



Dental Assisting  
National Board

# 2025 Oregon EFODA Certificate Application Packet (Pathway I)

Oregon Expanded Functions Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)  
certificate – Pathway I

Includes an application for the:

To earn the Oregon EFODA certificate, a candidate must:

1. Successfully complete a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited dental assisting program and enclose proof of graduation
2. Submit application for the Oregon EFODA certificate to DANB (see p. 5)

## DANB Contact, Forms and Policies



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When applying for a DANB-issued state certificate, you are responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with the policies and procedures in the [State Candidate Handbook](#).

Find all of DANB's policies and forms at [www.danb.org/exams/forms-and-policies](http://www.danb.org/exams/forms-and-policies).

DANB accepts 2025 exam applications through Dec. 31, 2025.

# Eligibility Pathways for Expanded Functions Orthodontic Dental Assistants in Oregon

Performance of EFODA functions in Oregon is regulated by the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD). The Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB) administers the Oregon EFODA certificate program on behalf of the Oregon Board of Dentistry, a service that includes providing information regarding exams and certifications, distributing application materials, administering the required exams and issuing certificates.

To perform expanded orthodontic functions in Oregon, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA). To qualify, one must meet requirements of one of these pathway:

<p><b>Pathway I</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Successfully complete a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited dental assisting program and submit proof of graduation</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Apply to DANB for the Oregon EFODA certificate</li></ol>	<p><b>Pathway II</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pass the DANB Certified Dental Assistant™ (CDA®) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA®) exam</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions — Orthodontic Assisting (ORXO) exam (administered by DANB)</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Provide endorsement from an Oregon licensed dentist stating that the applicant has completed the clinical requirements</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Apply to DANB for the Oregon EFODA certificate</li></ol>	<p><b>Pathway III</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pass the DANB Infection Control exam (ICE®)*</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions — Orthodontic Assisting exam (ORXO)</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Provide endorsement from an Oregon licensed dentist stating that the applicant has completed the clinical requirements</li></ol> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Apply to DANB for the Oregon EFODA certificate</li></ol>	<p><b>Pathway IV</b> (contact <a href="mailto:yipservice@danb.org">yipservice@danb.org</a> to confirm eligibility and request a pathway 4 application)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's requirements</li></ol> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Obtain verification from a licensed dentist of having been employed for at least 1,000 hours (outside the state of Oregon) in the past two years as a dental assistant performing expanded orthodontic functions permitted in Oregon</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Apply to DANB for the Oregon EFODA certificate</li></ol>
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\* Candidates who passed the Oregon Basic (ORB) exam prior to its discontinuation in January 2024 may still use their ORB results to qualify for an Oregon expanded function certificate.

**IMPORTANT:** Candidates must receive EFODA certification within six months of passing required exams

Upon completion of a CODA-accredited dental assisting program, a **dental assistant is authorized to perform expanded function orthodontic duties under the indirect supervision of a dentist for six months**. The authorized dental assistant must submit the EFODA pathway 1 certificate application and CODA graduation documentation to DANB within that 6-month period or they are no longer able to perform expanded function orthodontic duties under indirect supervision until they earn the EFODA certificate

**If a dental assistant goes beyond the 6-month authorization period without earning their EFODA certificate, they will ONLY be able to perform expanded function orthodontic duties under DIRECT supervision** of a licensed dentist until they submit the EFODA certificate pathway 1 application to DANB and earn the EFODA certificate.

Direct Supervision: A dentist must diagnose the condition to be treated, authorize the procedure to be performed, and remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.

Indirect Supervision: A dentist must authorize the procedures and be on the premises while the procedures are being performed. Unless otherwise specified, dental assistants work under indirect supervision in the dental office.

See the next page for a list of duties that holders of the Oregon EFODA certificate are authorized to perform.

*Inquiries regarding DANB exams, eligibility requirements and certificates should be addressed to DANB.*

*Inquiries regarding the state dental practice act should be addressed to:  
Oregon Board of Dentistry, 1500 SW 1st Ave., Ste. #770, Portland, OR 97201,  
or call 1-971-673-3200*

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## **Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant Duties**

An Oregon EFODA certificate allows a dental assistant to perform the following duties:

- remove orthodontic bands and brackets and attachments with removal of the bonding material and cement using an ultrasonic scaler, hand scaler, or slow-speed handpiece
- select or try orthodontic bands for fit
- recement loose orthodontic bands
- place and remove orthodontic separators
- prepare teeth for bonding or placement of orthodontic appliances and select, pre-position and cure orthodontic brackets, attachments and/or retainers after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist
- fit and adjust headgear
- remove fixed orthodontic appliances
- remove and replace orthodontic wires
- place and ligate archwires; place elastic ligatures or chains as directed
- cut archwires; and take impressions for study models or temporary oral devices such as, but not limited to, space maintainers, orthodontic retainers and occlusal guards

An EFODA may also perform additional expanded functions that are not listed here under general supervision or after completing additional education/training in those functions. For details, see the "Allowable and Prohibited Duties" chart linked from the Oregon page in the State Requirements area of DANB's website ([www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org)).

