

# DANB enforces disciplinary policy

As part of its mission to protect the public, DANB is very serious about enforcing its professional conduct and disciplinary policies. DANB individuals — including DANB exam applicants, DANB exam candidates, DANB certificants and those who hold DANB certificates of knowledgebased competence — are responsible for abiding by DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures and DANB's Code of Professional Conduct. DANB may investigate individuals and impose sanctions for violations such as dishonest or irregular behavior, fraudulent credentials, submitting falsified information to DANB, misuse of DANB trademarks, compromising the security of DANB exams, or assisting others in violating DANB's policies.

DANB's disciplinary policy and code of professional conduct can be downloaded from DANB's website at <https://www.danb.org/exams/forms-and-policies>.

To report a DANB individual in violation of DANB policies, please see the "Complaint Process" section of the page linked above, or contact Karen Capuano at [kcapuano@danb.org](mailto:kcapuano@danb.org) or 1-800-367-3262, ext. 463.

The following reflects cases that received DANB disciplinary actions and sanctions from Jan. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2023.

## Case #1: Oregon

**Circumstances:** An individual misrepresented their status as a dental assistant certified in specific functions in Oregon by creating and submitting a fraudulent Oregon Expanded Functions Dental Assistant certificate to a potential employer.

**Sanctions:** The individual's eligibility to take exams administered by DANB and for which DANB determines eligibility was permanently revoked.

## Case #2: New Jersey

**Circumstances:** An individual possessed DANB's intellectual property, namely items from DANB's Orthodontic Assisting (OA) exam, which is copyright protected, and posted this information on the quizlet.com website.

**Sanctions:** The individual's Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) certification was revoked and their eligibility to take the OA exam was temporarily revoked until Jan. 1, 2025. DANB notified the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry that the individual no longer qualifies to hold a license as a Registered Dental Assistant.

## Case #3: New Jersey

**Circumstances:** An individual possessed DANB's intellectual property, namely items from DANB's OA exam, which is copyright protected.

**Sanctions:** The individual's eligibility to take the OA exam was temporarily revoked until Jan. 1, 2025.

### Case #4: Pennsylvania

**Circumstances:** An individual manufactured a fraudulent Preliminary/Unofficial Exam Result and submitted this fraudulent document to DANB in an attempt to falsely show evidence of having passed DANB's Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP); Infection Control (ICE); and Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exams.

**Sanctions:** The individual's eligibility to take exams administered by DANB and for which DANB determines eligibility was permanently revoked.

### Case #5: Arizona

**Circumstances:** An individual engaged in cheating during their online proctored exam appointment by allowing another person to attempt to take the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam.

**Sanctions:** The individual's eligibility to take exams administered by DANB and for which DANB determines eligibility was permanently revoked.