



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
Measuring Dental Assisting Excellence®

This application packet includes applications for the following:

- **Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam**
- **Oregon Expanded Functions — General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam**
- **Oregon Basic and Expanded Functions — General Dental Assisting (ORBXG) exam (both ORB and ORXG taken together)**

When applying for a state-specific DANB-administered exam and/or DANB-issued state certificate, 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 2020 applications through Dec. 31, 2020.

Exam Requirements for Oregon Certificates

Depending on the pathway chosen, candidates may be required to pass DANB exams to be eligible for the following Oregon certificates:

- Oregon Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)
- Oregon Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)
- Oregon Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistant (EFPDA)

Below is a chart of the exams required for each certificate by pathway. Please note, this chart does not represent all pathways and requirements to earn certificates. Visit <https://www.danb.org/Meet-State-Requirements/State-Specific-Information/Oregon.aspx> for full details.

To apply for the CDA, COA, ICE, or CPFDA exams, please visit <https://www.danb.org/Become-Certified/Exams-and-Certifications.aspx> to submit an application online or by mail or fax.

Certificate	Exams Required
EFDA Pathway II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam
EFDA Pathway IIIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam
EFDA Pathway IIIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Infection Control (ICE) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam
EFODA Pathway II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam OR ○ DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—Orthodontic Assisting (ORXO) exam
EFODA Pathway IIIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Infection Control (ICE) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—Orthodontic Assisting (ORXO) exam
EFODA Pathway IIIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—Orthodontic Assisting (ORXO) exam
EFPDA Pathway II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Infection Control (ICE) Exam • Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DANB Coronal Polishing (CP) OR ○ DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) OR ○ Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting exam (ORXG)
EFPDA Pathway III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam • Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DANB Coronal Polishing (CP) OR ○ DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) OR ○ Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting exam (ORXG)

Testing with DANB

Timeline

Once you submit your application, the timeline for processing is:

2-4 weeks	Once your payment is processed, DANB will review your application and documentation. If any additional information is needed, DANB will contact you by email.
1-2 business days	Upon approval of your application, you will receive an email with a link to schedule and take your exam within 60 days. The information will be posted to your online account at danb.org.
Exam day	You will receive preliminary results at the testing center after completing your exam.
2-3 weeks from exam date	You will receive official exam results and any earned certificates by mail.

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 be 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

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.

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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. 5)
- 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

The ORB and ORXG exams are composed of multiple-choice questions. Areas tested in the exams are listed at right by function. Background information in the following areas may be included where such information is necessary for the performance of the function: Morphology, Histology, Physiology, Pharmacology, Pathology, General Anatomy, Dental Anatomy, Microbiology, Chemistry, Psychology and Embryology.

ORB Exam Outline 100-125 multiple-choice items 1½ hours testing time	
Domain	% of Items
1. Infection control and microbiology	20-25
2. Collection of clinical data	10-15
3. Management of emergencies	15-20
4. Occupational safety	10-15
5. Legal issues	10-15
6. Anatomy	10-15
7. General procedures <i>(placing/removing rubber dams and taking impressions)</i>	5-10

ORXG Exam Outline 90-100 multiple-choice items 1 ¼ hours testing time	
Domain	% of Items
1. Placing matrices	15-20
2. Polishing amalgams	10-15
3. Cement removal	10-15
4. Taking impressions	1-5
5. Coronal polishing	20-25
6. Fabricating temporary crowns <i>(Including fabricating, initial placement, removal, trial fitting and understanding mechanism)</i>	25-30
Tooth whitening	1-5

Exam References

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 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.

Oregon Basic Dental Assisting Exam

1. Bird, Doni L., and Debbie S. Robinson. *Modern Dental Assisting*. 10th, 11th and 12th editions. Elsevier, 2011, 2015 and 2018.
2. Phinney, Donna J., and Judy H. Halstead. *Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach*, 4th and 5th editions. Delmar, 2013 and 2018.
3. Oregon State Dental Practice Act. Sec. 818, Div. 42.

Oregon Expanded Functions Dental Assisting Exam

1. Bird, Doni L., and Debbie S. Robinson. *Modern Dental Assisting*. 11th and 12th editions. Elsevier, 2015 and 2018.
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. Phinney, Donna J., and Judy H. Halstead. *Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach*, 4th and 5th editions. Delmar, 2013 and 2018.
4. Oregon State Dental Practice Act. Sec. 818, Div. 42.

Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) and Oregon Expanded Duties — General Dental Assisting (ORXG)

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 to me of a certificate and issuance of my certificate to the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD), in accordance with and subject to the procedures and regulations of DANB and the OBD. 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 OBD 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.

Application Checklist

Have you:

- Read and agreed to be bound by Oregon and DANB rules, regulations, policies and procedures as noted in this application packet? (See *Application Statements*, p. 5)
- Filled out the exam application in its entirety?
- Signed and dated the exam application?
- Enclosed the *Reasonable Accommodations Request* forms, if needed?
Note: These forms can be found on www.danb.org.
- Enclosed the exam fee or provided credit card information?
- 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, 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 exam applications will be denied and a refund, minus the \$75 nonrefundable application fee, will be issued.