



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
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This exam application packet includes applications for the:

- Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) Exam
- Maryland Orthodontic Assisting Expanded Functions (MDO) Exam

When applying for a state-specific DANB-administered exam, you are responsible for reading, understanding and complying with the policies and procedures in the **State Candidate Handbook**, available at www.danb.org/About-DANB/Forms-Used-on-This-Site.aspx.

DANB accepts 2021 applications through Dec. 31, 2021.

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Eligibility Pathways for Expanded Functions Dental Assistants in Maryland

To perform general dental or orthodontic assisting expanded functions in the state of Maryland, a dental assistant must register as a Dental Assistant Qualified in General Duties or Orthodontics. To qualify, one must:

General Duties

1. Complete a training program (minimum of 35 hours) approved by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE) in general duties dental assisting

AND

- 2a. Pass the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) exam, for qualification in general duties, **OR**
- 2b. Pass the DANB Certified Dental Assistant™ (CDA®) exam
(Note: If you hold CDA certification, contact the MSBDE for an application for qualification to perform expanded functions in Maryland. You will be required to provide proof of your DANB certification and dental assisting education to the MSBDE.)

AND

3. Apply to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners for state recognition as a Maryland Dental Assistant Qualified in General Duties

Education must be completed before applying to take the MDG exam.

Orthodontic Duties

1. Complete a training program (minimum of 35 hours) approved by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE) in orthodontic dental assisting

AND

- 2a. Pass the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDO) exam, for qualification in orthodontic duties, **OR**
- 2b. Pass the DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA®) exam
(Note: If you hold COA certification, contact the MSBDE for an application for qualification to perform expanded functions in Maryland. You will be required to provide proof of your DANB certification and dental assisting education to the MSBDE.)

AND

3. Apply to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners for state recognition as a Maryland Dental Assistant Qualified in Orthodontic Duties

Education must be completed before applying to take the MDO exam.

All inquiries regarding qualification, eligibility requirements and requests for qualification applications should be addressed to: Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, Benjamin Rush Building, Spring Grove Hospital Center, 55 Wade Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228, or call 410-402-8500.

On-the-job training does not qualify a dental assistant to perform expanded functions in Maryland.

Notes: While not required by law, it is recommended that a Dental Assistant Qualified in General or Orthodontic Duties also earn status as a Dental Radiation Technologist.

This application packet provides information on the exams and exam requirements for dental assistants applying to be Qualified Dental Assistants in the state of Maryland. Within guidelines established by state law, the Maryland State Dental Association (MSDA), in conjunction with the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE), determines exam policy and standards. The MSBDE issues the state recognition of qualifications expanded functions when all requirements have been met.

The Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) and Maryland Orthodontic Expanded Functions (MDO) exams are administered by the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) under an agreement with the MSBDE.

Direct all questions regarding DANB® exams to DANB at 1-800-367-3262 or danbmail@danb.org.

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MSBDE-Approved Courses in General Dental Assisting/Orthodontic Assisting

Code	Program Name
1501	Academy of Orthodontic Assisting/Trapezio (orthodontic assisting)
0500	Alleghany Community College (program defunct after 1990)
1504	All-State Career - Allied Health Division (general chairside assisting)
1503	Anne Arundel Community College (general chairside)
1505	Carroll Community College (general chairside assisting and orthodontic assisting)
0509	Center for Applied Technology — Edgewater (general chairside assisting)
0524	Chesapeake College Center for Allied Health (general chairside assisting)
1511	Clinical Orthodontic Assisting Program — Fast Track (orthodontic assisting)
0522	College of Southern Maryland (general chairside assisting)
0401	Community College of Baltimore County — Randallstown (general chairside assisting)
1527	Dental Assistant Training School (DATS) (general chairside assisting)
1534	Dental Assistant School of Maryland (general chairside assisting)
1502	Dr. James A Forrest Career and Technology Center (general chairside assisting)
0510	Essex Community College/The Community College of Baltimore County (program defunct as of Sept. 1, 2004) (general chairside/orthodontic assisting)
1509	Fortis Institute — Landover (general chairside)
0508	Fortis Institute — Towson (complete dental assisting program)
1520	Frederick Community College (general chairside and orthodontic assisting)
0513	Hagerstown Community College (general chairside and orthodontic assisting)
1533	Hands-on Dental Assisting Training (general chairside assisting)
0520	Harford Community College (general chairside and orthodontic assisting)
1532	Hygiene Associates (general chairside assisting)
1506	Kaplan College formerly known as Hagerstown Business College (general chairside)
1536	Maryland Dental Assistant School (general chairside)
1521	Maryland State Dental Association (general chairside and orthodontic assisting)
1535	Metro Institute of Health and Technology of VA (general chairside assisting)
0411	Montgomery College – Tacoma Park (general chairside)
0423	Prince George’s Community College – Largo (general chairside)
1526	RH Dental Education Concepts (general chairside and orthodontic assisting)
1512	Southern Maryland Dental Society (general chairside and orthodontic assisting)
1531	Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy (general chairside)

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Testing with DANB

Timeline

Overview of exam timeline once DANB receives your application and payment.

