

**313.021 Functions and duties of board -- Authority for administrative regulations -
- Employees -- Biennial budget -- Liability insurance.**

- (1) The board shall:
 - (a) Exercise all of the administrative functions of the Commonwealth in the regulation of the profession of dentistry, including but not limited to dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and dental laboratories;
 - (b) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, create levels of licensure or registration as appropriate for individuals providing services under this chapter. These shall consist of:
 1. Dentist;
 2. Dental hygienist; and
 3. Dental assistant;
 - (c) Promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A for any license or registration the board may create. The administrative regulations shall, at a minimum, address:
 1. Requirements for students, if appropriate;
 2. Requirements for education;
 3. Eligibility for licensure or registration; and
 4. Renewal requirements;
 - (d) Oversee the operations and establish the organizational structure of the Office of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, which is created and shall be attached to the board for administrative purposes. The office shall be headed by the executive director appointed under paragraph (e) of this subsection and shall be responsible for:
 1. Personnel and budget matters affecting the board;
 2. Fiscal activities of the board, including grant writing and disbursement of funds;
 3. Information technology, including the design and maintenance of databases;
 4. Licensure of dentists and dental hygienists;
 5. Registration of dental assistants;
 6. Investigation of complaints; and
 7. Other responsibilities which may be assigned to the executive director by the board;
 - (e) Employ an executive director and fix his or her compensation. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the board, administer the day-to-day operations of the Office of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, and supervise all directives of the board. The executive director shall possess a baccalaureate degree and shall have no less than five (5) years of experience in public administration;
 - (f) Employ or contract with an attorney licensed to practice law in Kentucky and fix his or her compensation. The attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the

- board and have primary assignment to the board;
- (g) Employ or contract with personnel sufficient to carry out the statutory responsibilities of the board;
 - (h) Establish committees and subcommittees and the membership thereof. Members of committees and subcommittees shall not need to be members of the board;
 - (i) Provide for affiliation with the American Association of Dental Boards and all testing organizations that administer qualifying examinations for licensure required under this chapter;
 - (j) Select the subject matter and standards of proficiency for examinations related to issuance of licenses or registrations issued under this chapter or administrative regulations promulgated hereunder; and
 - (k) Have the authority to issue advisory opinions and declaratory rulings related to this chapter and the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder as established by administrative regulation.
- (2) The board may utilize materials, services, or facilities as may be made available to it by other state agencies or may contract for materials, services, or facilities.
 - (3) The board shall develop a proposed biennial budget for all administrative and operational functions and duties.
 - (4) The board shall purchase liability insurance for board and staff members against acts performed in the good faith discharge of duties.

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