

Agency Purpose

Minnesota Statutes Ch. 214, authorizes the Minnesota Board of Dentistry to act as the official regulatory agency for dental professionals. The Board of Dentistry enforces M.S. 150A and Minnesota Rules Ch. 3100 - the Minnesota Dental Practice Act - relating to dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants whose fitness to practice has been tested, and whose training and other qualifications meet the specifications established by the legislature and the board.

The mission of the board is:

- ◆ to ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality dental health care from competent dental health professionals;
- ◆ to protect the public at large by issuing licenses/registrations only to those who meet the minimum standards of practice;
- ◆ to provide timely and impartial resolution of complaints filed against dental professionals; and
- ◆ to demonstrate continued competency of regulated dental professionals through establishing and monitoring professional development standards.

Core Functions

The purpose of the board is to protect the public by ensuring that licensed dental professionals comply with the board's rules and practice in a professional, legal, and ethical manner. The core functions are:

- ◆ establishing minimum standards for licensure/registration;
- ◆ regulating the dental professionals in Minnesota;
- ◆ ensuring that those who hold a professional dental credential from the board continue to meet those standards throughout the time they hold the credential;
- ◆ identifying those who fail to maintain the minimum standards needed to render quality care to patients safely;
- ◆ taking timely and appropriate disciplinary or corrective action when warranted; and
- ◆ providing accurate and current information to the public to enable them to make informed decisions about their dental health care.

Operations

- ⇒ The board consists of nine members appointed by the governor: five dentists, one dental hygienist, one registered dental assistant, and two public members.
- ⇒ The full board normally meets five times per year. The board also appoints several committees (e.g., executive, complaint, licensure and credentials, policy) that meet as needed.

Key Measures

- ⇒ The board approved 728 new licenses and renewed 3,772 licenses in FY 2006.
- ⇒ 239 complaints were received in FY 2006, down 17% from FY 2005. 247 cases were closed during the year and 109 remained opened.
- ⇒ Currently the board has 61% of its licensees using the online renewal service.

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2006-07 are estimated to be \$2.604 million, which includes 10 full-time equivalent employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent, and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, Department of Health HIV/HBV/HCV program, and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

At A Glance

Biennial Budget – FY 2006-07:

Total Estimated Expenses: \$2.604 million

Total Estimated Revenues: \$1.864 million

Staff: 10 full-time equivalent employees

Minnesota Board of Dentistry Statistics (As of June 30, 2006):

Total Licensed/Registered: 15,401

The board is estimated to collect \$1.864 million in FY 2006-07, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and from fines and civil penalties assessed through the disciplinary process.

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The web site at: <http://www.dentalboard.state.mn.us/> gives visitors easy access to useful information about dentistry. Types of information available through the web site include; regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices and forms, newsletters, and online license verification, renewal, and change of address.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	1,038	955	955	955	1,910
Forecast Base	1,038	955	955	955	1,910
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					-4.2%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	813	1,030	955	955	1,910
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	21	13	20	20	40
Total	834	1,043	975	975	1,950
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	615	670	713	740	1,453
Other Operating Expenses	219	373	262	235	497
Total	834	1,043	975	975	1,950
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Dentistry, Board Of	834	1,043	975	975	1,950
Total	834	1,043	975	975	1,950
 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	 8.7	 9.7	 10.1	 10.1	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	710	1,188	1,390	1,438	2,828
Other Revenues:					
State Government Spec Revenue	(7)	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	703	1,188	1,390	1,438	2,828
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	703	1,188	1,390	1,438	2,828