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## MEETING NOTICE

### DENTAL ASSISTANT WORKFORCE SHORTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (DAWSAC)

#### Oregon Board of Dentistry

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION (not an in-person meeting)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84884862192?pwd=TEr0syblnnBfO0Zj3gyxYLSbbF2Ex.1>

Dial-In Phone #: 1-253-215-8782 • Meeting ID: 848 8486 2192 • Passcode: 930086

**May 26, 2026**  
**5 pm – 6:30 pm**

#### Committee Members:

Co-Chair, Olesya Salathe, DMD

Co-Chair, Ginny Jorgensen

Amberena Fairlee, DMD - ODA Rep.

Lindsay Tuel, RDH - ODHA Rep.

Kari Hiatt - ODAA Rep.

Kimberly Perlot, RDH, DT – DT Rep

Alyssa Kobylinsky

Lynn Murray

Alexandria Case

Jessica Andrews

Amanda Nash

Carmen Mons

Cassie Gilbert

Megan Barron

#### **AGENDA**

Call to Order: Ginny Jorgensen, Chair

- Public Meeting Notice
  - Governing bodies subject to Public Meetings Law – **Attachment #1**
- Review & Approve Minutes of February 17, 2026, DAWSAC Meeting
  - Meeting Minutes – **Attachment #2**
- Review HB 3223 and information regarding the formation of this Committee – **Attachment #3**

The Statute has been updated incorporating HB 3223.

**ORS 679.330** Advisory committee on dental assistant workforce shortage. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an advisory committee of at least seven members to study the dental assistant workforce shortage and to review the requirements for dental assistant certification in other states. The committee shall provide advice to the board on a quarterly basis on how to address the dental assistant workforce shortage in this state.

- Four Ways Dentists Can Make Dental Assistants Feel Valued – **Attachment #4**

This meeting is being held remotely via Zoom. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Haley Robinson at (971) 673-3200.

- Dental Assistant Registration in Other States – **Attachment #5**
  - Alaska Dental Assistant Renewal Example
- 2026 DRAFT Survey Questions for Future Survey - **Attachment #6**
- Discussion re: Classroom to Chairside: A Panel on Solving the Dental Workforce Shortage

Open Comment – this may be limited by the Chair and the meeting may end before 6:30 p.m. if all agenda topics have been covered by the committee.

The date for the next DAWSAC Meeting will be set by the Co-Chairs and shared with all as soon as it is finalized.

**Adjourn**

# This Committee is subject to Public Meetings Law

## Governing Bodies Subject to Public Meetings Law

### What governing bodies are subject to Public Meetings Law?

A governing body, per ORS 192.610(5), is:



Two or more members of a public body



With authority to make decisions for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration

The governing bodies subject to Public Meetings Law, per OAR 199-050-0010(1), are:



#### Decision-Making Bodies

- Make decisions on policy or administration
- Including exercising governmental power and acting on behalf of the public body



#### Advisory Bodies

- Formed by public body
- To make recommendations to public body on policy or administration

**DRAFT**

**OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
DENTAL ASSISTANT WORKFORCE SHORTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAWSAC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 17, 2026**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Terrence Clark, DMD, Co-Chair  
Ginny Jorgensen, Co-Chair  
Amberena Fairlee, DMD – ODA Rep.  
Laura Vanderwerf, RDH – ODHA Rep.  
Kari Hiatt – ODAA Rep.  
Jessica Andrews  
Alyssa Kobylinsky

**STAFF PRESENT:** Haley Robinson, Interim Executive Director  
Angela Smorra, DMD, Dental Director/Chief Investigator  
Dawn Dreasher, Office Specialist

**VISITORS PRESENT  
VIA TELECONFERENCE\*:** Mary Harrison, ODAA; Brett Hamilton, ODA; Ahmed Farag, DDS,  
OHA; Mary Ellen Murphy

\*This list is not exhaustive, as it was not possible to verify all participants at the teleconference.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Terrence Clark at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom. Dr. Clark announced that the Committee had a quorum.