Application processing within 4 weeks	DANB reviews your application and documentation within four weeks. Exams that do not require documentation may be processed more quickly.
Testing window 60 days	Upon application approval, you will be emailed a link to schedule an exam appointment. This link is also available in your DANB account. You have a 60-day testing window in which to schedule and take the exam.
Preliminary exam results available on exam day	You will receive preliminary results at the test center after completing your exam.
Official exam results 8 weeks from exam date	You will receive official passed exam results and any earned certificates by mail. Failed exam results will be sent by email.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

You may request a partial refund if you cancel an exam appointment at least 24 hours prior to your scheduled exam time. You must then request to cancel the testing window before the end of your 60-day testing window to receive a partial refund. DANB retains the \$75 application fee and \$40 cancellation fee (\$115 total). Visit danb.org/About-DANB/Forms-Used-on-This-Site.aspx for the *Cancel a Testing Window* form.

Incomplete Applications

Incomplete applications will not be processed. DANB will return the payment, minus a \$75 application fee and any nonrefundable certificate fees, to the candidate.

Your Exam Appointment

Once your application is approved, you will receive a notification from DANB by email. You will have 60 days to schedule and take your exam.

To schedule or reschedule an exam

- Log into your account at www.danb.org
- Appointments may be rescheduled up to 24 hours in advance of the scheduled appointment

To request an extension of your testing window

- Complete the *Request a New Testing Window* form
- Submit this form, along with the fee, within 60 days of the end of your current testing window

If you missed your exam appointment due to an emergency recognized by DANB

- Complete the *Request a New Testing Window Due to an Emergency* form
- Submit this form, along with required documentation, within 60 days of your missed appointment

If you missed an exam appointment for any other reason

- Complete the *Request a New Testing Window Due to a Missed Exam Appointment* form to reapply for the exam at a reduced rate
- Submit this form, along with the fee, within 60 days of the missed appointment

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Failure to submit complete forms within the timeframe stated means that you must pay full exam fees. Forms are available at danb.org/About-DANB/Forms-Used-on-This-Site.aspx.

Reasonable Accommodations

If you require accommodations to test, download the *Reasonable Accommodations* form at www.danb.org for more information on how to request accommodations.

Fair Testing Policy

DANB does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

DANB seeks to ensure a fair and equitable testing experience for all individuals while ensuring the security and reliability of the process. Improper behavior is not acceptable before, during or after an exam appointment, and each candidate's behavior is monitored during testing. Consequences of improper behavior may include invalidation of exam results and/or revocation of ability to take future exams. For examples of improper behavior, see *DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures*, available at www.danb.org.

About DANB Exams

How to Prepare to Take an Exam

STEP 1: REVIEW THE EXAM OUTLINE

The outlines identify every topic found on a particular exam. Review each topic and identify the areas in which you need further study.

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR STUDY MATERIALS

Obtain study materials. Options include:

- Suggested reference list (see p. 6)
- Textbooks and other reference materials
- The DALE Foundation's review courses and study aides (the DALE Foundation is the only official DANB affiliate)

STEP 3: MAKE A STUDY PLAN

- Reading and re-reading is usually not enough.
- Review previously studied topics every few days
- Assist in understanding by tying what you learn to real-life experiences
- Understand the rationale for correct performance and not just how to perform a procedure
- Make a practice test and use flashcards

Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) Exam Outline

125 multiple-choice items • 1 ½ hours testing time

Domain	% of Items
1. Perform vitality tests	2-5
2. Take alginate impressions for study models, diagnostic casts and intraoral appliances	5-8
3. Apply topical anesthetic	2-5
4. Apply topical fluoride	2-5

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5. Prepare and cement temporary crowns and restorations	6-7
6. Remove temporary crowns	2-5
7. Remove excess cement	5-7
8. Place or remove retraction cords	5-7
9. Place desensitizing agents	2-5
10. Place or remove rubber dams	4-5
11. Place or remove a matrix band/wedge	5-7
12. Prepare and fit stainless steel crowns, not to include tooth preparation or crown cementation	2-4
13. Construct athletic mouthguards and custom trays	5-7
14. Perform etching and bonding procedures	5-7
15. Dry a root canal	2-4
16. Remove sutures	2-3
17. Remove or replace a periodontal dressing	2-3
18. Demonstrate knowledge of oral and dental anatomy	5-8
19. Demonstrate knowledge of oral and dental morphology	5-7
20. Demonstrate knowledge of infection control (use of barrier techniques, knowledge of sterilization procedures and occupational safety concerns)	4-6
21. Cure by use of halogen light	2-4
22. Fabricate indirect restorations in the dental office	2-4

