

RDH Licensing Renewal Information

There are no new fees being assessed and no increase in license fees in 2019. What is changing is how the Ohio State Dental Board is allocating the dollars collected, an accounting decision by the State of Ohio.

RDH Loan Repayment Program

The \$10.00 fee for RDHs for the loan repayment program was instituted in the 2015 renewal fee after HB 463 passed in December 2014. ODHA sought to create an RDH Loan Repayment Program administered by the Ohio Department of Health for several reasons. A way to help professionals pay back student loans, increase access to dental care, and assist communities and practice sites located in underserved areas of Ohio.

RDHs have never paid into the Dental Repayment Program which started in 2003 and will continue not to pay into this fund. The dentist will pay \$40.00 in the 2019 renewal cycle (prior years, a \$20.00 fee), with these funds going into the Dental Repayment Fund.

In the 2017 license renewal period, a fee increase was instituted. The OSDB did seek an increase in fees to cover operating expenses, after many years of not raising fees. The RDH renewal fees in 2017 reflect the same amount in 2019.

All license and permit fees for dental go into the State of Ohio General Funds. The OSDB does not directly receive the license and permit monies but must submit a budget request for operating expenses to the Governor and General Assembly.