**Self-Introductions of Committee Members**

Chair Clark welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the DAWSAC Members introduce themselves and share information about their current positions in the dental field.

**Public Meeting Notice**

Dr. Clark announced that the Committee is subject to Public Meetings Law.

**DAWSAC Packet Introduced**

A copy of HB 3223 was attached for informational purposes.

Dr. Clark asked Ms. Robinson for an update on DAWSAC items brought to the Board at the October and December Board meetings. Ms. Robinson reported that various issues were referred to committees. Ms. Robinson noted that the scaling issue was moved to the Rules Oversight Committee, which would convene in the next couple of months and then report back to the Board.

**Approval of December 9, 2025 Minutes**

Ms. Jorgensen moved and Dr. Fairlee seconded that the Committee approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025, DAWSAC Committee Meeting as presented. The motion passed with TC, GJ, AF, LV, KH, JA, and AK voting Aye.

### **Oral Preventative Assistant (OPA)**

The Committee discussed issues related to dental assistants performing scaling, including training and workforce shortages.

Dr. Fairlee stated that the ODA will be discussing the OPA model at the next ODA board meeting. Dr. Fairlee shared that delegates polled at the last House of Delegates meeting overwhelmingly support the OPA model in some form. Dr. Fairlee stated that the ODA strategic plan includes pursuing the issue through the Board or through legislation. Dr. Fairlee said she would share the ODA Board of Trustee's position statement on the OPA model when it is available.

Ms. Vanderwerf stated that the ODHA would strongly oppose any OPA legislation on the basis of patient safety.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the materials from the meeting packet, including the University of Washington EFDA Study and Missouri Oral Preventative Assistant EFDA Pilot Project, and related research from Kansas and Illinois.

Ms. Jorgensen initiated a discussion of other possible models of dental assistant development, including hygiene assistants.

Dr. Fairlee shared her thoughts about the benefits of OPAs working in public health and in rural areas. Dr. Fairlee pointed out that instituting formal training in scaling would enhance the safety of scaling by dental assistants that is already taking place in dental offices.

The Committee discussed the status of the workforce shortage and retention issues.

### **Dental Assistant Surveys**

Ms. Robinson presented the proposed 2026 Draft Survey Questions for Future Survey. The Committee reviewed and discussed changes to the draft survey. The Committee decided the survey should be disseminated to all dental professionals.

### **Dental Assistant Wage Information**

The Committee discussed adding questions regarding compensation to the draft survey.

Ms. Robinson offered to provide a revised survey incorporating the Committee's suggestions at the next DAWSAC meeting.

### **Open Comment**

No comments presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m. The next DAWSAC meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

At the August 25, 2023 Board Meeting the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) established a new standing Advisory Committee named the “Dental Assistant Workforce Shortage Advisory Committee (DAWSAC)” per ORS 679.280, to review, discuss and make recommendations to the Board on addressing workforce shortages in accordance with HB 3223 (2023).

The section of HB 3223 relevant to this is included for reference:

8        **SECTION 5. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an advisory committee of**  
9        **at least seven members to study the dental assistant workforce shortage and to review the**  
10       **requirements for dental assistant certification in other states. The committee shall provide**  
11       **advice to the board on a quarterly basis on how to address the dental assistant workforce**  
12       **shortage in this state.**  
13       **(2)(a) In appointing members to the advisory committee, the board shall prioritize di-**  
14       **versity of geographic representation, background, culture and experience.**  
15       **(b) A majority of the members appointed to the committee must have experience working**  
16       **as dental assistants.**  
17       **SECTION 6. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**  
18       **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

This advisory committee will meet no less than four times per calendar year once established, and generally be scheduled concurrently with regular OBD Board Meetings. The OBD President will designate two Co-Chairs of the Committee whom will be OBD Board Members. Preference will be given to Board Members who have past experience working as a dental assistant.

