

CONSIDERING RETIREMENT?

A successful career deserves a successful retirement. Making sure your dental license and PDA membership have the correct status is important.

Here are the need-to-know facts for a smooth transition, **especially if you would still like to volunteer in dentistry.**



Active License

Actively practicing dentists must:

- Pay the license renewal fee
- Complete 30 hours of CE credits (including 2 hrs of Child Abuse CE and 2 hrs of Opioid CE)
- Have current CPR certification in Adult, Child and Infant CPR
- Carry liability insurance
- Renew dental licenses biennially (by March 31 of each odd-numbered year)

APPLY Volunteer License

BEFORE YOUR ACTIVE LICENSE EXPIRES.

Volunteer Health Services Act

SBOD has authority to issue a volunteer license to retired dentists.

Requirements are the same as the active license, but there is **no renewal fee to be paid.**

Inactive License

Dentists who **retire** or **cease practicing** can put their licenses on an inactive status from their account on the **Pennsylvania State Licensing System**. Inactive dentists:

- Are not able to practice dentistry
- Are not required to pay a renewal fee, complete CE credits, have an active CPR certification or carry liability insurance until applying to reactive their license

Note: If an inactive license is **not reactivated within a five-year time period**, the SBOD can require a licensee to take clinical examinations in order to reactive a license.

According to ADA and PDA bylaws, **to qualify for retired status** you can't earn any income from the practice or teaching of dentistry, even on a part-time basis **after March 31** of the year you wish to retire.



To change your status, you must complete a **retirement affidavit** and return it to PDA.

Retired Membership

- No longer earn income from dentistry
- **Have fewer than 30 consecutive or 40 total years of membership**
- Retired members receive a **75% reduction in their dues.**

Retired Life Membership

- No longer earn income from dentistry
- **Have 30 continuous years or a total of 40 years of membership.**
- Retired life members receive **complimentary membership.**



PDA Membership staff are available to answer questions and make sure you have the correct status. Call or email anytime.

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