



July 30, 2024

Stephen Prisby, Executive Director
Oregon Board of Dentistry
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Dear Mr. Prisby,

The Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association (ODHA) strongly encourages the Oregon Board of Dentistry to become a member of the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS).

Oregon accepts the results of CRDTS clinical board examinations for licensure, and 5 of the 6 dental hygiene programs in Oregon host CRDTS exams. The OBD would benefit from becoming a member of CRDTS because it would gain a voice in the development and enhancement of clinical board examinations that it accepts for licensure.

Membership in CRDTS would provide the OBD with a voting seat on the CRDTS Steering Committee along with a position on both the Dental Exam Review Committee and the Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee. In addition, state board members and a member of the executive staff are invited to attend the CRDTS Annual Meeting and participate in their General Session.

CRDTS is currently in need of qualified examiners to administer their clinical board examinations. If the OBD becomes a member of CRDTS, dentists and dental hygienists who are licensed in Oregon could become examiners for CRDTS clinical board examinations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karan Bershaw, President
Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association