The advisory committee shall include five representatives from the Oregon dental assistant community who are currently or have worked as an Oregon dental assistant. The OBD President will select the members, and utilize the legislative criteria, if more than five people volunteer to serve on this advisory committee.

The advisory committee will also include one representative from each of the professional associations: The Oregon Dental Association, The Oregon Dental Hygienists’ Association and the Oregon Dental Assistants Association and eventually one from the Oregon Dental Therapy Association (should that be established).

The Advisory Committee members will bring relevant topics and agenda items to the meetings, be meaningfully engaged on the relevant issues, offer solutions and assist in gathering speakers, data and information.

The inaugural DAWSAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 27, 2023.

# 4 ways dentists can make dental assistants feel valued

May 13, 2026



Behind every smooth procedure, calm patient, and efficient day at the practice, there's a dental assistant making it all happen. So why do many feel undervalued? Despite touching every area of the office, dental assistants often feel they are overlooked, underappreciated, and not fairly compensated for their work.

"I hope doctors and managers really realize what a dental assistant does on a daily basis," says Denys, a dental assistant in Washington. "They are the glue to the office and take on a lot that sometimes isn't recognized and appreciated! There's more to a dental assistant than many think. It's hard work that only the greatest can do!"

By taking intentional actions to recognize their impact, such as offering fair pay and encouraging career growth, dentists can ensure dental assistants feel respected and valued as essential members of the team. We talked to dental assistants from around the country about ways dentists can provide support for dental assistants.

## A simple thank-you

Dental assistants contribute a lot to dental practices, and their position should never be taken for granted. They guide the patient experience, lead [infection control](#) processes, assist chairside, and much more. While it may seem like a small gesture, giving verbal recognition shows appreciation and boosts morale. Especially on busy days, dentists should take the time to thank their dental assistants for all they do to keep the schedule and procedures running smoothly. This recognition can help dental assistants feel valued, increase job satisfaction, and improve patient care.

Jeanne says, “Knowing I have a supervisor who recognizes our importance, how much we do behind the scenes, and is constantly letting us know how appreciative they are of our services helps me feel valued at work.”

#### Invest in career development

From updated infection control protocols to new industry standards, there is always new information to learn. By investing in career development opportunities, such as [certifications](#) or [continuing education\(opens in a new window\)](#), dentists show they are confident in their dental assistants’ careers and want them to grow within the profession.

“A well-trained dental assistant is a credit to the practice!” says Jenifer. “There are numerous duties a Certified Dental Assistant can do that take the pressure off the doctor, allowing the office to run more efficiently and helping other staff members keep the practice clean and stocked between patients.”

Dental practices can benefit from dental assistants earning certifications, as shown in [DANB’s Dental Assistants Salary and Satisfaction Survey](#). The data shows that [Certified Dental Assistants](#) (CDAs) are less likely to change jobs and more likely to be leaders or trainers in the office. Investing in certification can demonstrate to dental assistants that their career growth is valued, helping practices improve staff retention and maintain a more stable, experienced workforce.

#### Offer competitive pay

Earning a fair wage is important to all dental assistants, and salary is the top factor that impacts their job satisfaction. Dentists should offer pay that reflects a dental assistant’s experience and credentials to demonstrate that their contributions are valued within the practice. Competitive compensation sends a strong message of appreciation and acknowledges the work dental assistants do every day. Additionally, recognizing their value through fair pay helps build employer loyalty and increases job satisfaction. DANB’s [Financial Impact of Dental Assistants on the Dental Practice\(opens in a new window\)](#) report explains how higher pay can increase dental assistant retention — resulting in increased productivity and higher revenues for practices.

Nicole shares, “Dental assistants deserve recognition, fair pay, and genuine respect — not as ‘support staff,’ but as critical professionals whose skill, dedication, and heart make quality dental care possible.”

Dentists can use DANB’s Salary and Satisfaction Survey or look at what other offices in the area are paying to gauge a fair wage based on factors such as location, experience, and credentials.