Maryland Orthodontic Assisting Expanded Functions (MDO) Exam Outline

100 multiple-choice items • 1¼ hours testing time

Domain	% of Items
1. Take impressions for study models, diagnostic casts and intraoral appliances	5-8
2. Apply and use fluorides	2-4
3. Prepare, fit and cement orthodontic bands (i.e., remove excess cement, check for loose bands)	9-12
4. Demonstrate use of athletic mouthguards on models	2-4
5. Isolate, etch, bond and place brackets	9-12
6. Place and remove archwires	4-7
7. Demonstrate knowledge of the edgewise appliance (braces)	4-7
8. Place elastics and ligatures	4-7
9. Demonstrate knowledge of oral and dental anatomy and morphology	7-10
10. Demonstrate knowledge of other orthodontic appliances (e.g., select headgear)	7-10
11. Provide patient with oral hygiene education	4-7
12. Demonstrate knowledge of tooth movement	2-4
13. Demonstrate knowledge of the removal of cemented or bonded orthodontic bands and attachments	7-10
14. Demonstrate knowledge of infection control (use of barrier techniques, knowledge of sterilization procedures and occupational safety concerns)	6-9
15. Apply desensitizing agents	2-4
16. Apply topical anesthesia	2-4
17. Cure by use of halogen light	2-4

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Exam Reference Materials

DANB exam committees use the textbooks and reference materials listed below to develop this exam. This list does not include all the available textbooks and materials for studying for this exam; these are simply the resources that exam committee subject matter experts have determined provide the most up-to-date information needed to meet or surpass a determined level of competency for this exam. Any one reference will likely not include all the material required to study to take and pass the exam. This list is intended to help prepare for this exam. It is not intended to be an endorsement of any of the publications listed. You should prepare for DANB certification and component exams using as many different study materials as possible.

You may obtain the reference materials listed through various libraries and bookstores, or you may contact the publisher directly.

1. Phinney, Donna J., and Judy H. Halstead. *Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach*, 5th ed. Delmar, 2017.
2. Hatrick, Carol D., and W. S. Eakle. *Dental Materials: Clinical Applications for Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists*. 3rd ed. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier/Saunders, 2016.
3. Miller, Chris, and Charles J. Palenik. *Infection Control and Management of Hazardous Materials for the Dental Team*. 6th edition. Mosby, 2018.
4. Bird, Doni L., and Debbie S. Robinson. *Modern Dental Assisting*. 12th and 13th editions. Elsevier, 2017 and 2020.
5. Proffit, William R., Henry W. Fields and David M. Sarver. *Contemporary Orthodontics*. 6th ed. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier/Mosby, 2018.

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Application Statements

Please read the following Application Statements carefully. These statements apply to all DANB state exams. Candidate's signature on the application indicates understanding and agreement to be legally bound by these statements.

