



Licenses and regulates respiratory care practitioners.

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STAFF:

16.4 civil servant positions
1 exempt

LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, PERMITS, AND CERTIFICATES:

23,490

BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

4 public representatives
4 licensees
1 physician and surgeon

BOARD STAFF:

Executive Officer: Stephanie Nunez
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LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

Business and Professions Code §§ 3700–3779;

Title 16, Division 13.6, California Code of Regulations §§ 1399.300–1399.395.

SUNSET REVIEW:

Last review: 2017 Next review: 2021

Board Highlights

RECIPROCITY

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 3735, the Board recognizes and accepts the National Board for Respiratory Care's Registered Respiratory Therapist credential in lieu of passage of the state licensing examinations. However, education requirements must also be met and background checks performed prior to license issuance. Further, verification of licensure, including discipline history, is required from each state where the applicant has been licensed.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Released a joint statement with the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to reaffirm the roles of respiratory therapists and vocational nurses in caring for respiratory care patients. The joint statement specifically addressed caring for patients requiring invasive mechanical ventilation, the clinical instruction and operation or application of respiratory care equipment and appliances, development of patient care plans, and working titles held by health care personnel providing respiratory care.

Approved significant continuing education amendments following the solicitation and consideration of stakeholder input.

Approved amendments to the disciplinary guidelines in accordance with the Board's 2017–21 *Strategic Plan*.

Pursued a successful legislative amendment within SB 1491 (Chapter 703, Statutes of 2018) to require an individual petitioning for reinstatement of licensure to pass the current licensing exams to ensure competency at the current minimum required level.

Achieved compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 to the extent that content is not subject to federal section 508 "safe harbor" and "undue burden" provisions.

NEW LEGISLATION

There was no enacted legislation solely related to this program in 2019.

License Requirements

License Requirements	Y/N?
DEGREE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLING	YES
QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE (MAY INCLUDE EDUCATION)	YES
EXAMINATION	YES
CONTINUING EDUCATION/COMPETENCY	YES
FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT	YES

*Applicable to specific license types—refer to laws and regulations for details.

Fees*

License Type/Fee Type	Actual Fee	Statutory Limit
APPLICATION FEE	\$300	\$300
EXAMINATION FEE	\$190 - \$390	ACTUAL COST
BIENNIAL RENEWAL FEE	\$300	\$330

*Additional fees may be required. Refer to the laws and regulations for details.

Summary of Licensing Activity

Initial Licenses/Certificates/Permits			
TYPE	APPS RECEIVED	ISSUED	RENEWED
RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER	1,215	1,124	9,594
TOTAL	1,215	1,124	9,594

Licensing Population by Type			
TYPE	CERTIFICATES/ PERMITS	LICENSES/ REGISTRATIONS	APPROVALS
RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER	0	23,490	0
TOTAL	0	23,490	0

Renewal and Continuing Education (CE)		
TYPE	FREQUENCY OF RENEWAL	NUMBER CE HOURS REQUIRED EACH CYCLE
RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER	BIENNIAL	30

Exams Results			
EXAM TITLE	PASS	FAIL	TOTAL
THERAPIST MULTIPLE CHOICE	820	195	1,015
CLINICAL SIMULATION EXAM	649	330	979

Summary of Enforcement Activity

Consumer Complaints—Intake	
319	RECEIVED
30	CLOSED WITHOUT REFERRAL FOR INVESTIGATION
290	REFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION
2	PENDING

Conviction/Arrest Notification Complaints	
474	RECEIVED
470	CLOSED/REFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION
4	PENDING

Inspections	
N/A	CONDUCTED
N/A	CITATIONS ISSUED

Investigations	
739	OPENED
732	CLOSED
179	PENDING

Number of Days to Complete Intake and Investigations	
606	UP TO 90 DAYS
77	91 TO 180 DAYS
44	181 DAYS TO 1 YEAR
4	1 TO 2 YEARS
1	2 TO 3 YEARS
0	OVER 3 YEARS
56	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO COMPLETE INTAKE AND INVESTIGATIONS

Citations and Fines	
71	ISSUED
71	ISSUED WITH A FINE
3	WITHDRAWN
1	DISMISSED
65	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO ISSUE A CITATION AND FINE

Total Amount of Fines	
\$53,058	ASSESSED
\$3,350	REDUCED
\$41,413	COLLECTED

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Criminal/Civil Actions	
1	REFERRALS FOR CRIMINAL/CIVIL ACTION
0	CRIMINAL ACTIONS FILED
0	CIVIL ACTIONS FILED

Office of the Attorney General/Disciplinary Actions	
48	CASES OPENED/INITIATED
40	CASES CLOSED
23	CASES PENDING

Number of Days to Complete AG Cases	
59	1 YEAR
5	1 TO 2 YEARS
0	2 TO 3 YEARS
0	OVER 3 YEARS
372	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS TO IMPOSE DISCIPLINE

Formal Actions Filed/Withdrawn/Dismissed	
0	STATEMENTS OF ISSUES FILED
36	ACCUSATIONS FILED
6	RESTRAINING/RESTRICTION/SUSPENSION ORDERS GRANTED
0	STATEMENTS OF ISSUES WITHDRAWN/DISMISSED
3	ACCUSATIONS WITHDRAWN/DISMISSED

Administrative Outcomes/Final Orders	
1	LICENSE APPLICATIONS DENIED
18	REVOCAION
7	SURRENDER OF LICENSE
5	PROBATION WITH SUSPENSION
0	SUSPENSION ONLY
6	PROBATION ONLY
0	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
3	OTHER DECISIONS

Petition for Modification or Termination of Probation	
5	GRANTED
1	DENIED
6	TOTAL

Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License/Registration/Certification	
3	GRANTED
1	DENIED
4	TOTAL

Cost Recovery to DCA	
\$237,485.90	ORDERED
\$135,019.02	COLLECTED

Restitution to Consumers/Refunds/Savings	
N/A	RESTITUTION ORDERED
N/A	AMOUNT REFUNDED
N/A	REWORK AT NO CHARGE
N/A	ADJUSTMENTS/RETURNS/EXCHANGES
N/A	TOTAL SAVINGS ACHIEVED FOR CONSUMERS

Receipt of Complaint to Assignment to Investigator	
1	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS

Investigations: Opening to Closing of Case	
56	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS

Investigations: Closure of Investigation to Imposing Formal Discipline	
217	AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS