



August 2018 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the August 2018 Capital RDA newsletter. Here's a preview of what we've got to share this month:

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September 1, 2018 RDA Changes

We haven't seen much from the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE) on the upcoming changes for Registered Dental Assistants, but we have seen some guidelines for Dentists and Registered Dental Hygienists. We expect that the changes for Dental Assistants will be similar.

A criminal background check must be completed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) based on the set of fingerprints provided to Morpho Trust ([IdentoGO](#)).

TSBDE cannot accept fingerprint cards mailed to you and they cannot accept the results of a previous check. Once the TSBDE has an application on file, the applicant will be notified of the additional steps to take in order to submit fingerprints.

And remember, these steps above are only for Dentists and Hygienists. The TSBDE has not issued instructions for Registered Dental Assistants.

You can view more by clicking the button below:

Fingerprinting

Free CPR Certification & Renewal

Capital RDA is now providing free hands-on Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes for all past and current students of Capital RDA.

Our classes are *American Heart Association* certified and offered through *Easy Street CPR*.

Note: Remember the board requires **hands-on** certification. Online certifications are **not** allowed.



Free Continuing Education

Registered Dental Assistants must obtain **6 Continuing Education (CE) hours** each year or **12 CE hours if you hold 2 or more certifications**. That means if you are an RDA and you have the Nitrous Oxide Monitoring Certification, you will need 12 CE hours.

CE courses can be taken online or in person. The good news is that there are a lot of opportunities for **free online training** available.

Here's one opportunity. Click the button below. You will have to register if you don't have an account, with dentalcare.com or login if you do have one. The

detail about Hand Hygiene in only 18 slides.

Hand Hygiene

Employment Tip - State of Texas Application

While you may or may not be looking for a job with the State of Texas, their application is one of the most thorough around. If you can fill out this application, you can fill out almost any application.

Download the .pdf version and print it off. Start filling it out and keep it among your important documents. It will take you some time to complete, but when you have completed it, you will have a great resource to refer back to for details that you might not easily remember.

You can access **The State of Texas Application For Employment** by clicking the button below.

Texas Application

Pro Tip of the Month

Don't use harsh, abrasive toothpaste (usually whitening and tartar control) because they contain larger amounts of silica and can harm tooth enamel. And don't use medium or hard toothbrushes. They can cause gum recession. Use soft or extra-soft toothbrushes only. Pass it on to your patients. Their mouths will thank you!

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Upcoming Training

The next **Technical Registered Dental Assistant class** will begin October 7, 2018, running through November 11, 2018. The location will be at Aloft, 14020 US-183, Austin, TX 78717, near Lakeline Mall.

Currently, the class is full but call or text us at 512-956-0428 to be added to a waiting list. You can also email us at admin@capitalrda.com.

Because of the holidays, the next class is anticipated to begin early January 2019.

Training

Referral Bonus

Capital RDA offers a **referral bonus** for dental assistant students. If you send a student our way, be sure they give you credit for the referral!

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