# Application Statements

Please read the following Application Statements carefully. The Application Statements apply to all DANB-administered national and state-specific exams, certificate and certification renewal applications. The 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, a certificate and/or certification, in accordance with and subject to the procedures and policies of DANB and the regulations and requirements of any state agency on behalf of which DANB administers an exam or certificate program. 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, and the Candidate Handbook or State Candidate Handbook if applicable, covering eligibility for and the administration of exams, certificates, the certification process, and DANB policies, including but not limited to DANB's Code of Professional Conduct and DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures. I agree to disqualification from the exam, to denial of an exam result, certificate or certification, and to forfeiture and return to DANB of any exam result, certificate granted me by DANB, 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 policies. I agree to comply with any investigation in which I am named, and I authorize DANB to make whatever inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify my eligibility, 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 administered by DANB, any scoring relating thereto, the failure to issue me an exam result, certificate, or any demand for forfeiture or return of such exam result, 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 credentialing activities which include all DANB-administered exams and certificates. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DECISION AS TO WHETHER I HAVE MET REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO A DANB-ADMINISTERED EXAM OR RECEIPT OF A DANB-ADMINISTERED EXAM RESULT, CERTIFICATE OR CERTIFICATION 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 DANB-administered credentials 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, 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, or by providing it through my online DANB account, I am consenting to receive email messages from DANB and its official affiliates related to their products and services or news affecting the oral healthcare profession. I understand that DANB agrees not to provide my email address to any other third party, excluding federal, national or state regulatory bodies, 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](http://www.danb.org).
5. I authorize DANB to release my exam results and credential status to state regulatory agencies. Individuals cannot opt out of DANB release of exam results or credential status 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 or certificate 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 before, 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. I agree to comply with any investigation regarding my behavior, acts or omissions, related to DANB exams, certificates and/or certifications.
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.



# 2025 Oregon EFODA Certificate Application – Pathway I

This application will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2025.

- 1. Enclose proof of CODA-accredited dental assisting program completion.
- 2. Candidate must sign, date and submit all required documentation and nonrefundable certificate fee to DANB. **Incomplete applications will be denied.**
- 3. Mail or email completed application and supporting documentation to DANB. Full payment is required at the time of application.

**OR-EFODA  
Certificate**

## Section A: Signature and Date (Please sign and date with a pen.)

I hereby affirm that my answers to all questions are true and correct, I have met all eligibility requirements, and I will comply with all DANB and OBD policies and procedures. I further affirm that I have read and understood the Application Statements contained in this packet, and I intend to be legally bound by them. I understand that the certificate fee is not refundable under any circumstances. I hereby apply in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the certificate. I hereby agree that prior or subsequent to issuance, the OBD or DANB may investigate my eligibility and may refuse to issue the certificate and such refusal may not and shall not be questioned by me in any court of law or equity or other tribunal, nor shall I have any claim in the event of such refusal to a return of the certificate fee accompanying the application.

Signature  Date

## Section B: Candidate Information (Please type or print with a pen.)

Last Four SSN  Date of Birth

Name (must match current ID exactly):

Last  First  Middle Name/Initial

Prior Name (if applicable)  Email (required)

Home Address  City  State  Zip

Phone Numbers (at least one is required):

Office  Cell or Home

## Section C: CODA- Accredited Dental Assisting Program

CODA-Accredited Dental Assisting Program Code (see [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org))

\*documentation is also required

## Section D: Payment (Please type or print with a pen.)

Check/Money Order payable to DANB (must include candidate’s name and be in U.S. dollars)

**OR-EFODA  
Certificate**

Credit Card Authorization (VISA, MasterCard, Discover & American Express accepted): Amount **\$50.00**  
(nonrefundable)

Credit Card Number  CVV  Expiration  /

Cardholder’s Name

Cardholder’s Billing Address  City

State  Zip  Daytime Phone Number

Cardholder’s Signature

By signing, the cardholder acknowledges intent to apply for the certificate shown above in the amount of the total shown hereon and agrees to perform the obligations set forth in the cardholder’s agreement with the issuer. (See the *Application Statements* for further requirements.)

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Questions? 800-367-3262 or [danbmail@danb.org](mailto:danbmail@danb.org)

Email application to: [financefax@danb.org](mailto:financefax@danb.org)  
Do not submit twice or you will be charged twice.

# Application Checklist

## Have you:

- Read the instructions and information in this application packet?
- 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.4)
- Filled out the certificate application in its entirety?
- Signed and dated the certificate application?
- Enclosed the certificate fee or provided credit card information?
- Enclosed the proof of CODA-accredited dental assisting program completion?
- Made a copy of your entire application packet for your records?
- Addressed your envelope OR prepared your information to be emailed?

## Mail to:

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

## Email credit card payments only to:

financefax@danb.org

## If you have not:

- completed the application in full,
- signed, dated and enclosed your application and 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 certificate applications will be denied and the \$50 nonrefundable certificate fee will be retained by DANB.**