A prorated licensing fee will be required at issuance and calculated according to the applicant's date of birth.
- Fingerprint fee — \$49 to the Board, additional LiveScan fee varies
- CA Law and Ethics Exam fee — \$125
- Malpractice Insurance — \$50
- Required dental association membership fee — \$0
- DEA number — \$888

Which Associations should I join?

- When you join **CDA**, you simultaneously become a member of the **ADA** and **your local dental society**. Through this tripartite membership, discover unique resources for each stage of your new profession, starting with support during school and transition into practice life.

I am an international dental student (IDS). How do I obtain a U.S. work visa?

- Visit CDA's 'Immigration process' resource at cda.org
 - It is best to research and understand the process to obtain work visas in the United States at least 12 months before graduation. Allow a minimum of 3 months and preferably 6 months to find an associateship as an IDS graduate.

What else do I need?

- Visit CDA's 'Regulatory Compliance Tips for New Dentists' resource at cda.org



A new dentist should be aware of certain regulatory compliance matters that can affect their license.



What documents do I need to collect for potential dental benefit plan participation credentialing?

- Copy of DDS License
- Copy of CPR License
- Copy of DEA License
- NPI Number
- Copy of Diploma
- Copy of any board certificates, if applicable
- Copy of Liability Insurance
- Copy of resume with minimum of last seven years worked
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number
- Potentially need a signed attestation letter allowing staff to credential on your behalf