



Maryland Dental Radiation Technologist Requirements

(Formerly: Qualified Assistant in Radiography)

Insert to the 2010 DANB Exam Candidate Guide that includes information on DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Exam

2010 Application And Exam Fees Valid Through March 31, 2011

The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE) regulates the use of dental assistants in the state of Maryland. Under its regulations, the MSBDE provides for qualification of dental assistants to perform specified functions, including placing and exposing radiographs. Information on qualifications may be obtained from:

Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

The Benjamin Rush Building
Spring Grove Hospital Center
Wade Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21228
(410) 402-8500

The MSBDE uses the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) Exam in its requirement for qualification of dental assistants in radiography. This insert to the *2010 DANB CDA Exam Candidate Guide* describes the eligibility, application, and fee requirements for qualification in radiography in the state of Maryland.

All individuals applying for qualification in radiography in Maryland should read this insert carefully, in order to ensure that all requirements are met.

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A. Maryland State Requirements

In order to qualify to expose dental radiographs in Maryland, one must:

- (1) Meet any requirements established by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; **AND**
- (2) Successfully complete a dental radiography course (minimum of 24 hours) approved by the MSBDE; **AND**
- (3) Pass DANB's Radiation Health & Safety (RHS) or Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Exam; **AND**
- (4) Apply for state certification to the MSBDE.

Note: On-the-job training does not qualify a dental assistant to expose radiographs in Maryland.

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B. RHS Application Requirements

Candidates who wish to take DANB's RHS Exam in Maryland must submit:

1. A properly completed RHS exam application form (found on page 25 of the *2010 DANB CDA Exam Candidate Guide*). Maryland candidates for the RHS Exam should include their school's ID number (representing a Maryland-approved radiology course) in the appropriate space on the application, so that the MSBDE receives the proper results for Maryland schools. (See Approved Schools and Programs for Dental Assistants on page 3 for school ID numbers.)

2. The exam fee in the form of a check, money order, or credit card authorization. This fee must be submitted with the application. Cash will not be accepted. For exam fee requirements, see Section D (below).

Applications for computerized exams may be submitted at any time. All application materials must be submitted to DANB at the address on the front cover of this application.

C. Reapplying after a Failed Exam

Any dental assistant failing the exam two times must take at least 12 clock hours of additional education in radiology before taking the exam a third time. If the dental assistant fails a third time, the assistant must repeat a Maryland-approved course in radiology before taking the exam again.

D. Exam Fees

**Radiation Health and Safety Exam Total Fee:
\$170**

(includes \$100 exam fee, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, and \$20 state recording fee)

The total fee of \$170 must be paid to DANB with the initial exam application. DANB will forward the state recording fee to the MSBDE for all applicants who take the exam.

E. Exams

DANB contracts with a national computerized testing vendor to deliver the RHS Exam on computer. The computerized sites are listed in the *2010 DANB CDA Exam Candidate Guide*. Computerized testing allows candidates flexibility in scheduling dates and times. There are no specific exam dates or application deadlines. DANB cannot guarantee the availability of specific test center locations or times. To facilitate a time/location convenient to your schedule, call the testing vendor promptly after receiving your Test Admission notice from DANB.

F. Maryland Licensure Requirements

Each month, DANB sends the MSBDE and the Maryland State Dental Association (MSDA) lists of Maryland candidates' RHS and CDA test results for exams scored in the preceding month.

In order to issue radiography licenses, the MSBDE requires dental assistants to provide:

- (1) Proof of completion of Maryland-approved radiography course **AND**
- (2) A completed license application form

For information on how to obtain your license to expose radiographs in Maryland, contact:

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G. Maryland-Approved Programs in Radiography

Use the list on the next page to find the school at which you completed your radiography course. When completing the RHS exam application (found on page 25 in the *2010 DANB CDA Exam Candidate Guide*), insert your school's ID number in the space provided on the application.

DO NOT select your test center from the list on the next page. See the Test Center Listings on page 36 of the *2010 DANB CDA Exam Candidate Guide*.

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Approved Schools and Programs for Dental Assistants

*0400	Allegany Community College (Cumberland)
*0401	Catonsville Community College (Catonsville)
0402	Chesapeake College Center for Allied Health (Easton)
0403	Baltimore City Community College (Baltimore)
0404	Essex Community College/The Community College of Baltimore County (Baltimore)
*0405	Frederick Community College (Frederick)
0406	Harford Community College (Bel Air)
*0407	Educational Horizons, Inc. (Bethesda)
0408	Medix School (Towson)
0409	Neibauer Dental Care (Waldorf)
0410	Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center (Leonardstown)
*0411	Montgomery College (Takoma Park/Silver Spring)
0412	Southern Maryland Dental Society (College Park)
*0413	University of Maryland Dental School (Baltimore)
0414	Hygiene Associates (Bethesda)
0415	Wor-Wic Technical Community College (Salisbury)
*0416	The Carolyn Ianaro Radiology Course (Berlin)
*0417	Howard Community College (Columbia)
0418	Naval Dental School—National Naval Dental Center (Bethesda)
*0419	Frederick County Dental Society (Frederick)
0420	Center of Applied Technology, Edgewater (Edgewater)
0421	Maryland State Dental Association (Columbia)
0422	College of Southern Maryland (LaPlata)
0423	Prince George Community College (Largo)
0424	Anne Arundel Community College (Arnold)
0425	Hagerstown Community College (Hagerstown)
0426	RH Dental Education Concepts (Bethesda)
0427	Hagerstown Business College (Frederick)
0428	DATS (Bethesda)
0429	Carroll Community College (Westminster)
0430	Allegany College of Maryland

***Schools no longer provide courses, but received prior Maryland Board Approval.**