1. I hereby apply to the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) for examination by DANB and issuance of my exam results to the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE), in accordance with and subject to the procedures and regulations of DANB and the MSBDE. Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the information provided on my application is true. I have read and agree to the requirements and conditions set forth in the DANB application packet covering eligibility for and the exam and DANB policies, including but not limited to the DANB Code of Professional Conduct. I agree to disqualification from the exam and return to DANB of any results granted me by the MSBDE based on DANB exam results in the event that any of the answers or statements made by me in this application are false, or in the event that I violate any DANB rules or regulations. I authorize DANB to make whatever inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify my credentials or professional standing.
2. I hereby release DANB, its directors, officers, examiners and agents from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with any action or omission by any of them in connection with this application, the certification process, any exam given by DANB, any scoring relating thereto, the failure to issue me a certificate, or any demand for forfeiture or return of such certificate, and I agree to indemnify DANB and said persons and hold them harmless from any lawsuit, complaint, claim, loss, damage, cost or expense, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with said certification activities. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER I QUALIFY FOR A NATIONAL CERTIFICATION OR CERTIFICATE OF KNOWLEDGE-BASED COMPETENCE RESTS SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY WITH DANB AND THAT THE DECISION OF DANB IS FINAL. Notwithstanding the above, should I file suit against DANB, I agree that any such action shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to conflicts of law. I further agree that any such action shall be brought in the Circuit Court of Cook County in the State of Illinois, or the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; I consent to the jurisdiction of such state and federal courts; and I agree that the venue of such courts is proper. I further agree that should I not prevail in any such action, DANB shall be entitled to all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the litigation.
3. I understand that except as provided below, this application and any information or material received or generated by DANB in connection with this application or the exam process will be kept confidential and will not be released unless I have authorized such release or the release is required by law. I understand that DANB will verify receipt of any DANB exam application and the date received, on request. I further understand and agree that DANB may also provide verification to anyone by phone, by mail or on DANB's website regarding whether I hold any DANB certifications, any DANB certificates of knowledge-based competence, and any state-specific certificates administered by DANB on behalf of a state regulatory body. Phone and mail verification will be provided to anyone upon request and will consist of oral or written confirmation of whether I hold any of the DANB-administered credentials listed above and the effective dates for each credential. Online verification through DANB's website may consist of online display of my name, the DANB-administered credentials I hold and dates earned, current DANB certification status, and my city and state of residence. My full address will not be posted online by DANB. I further understand and agree that DANB may, from time to time, provide my name, address and phone number to third parties (including but not limited to official DANB affiliates, potential employers; dental conference sponsors; federal, national or state organizations; or legislative committees or task forces proposing or informing stakeholders of legislation). I further understand that this consent will remain in effect unless and until I submit a written request to have this information omitted from release. I understand that if I do not want DANB to display my city and state of residence as part of the online verification process, then I must submit a written request for omission of this information to the following address: DANB Communications Department, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60611. (I understand that my name, credentials held [issued by DANB as described above] and current DANB certification status will be displayed for everyone; opting out of display of information is only possible for an individual's city and state.)
4. I understand that by providing my email address on the application form, I am consenting to receive email messages from DANB and its official affiliates related to their products and services or news affecting the dental assisting profession. I understand that DANB agrees not to provide my email address to any other third party without my consent, and that I can request removal from DANB's email distribution list by following the directions contained in the Privacy Policy section of DANB's Terms and Conditions of Use of DANB.org, located at www.danb.org.
5. I authorize DANB to release my exam results to state regulatory agencies. Individuals cannot opt out of DANB release of exam results to state regulatory agencies. I also authorize DANB to use information from my application and exam(s) for statistical analysis, providing that any personal identification is deleted.
6. I understand that I can be disqualified from taking or continuing to sit for an exam, from receiving exam results and from obtaining certification if DANB determines through proctor observation, statistical analysis or any other means that I was engaged in collaborative, disruptive or other unacceptable behavior during the administration of or following the exam.
7. I understand that the content of all DANB exams is proprietary and strictly confidential information. I hereby agree that I will not disclose, either directly or indirectly, any question or any part of any question from the exam to any person or entity. I understand that the unauthorized receipt, retention, possession, copying or disclosure of any DANB exam materials, including but not limited to the content of any exam question, before, during or after the exam may subject me to legal action. Such legal action may result in monetary damages and/or disciplinary action including rescinding exam results and denying or revoking certification.
8. I understand that for each application submitted, DANB will process the appropriate payment. If I fail to show up for an exam for which I have applied, and there is no documented DANB-accepted emergency, and I failed to comply with DANB cancellation policies, I am still obligated to pay the full exam fee. I further understand that taking the exam and then revoking payment constitutes the wrongful use of DANB products and services and I may be subjected to legal action. I am obligated to pay for the exam whether I pass or fail. I agree not to dispute the exam fee. Exam results will be rescinded if the exam fee is not paid in full.

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Application Checklist

Have you:

- Read the instructions and information in this application packet?
- Read and agreed to be bound by MSBDE and DANB rules, regulations, policies and procedures as noted in this application packet? (See *Application Statements*, p. 8)
- Filled out the exam application in its entirety?
- Signed and dated the exam application?
- Enclosed the application and exam fee or provided credit card information?
- Enclosed proof of completing a Maryland-approved training course?
- Enclosed the *Reasonable Accommodations Request* forms, if needed? Note: These forms can be found at www.danb.org.
- Made a copy of your entire application packet for your records?
- Addressed your envelope OR prepared your information to be faxed?

Mail to:

Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB)
444 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900
Chicago, IL 60611

Fax credit card payments only to:

DANB
1-312-642-8507

If you have not:

- completed the application in full,
- enclosed, signed and dated your application,
- enclosed supporting documentation, and
- provided payment (check, money order, cashier's check) or payment information (credit card)

your application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

Incomplete applications will be denied and a refund, minus the \$75 nonrefundable application fee, will be issued.

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