## Honor breaks and time off

Dentists can support dental assistants by ensuring they have opportunities to recharge during the day, such as encouraging short breaks. Dentists can also promote a healthy work-life balance by providing staff with reasonable paid time off. If a practice is experiencing staffing shortages and dental assistants are taking on more responsibilities, there should be an open dialogue between dental assistants and office leaders to strategize the best approach to scheduling and workload distribution.

## Welcome feedback

When dentists listen to feedback, dental assistants feel heard and more established in a professional space. Having an open line of communication between dentists and dental assistants creates a welcoming environment where staff members feel comfortable raising concerns, areas of improvement, and thoughts regarding patient care.

“Clear communication and being included in conversations about patient care matter a lot,” says Courtney. “When my input is asked for or trusted — whether it’s anticipating a procedure, suggesting a workflow improvement, or advocating for a patient — it reinforces that my role is seen as essential, not replaceable.”

This mutual respect encourages collaboration, strengthens trust within the team, and can lead to better clinical outcomes. Over time, consistent communication builds confidence and reinforces a culture where every team member’s perspective is valued.

Registration, licensure, or certification requirements for dental assistants vary significantly by state. While states like Alabama and Utah have no registration requirements, over 38 states require dental assistants to hold specific certifications (like DANB's CDA) or register with their state Board of Dentistry, particularly to perform expanded functions or take X-rays.

### States That Require Registration or Licensure

The following is a breakdown of the states that explicitly require dental assistants to register, hold a specific permit, or obtain a license with their state dental board (this list highlights the primary registration requirements per state regulations):

- Alaska:** Requires state registration for Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDAs). **CERTIFICATION TERM:** Certificates are issued for a two-year period and expire on February 28 of odd-numbered years, regardless of the date of issuance, except certificates issued within 90 days of the expiration date which are issued to the next biennial expiration date. One renewal notice will be sent via email or mail at least 30 days before certificate expiration to the last known email or mailing address of record. Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a certificate holder from the responsibility of renewing a certificate on time.
- California:** Mandates that all dental assistants complete specific training (including radiation safety) and register with the Dental Board of California. To work as a basic Dental Assistant (DA) in California, you must complete an 8-hour Board-approved infection control course, Basic Life Support (BLS) certification, and a California Dental Practice Act course. For higher-level Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) registration, you must meet expanded education, experience, and testing requirements. California Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) must renew their licenses biennially (every two years) by their birth month. Requirements include paying the renewal fee, completing 25 hours of Continuing Education (CE), maintaining a valid Basic Life Support (BLS) certification, and disclosing any criminal convictions or disciplinary actions. The table below includes the fees for RDA, Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF), Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA), and Orthodontic Assistant (OA) permit renewal, as well as information on delinquency (late) fees. Renewal and delinquency fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

License/Permit	Fee	Late Fee (Delinquent Fee)	Date of Delinquency
Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)	\$100.00	\$50.00	30 days after expiration
Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF)	\$100.00	\$50.00	30 days after expiration

Dental Sedation Assistant (DSA)	\$100.00	\$50.00	30 days after expiration
Orthodontic Assistant Permit (OA)	\$100.00	\$50.00	30 days after expiration

- **Illinois:** Requires registration for dental assistants who perform expanded functions. No registration, education or training for a basic dental assistant. Some expanded functions requirements.
- **Indiana:** Requires dental assistants to register to take X-rays or perform expanded functions.
- **Iowa:** Requires all dental assistants to register with the Iowa Dental Board. Registered dental assistants are individuals who have met the requirements for registration and have been issued registration. A registered dental assistant may, under direct supervision, assist a dentist in performing duties assigned by the dentist that are consistent with these rules. A registered dental assistant may take radiographs if qualified pursuant to this chapter.
- **Maryland:** Requires registration to perform general duties and take X-rays.

Each facility that uses the services of a dental assistant to provide dental assistant duties under this regulation shall maintain for 5 years for inspection by the Board:

- (1) The name of the dentist providing general supervision to the dental assistant;
- (2) The name and current address of the dental assistant;
- (3) The name and address of each institution where the dental assistant provided dental assistant duties; and
- (4) The date the dental assistant provided dental assistant duties.

H. This regulation does not affect the duties a dental assistant may lawfully perform under the direct supervision of a dentist under this chapter.

- **Minnesota:** Has two main levels; dental assistants must be registered (LDA) to perform certain expanded functions.
- **Missouri:** Requires registration to perform expanded functions.

- **New Jersey:** Requires registration for specific expanded functions and radiologic duties.
- **New Mexico:** Requires certification/registration to practice at any level. To work as a dental assistant in New Mexico, basic chairside assisting requires no formal state license. However, registration/certification through the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care is mandatory to perform specific duties like X-rays, coronal polishing, and applying sealants. The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department has implemented an online licensing system for all Dental Health Care occupations. This investment will simplify the licensing process, making it easier for applicants and licensees to apply for and renew licenses in New Mexico.
- **New York:** Requires licensure/registration (Licensed Dental Assistant) for certain advanced duties.
- **Ohio:** Requires registration for Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDAs).
- **Oregon:** Requires certification and/or registration through the Oregon Board of Dentistry for radiology and expanded functions.
- **Washington:** Assistants must be registered or certified to work in a dental practice. Washington requires all practicing dental assistants to be registered with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) before legally working in a dental setting. The registration involves an online application, passing a background check, and paying a nonrefundable initial fee of \(\$40\). No formal schooling is required to register for an entry-level Dental Assistant (DA)



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**Dental Assistant Coronal Polishing Certification Renewal**

**March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2027**

- Your certification lapses after February 28, 2025. There is no grace period — it is illegal to work if your certification has lapsed.
- Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.
- Make checks and money orders payable to the State of Alaska or use the attached credit card payment form.
- Plan on a 4–6-week processing time for correct and complete renewal applications.
- Once the renewal is processed, your certificate will be available for printing via the MY LICENSE self-service portal.

**PART I Payment of Fees**

<b>Renewal Fees:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Term Biennial Certification Renewal <i>(For certifications first issued on or before February 28, 2024)</i>	<b>\$60.00</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prorated Certification Renewal <i>(For certifications first issued on or after March 1, 2024)</i>	<b>\$30.00</b>

**PART II Personal Information**

<b>Full Legal Name:</b> Name change: <input type="checkbox"/>			<b>AK License Number:</b>	
<i>If you have had a legal name change since your last license was issued, you must complete a <u>Change of Name form</u>.</i>				
<b>Mailing Address:</b> Address change: <input type="checkbox"/>	P.O. Box or Street	City	State	Zip
<b>Contact Phone:</b>			<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>EMAIL AGREEMENT:</b> By choosing to receive correspondence on any matter affecting my license or other business with the Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, I agree to maintain an accurate email address through the MY LICENSE web page. I understand that failure to check my email account or to keep the email address in good standing may result in an inability to receive crucial information, potentially resulting in my inability to obtain or maintain licensure.				
<b>Email Address:</b>			<b>Select One:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Send my Correspondence Electronically <input type="checkbox"/> Send my Correspondence by Mail
<b>Note: If both boxes are selected above, you will receive correspondence electronically.</b>				
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:</b> AS 08.01.100 requires you to provide your United States Social Security Number. It is considered confidential information and will not be publicly disclosed; it may be used to verify inter-state licensure.				

**PART III Supervising Dentist**

<b>Licensed Supervising Dentist Name:</b>				
<b>Licensed Supervising Dentist Address:</b>	Street	City	State	Zip



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**Signature Page**

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<b>Applicant Name:</b>	
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**PART IV Agreement**

I hereby certify I am the person herein named and subscribing to this application. I further certify I have read the complete application, and I know the full content thereof. I declare all of the information contained herein, and evidence or other documents submitted herewith are true and correct.

I understand any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application, or any attachment hereto, or falsification or misrepresentation of documents to support this application, is sufficient grounds for denying, revoking, or otherwise disciplining a license, registration, certificate, or permit to practice in the state of Alaska.

I further understand it is a Class A misdemeanor under Alaska Statute 11.56.210 to falsify an application and commit the crime of unsworn falsification.

<b>Applicant Signature:</b>		<b>Date Signed:</b>	
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## General Information

### **APPLICATION PROCESSING:**

The average processing time varies by program. When the application is complete and correct, all supporting documents have been received and all fees have been paid, the license may be issued. Start the process far enough in advance to allow for processing time. Applications are reviewed in order of receipt in our office, and walk-in customers should not expect immediate review.

### **LICENSE TERM:**

Licenses are issued for a two-year period and expire on February 28 of odd-numbered years, regardless of the date of issuance, except licenses issued within 90 days of the expiration date which are issued to the next biennial expiration date. One renewal notice will be sent via email or mail at least 30 days before license expiration to the last known email or mailing address of record. Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a licensee from the responsibility of renewing a license on time.

### **PROFESSIONAL FITNESS QUESTIONS:**

A “yes” response in the application does not mean your application will be denied. If you have responded “yes” to any professional fitness questions, submit an explanation with the charging and closing court documentation showing final disposition of charge(s) (e.g. court records, fitness letters, etc.).

### **RANDOM AUDIT:**

If your program requires continuing education, the Division will audit a percentage of the license renewals. If your license is randomly selected for audit, a letter will be sent with instructions to submit documentation as proof you satisfied the continuing competency requirements as stated on this renewal form. Licensees are randomly selected by computer and may be randomly selected as often as the computer program chooses. You must save your documents for at least four years so you can respond to audits.

### **ADDRESS OR NAME CHANGE:**

In accordance with 12 AAC 02.900, it is the applicant's/licensee's responsibility to notify the Division, in writing, of changes of address or name. Name and address change notification forms are available on the Division's website. The address of record with the division will be used to send renewals and all other official notifications and correspondence. The name appearing on the license must be your current legal name.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS:**

AS 08.01.100 requires a U.S. Social Security Number be on file with the division before a professional license is renewed. If you do not have a U.S. Social Security Number, please complete the Request for Exemption from Social Security Number Requirement form (#08-4372) located at *ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov*.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

All information on the application will be available as public record, unless required to be kept confidential by state or federal law.

### **ABANDONED APPLICATIONS:**

Under 12 AAC 02.910, an application is considered abandoned when 12 months have elapsed since correspondence was last received from or on behalf of the applicant. An abandoned application is denied without prejudice. At the time of abandonment, the division will send notification to the last known address of the applicant, who has 30 days to submit a written request for a refund of biennial license and other fees paid. The application fee will not be refunded. If no request for refund is received within that timeframe, no refund will be issued, and all fees will be forfeited.

### **PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT:**

If the Alaska Child Support Enforcement Division has determined that you are in arrears on child support, you may be issued a nonrenewable temporary license valid for 150 days. Contact Child Support Services at (907) 269-6900 to resolve payment issues.

### **STATUTES AND REGULATIONS:**

The complete set of statutes and regulations for this program are available by written request or online at the division's website: *ProfessionalLicense.Alaska.Gov*. To receive notification of all proposed regulation changes, send a request with your name, preferred contact method (mail or email), and the program you want to be updated on to the regulation specialist at the following email: *RegulationsAndPublicComment@Alaska.Gov*.



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## Credit Card Payment Form

All major credit cards are accepted. For security purposes, do not email credit card information. Include this credit card payment form with your application.

Name of Applicant or Licensee:			
Profession Type (e.g., Acupuncture):		License Number (if applicable):	
I wish to make payment by credit card for the following (check all that apply):			AMOUNT
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Fee:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	License or Renewal Fee:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (fine, exam, etc.):		
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			TOTAL:

Name (as shown on credit card):			
Mailing Address:			
Phone Number:		Email (Optional):	
Signature of Credit Card Holder:			

### CREDIT CARD INFO: Your payment cannot be processed unless all fields are completed.

1. Credit Card Number:		All 3 fields MUST be completed. This section will be destroyed after the payment is processed.
2. Expiration Date:		
3. Security Code:		

1. Are you a dentist, registered dental hygienist, dental therapist, or dental assistant?

- Dentist
- Registered Dental Hygienist
- Dental Therapist
- Dental Assistant

2. What type of setting do you primarily practice/work in?

- Private Practice - Sole Practitioner
- Group Practice (4 or more providers)
- Public Health (FQHC, County, Corrections, Community etc.)
- Education
- Other
- No longer practicing (Retired, Disabled, etc.)

3. How many dental assistants do you employ or work at your primary location?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4+
- Not Applicable - No longer practicing

4. Which of the following Oregon certifications do you or dental assistant(s) in the office hold?  
(Check all that apply)

- Basic Chairside
- Radiologic Proficiency
- Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)
- EFDA with Restorative Endorsement
- Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assistant (EFODA)
- Expanded Functions Preventive Assistant (EFPDA)
- Dental Assistant with Local Anesthesia Functions Certificate (LAFC)
- Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant

5. Within your practice where do you look for training materials for dental assistants when doing on the job training?

- The Oregon Board of Dentistry Website
- The Dental Practice Act
- Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)
- We do not train dental assistants in the office

Other (please specify)

6. When doing on the job training for the Radiologic Proficiency Certificate, EFDA, EFPDA, and EFODA, the dental assistant must submit within six months, certification by an Oregon licensed dentist, dental therapist or dental hygienist that the assistant is proficient. Do you think 6 months is enough time to complete the checkoff sheet?

- Yes
- No
- If no, please specify a timeframe.

7. Which expanded function duties do yourself perform or you allow/supervise assistant(s) to perform once certified in Oregon? (Check all that apply)

- Polish the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains.
- Remove temporary crowns for final cementation and clean teeth for final cementation.
- Preliminarily fit crowns to check contacts or to adjust occlusion outside the mouth.
- Place temporary restorative material (i.e., zinc oxide eugenol based material).
- Place and remove matrix retainers for alloy and composite restorations.
- Polish amalgam or composite surfaces with a slow speed hand piece.
- Remove excess supragingival cement from crowns, bridges, bands or brackets with hand instrument.
- Fabricate temporary crowns, and temporarily cement the temporary crown.
- Perform all aspects of teeth whitening procedures.
- All of the above.
- N/A

8. Which EFDA duties, if any, do you consider obsolete? (Check all that apply)

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- Place and remove matrix retainers for alloy and composite restorations.
- Polish amalgam or composite surfaces with a slow speed hand piece.
- Remove excess supragingival cement from crowns, bridges, bands or brackets with hand instruments.
- Fabricate temporary crowns, and temporarily cement the temporary crown.
- Perform all aspects of teeth whitening procedures.
- All the above duties should remain as expanded function duties.
- None of the above duties should remain expanded function duties.

9. What duties would you like to see added to the expanded functions list?

10. How much does your office pay each type of dental assistant?

	<\$21 per hour	\$21-\$23 per hour	\$24-\$26 per hour	\$27-\$30 per hour	>\$30 per hour
Basic Chairside	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Radiologic Proficiency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EFDA with Restorative Endorsement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assistant (EFODA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanded Functions Preventive Assistant (EFPDA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dental Assistant with Local Anesthesia Functions Certificate (LAFC)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. How long on average does a dental assistant stay employed in your office?

- <1 year
- 1-3 years
- 3-6 years
- 6-9 years
- >9 years

12. In your experience, what affects the retention of dental assistants in the office?

13. If less than 3 years what do you believe is the reason(s) for dental assistants leaving your office?

14. What are your ideas to increase the number of dental assistants in the workforce?