



Dental Assisting  
National Board

# 2024 Oregon EFPDA Certificate Application Packet (Pathway I)

Includes applications for the following:

- Oregon Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistant (EFPDA) certificate – Pathway I

To earn the Oregon EFPDA certificate through Pathway I, a candidate must:

1. Hold the Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (ORCR)
2. Successfully complete a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited dental assisting program and enclose proof of graduation

## 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 2024 exam applications through Dec. 31, 2024.

# Eligibility Pathways for Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistants (EFPDA) in Oregon

**\*NOTICE: Beginning June 1, 2024, the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam will no longer be administered. DANB will no longer accept applications for the ORB exam after January 5, 2024. To meet the Pathway III eligibility requirements for EFDA, EFODA, and EFPDA, candidates will instead be required to pass DANB's ICE exam. Candidates who passed the ORB prior to its discontinuation will still be able to use their ORB result to qualify for an Oregon expanded function certificate.**

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

An Oregon EFPDA certificate allows a dental assistant to perform the following function under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist: polish the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains providing the patient is checked by a dentist or dental hygienist after the procedure is performed, prior to discharge.

An EFPDA may apply pit and fissure sealants under the indirect supervision of a dentist or dental hygienist after successful completion of a CODA-accredited program or other course approved by the Oregon Board, provided the patient is examined before the sealants are placed and the procedure is checked by a dentist or dental hygienist prior to dismissal of the patient. Sealants must be placed within 45 days of the procedure being authorized by a dentist or dental hygienist.

To perform expanded preventive functions in Oregon under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistant (EFPDA). To qualify, one must meet the requirements of one of the following pathways:

## Pathway I

1. Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (ORCR)  
**AND**
2. Successfully complete a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited dental assisting program and submit graduation documentation  
**AND THEN**
3. Apply to DANB for the for Oregon EFPDA certificate

## Pathway II

1. Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (ORCR)  
**AND**
2. Pass the DANB Infection Control (ICE) exam  
**AND**
3. Pass one of the following exams:
  - a) DANB Coronal Polishing (CP) exam **OR**
  - b) DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) exam **OR**
  - c) Oregon Expanded Functions — General Dental Assisting exam (ORXG)**AND**
4. Provide endorsement from a dentist licensed in Oregon stating that the applicant has completed clinical requirements  
**AND THEN**
5. Apply to DANB for the for Oregon EFPDA certificate

## Pathway III

1. Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (ORCR)  
**AND**
2. Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam (ORB)  
**AND**
3. Pass one of the following exams:
  - a) DANB Coronal Polishing (CP) exam **OR**
  - b) DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) exam **OR**
  - c) