



# Maryland Dental Radiation Technologist Requirements

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The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE) regulates the duties of dental assistants in the state of Maryland. Under its regulations, the MSBDE allows dental assistants to operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures. The MSBDE requires passing the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) Radiation Health and Safety (RHS<sup>®</sup>) exam to earn the state's certificate in dental radiologic technology.

To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Maryland, a dental assistant must hold a state certificate as a Dental Radiation Technologist.

To obtain this state certificate, one must complete all of the following requirements:

1. Be at least 18 years of age
2. Be of good moral character
3. Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent
4. Successfully complete a dental radiography course (minimum of 24 hours) approved by the MSBDE (see p. 2)
5. Pass the DANB RHS or Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam
6. **Apply** for state certification from the MSBDE after completing all of the above requirements.

**Note: On-the-job training does not qualify a dental assistant to operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Maryland.**

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

Note: An individual holding an active radiology license or certification in another state may apply for Maryland Dental Radiation Technologist Certification by Waiver of Examination if he or she has engaged in practicing dental radiation technology for at least 150 hours in the three years preceding application and meets any ADA or federal requirements. In addition, all Dental Radiation Technologists seeking to renew or reinstate their certificates shall have completed a two-hour, Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners-approved course in infection control.

Also, Dental Radiation Technologists who renew state certification must have completed an implicit bias training program approved by the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program. This requirement applies only to the first renewal after April 1, 2022.

Candidates for DANB's RHS or CDA exam may **apply online** or download a PDF application at .

Direct all questions regarding the DANB RHS and CDA exam to DANB at 1-800-367-3262 or danbmail@danb.org.

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## Maryland State-Approved Dental Radiography Courses

Course Code	Course Name
1504	All State Career
0430	Allegany College of Maryland
0424	Anne Arundel Community College (Arnold)
0429	Carroll Community College (Westminster)
0420	Center of Applied Technology, Edgewater (Edgewater)
0524	Chesapeake College for Allied Health (Easton)
0422	College of Southern Maryland (LaPlata)
0442	Dental Assistant School of Maryland (Burtonsville)
0428	DATS (Bethesda)
0404	Essex Community College/The Community College of Baltimore County (Baltimore)
0410	Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center (Leonardstown)
0405	Frederick Community College (Frederick)
0408	Fortis Institute (Towson)
4178	Gandhi Health Care LLC Expanded Function DA Training Program
0425	Hagerstown Community College (Hagerstown)
0436	Hands On Dental Assistant Training
0440	Hands On Dental Assistant Training- Online Class
0406	Harford Community College (Bel Air)
0414	Hygiene Associates (Rockville)
0438	Maryland Dental Assistant School
0421	Maryland State Dental Association – Radiography
0423	Prince George Community College (Largo)
1512	Southern Maryland Dental Society (College Park)
0437	Vivian Thomas Medical Arts Academy
0415	Wor-Wic Technical Community College (Salisbury)

Some programs may no longer be offered, but received prior Maryland Board approval.

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