



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

## Recognition through DANB Certification

DANB is the national certification board  
for dental assistants.

*"I enjoy the dental assisting field, and holding professional certification is a real accomplishment. It's something I did for myself."*  
— DANB Certificant

### Benefits of DANB certification include:

- ▶ Personal pride
- ▶ Enhanced career mobility
- ▶ Professional advantage and advancement
- ▶ Peer recognition
- ▶ Greater earning power

More than 34,000 dental assistants are currently DANB certified, and thousands more have received one of DANB's certificates of competency.

Currently, 38 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Air Force, and the Department of Veterans Affairs recognize or require DANB exams to meet state dental assisting requirements or as a prerequisite to performing expanded functions.

According to *DANB's 2010 Salary Survey*, DANB CDAs earn \$2.04 more per hour compared to non-DANB-Certified colleagues\*. View the Salary Survey at [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org).

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**[www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org)**

\* 2009 U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics median salary for dental assistants (adjusted for inflation)

### National DANB Certifications

#### Certified Dental Assistant (CDA®)

Includes component exams in:

- Radiation Health and Safety (RHS®)
- Infection Control (ICE®)
- General Chairside Assisting (GC)

#### Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA®)

Includes component exams in:

- Orthodontic Assisting (OA)
- Infection Control (ICE)

#### Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA™)

Includes component exams in:

- Coronal Polish (CP)
- Sealants (SE)
- Topical Anesthetic (TA)
- Topical Fluoride (TF)

### National DANB Certificates of Competency

- Radiation Health and Safety
- Infection Control
- Coronal Polish
- Sealants
- Topical Anesthetic
- Topical Fluoride

DANB's CDA and COA national certification exam programs, including component exams, are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies through 2012.



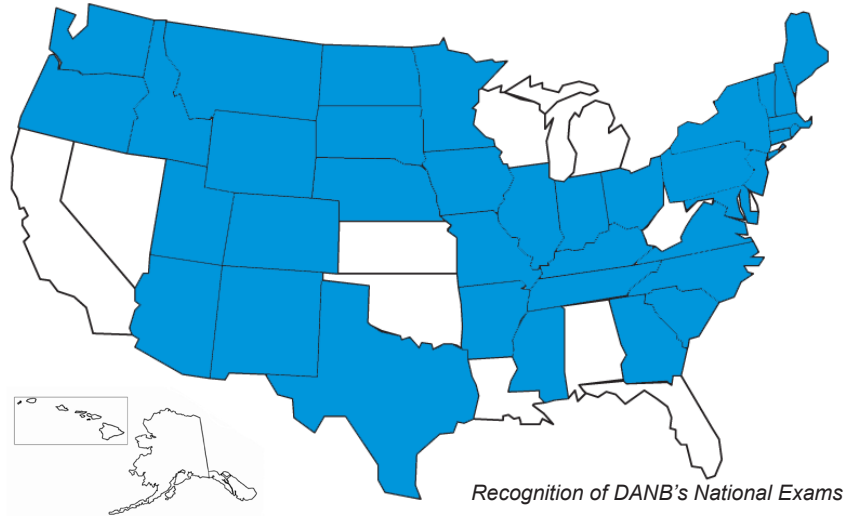
# Recognition of DANB Exams

DANB exams are recognized or required in 38 states, plus the District of Columbia.

## DANB's CDA certification is recognized or required in 29 states.

DANB's CDA certification is recognized or required to perform expanded functions\* in Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

DANB's CDA certification meets state requirements to expose radiographs\* in Arkansas, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wyoming.



Recognition of DANB's National Exams

## DANB's RHS Exam

DANB's RHS exam, a component of the CDA exam, is recognized or required in 20 states and the District of Columbia to expose radiographs\*: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, D.C., Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

## DANB's ICE Exam

DANB's ICE exam, a component of the CDA and COA exams, meets state requirements for infection control\* in Iowa, New York and North Dakota.

## DANB-Administered State-Specific Exams

DANB offers state-specific exams in Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Washington.

## U.S. Military and Federal Agencies Recognition

DANB's CDA certification and RHS certificate of competency meet the Department of Veterans Affairs' requirement for expanded duties dental assistant designation. The Indian Health Services and all branches of the U.S. Military encourage DANB certification. DANB's CDA exam is approved for the Gls-to-Jobs program under the Montgomery Bill. DANB is collaborating with the Air Force Dental Service (AFDS) to administer the RHS and ICE exams.

*"My life as a CDA is very fulfilling. Being a military spouse, my CDA credentials made it a lot easier to seek employment in the many states we were transferred to. There were some times I had employment before we arrived in the new state." — DANB Certificant*

## DANB COA Exam

DANB's COA certification is recognized or required to perform expanded functions\* in Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Oregon.

## DANB's CPFDA Exam

DANB's Coronal Polish exam, a component of the CPFDA exam, is recognized in Arizona, New Mexico and Ohio.

DANB's Sealants and Topical Fluoride exams, components of the CPFDA exam, are recognized in New Mexico.

\*Additional requirements may apply. Please check with your state's dental board for complete information.