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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio State Dental Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio State Dental Board regulates about 41,000 dentists, dental hygienists, and related professionals.
- The Board is governed by 13 members appointed by the Governor.
- As a regulatory agency, the Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.
- The budget appropriates approximately \$4.7 million over the biennium.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 880609, Operating Expenses					
\$1,707,833	\$1,614,427	\$1,898,017	\$1,826,446	\$2,281,030	\$2,372,258
% change	-5.5%	17.6%	-3.8%	24.9%	4.0%

Agency overview

The State Dental Board was established in 1892. The Board issues licenses to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental radiographers. The Board also issues a variety of certificates and permits related to the practice of dentistry. The Board sets standards for training, ethics, and the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. The Board investigates complaints, holds administrative hearings, determines appropriate disciplinary actions, and monitors continuing education compliance among its licensees and certificate holders.

The Board's governing authority consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor, including nine dentists, three dental hygienists, and one public member. Members are appointed to four-year terms and may serve two terms. The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director who is appointed by the 13-member governing authority. The Board currently has 12 full-time employees as of July 2025.¹

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The Board's operations are funded by a single line item appropriation from the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group. Through this one line item, the Board pays all of its expenses. The budget provides approximately \$2.3 million in FY 2026 and \$2.4 million in FY 2027.

¹ According to DataOhio.

Licenses and fees

The Board issues several types of licenses and certificates. The table below shows the current fees for licenses and certificates.² Licenses issued by the Board are required to be renewed biennially.

Current License Fees by Type	
License Type	Fee
Dentists	
Initial License	\$454
License Renewal	\$312
General Anesthesia Permit*	\$127
Conscious Sedation Permit*	\$127
Oral Health Access Supervision Permit**	\$25
Limited Resident License	\$13
Limited Teaching License**	\$127
Temporary Limited Continuing Education License	\$127
Renewal of Temporary Limited Continuing Education	\$94
Teledentistry Permit**	\$20
Dental Hygienists	
Initial License	\$184
License Renewal	\$144
Oral Health Access Supervision Permit**	\$25
Dental Assistant Radiographers**	\$32
Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary**	\$25
Coronal Polishing Certificate***	\$19

*These permits and certificates are renewed biennially; there is no fee for renewal.

**Initial and renewal fees are the same.

***This certificate is issued once and never expires.

Of the initial and renewal fees for dentists, \$40 is transferred to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for the Dentist Loan Repayment Fund.³ The Dentist Loan Repayment Program,

² H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly made changes to the Board's licensing and renewal fees beginning on January 1, 2025.

³ H.B. 509 of the 134th General Assembly requires, beginning January 1, 2025, \$40 of each initial license fee to be transferred to the Dentist Loan Repayment Fund regardless of whether the license was issued in an even-numbered or odd-numbered year. Previously, \$40 was transferred for initial licenses issued in an even-numbered year and \$20 for those issued in an odd-numbered year.

administered by ODH, reimburses dental students for all or part of tuition, room and board, and other educational expenses. In order to participate, students must go through an application process and agree to provide services in dental health resource shortage areas upon graduation from an accredited dental college. A similar program for dental hygienists is also administered by ODH. Of the license renewal fees for dental hygienists, \$10 is transferred to ODH for the Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program.

The remainder of the fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90) to support the Board's operating costs. Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the State Dental Board, use the fund as an operating account into which receipts are deposited and from which expenses are paid. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, i.e., generating enough revenue to cover its expenses.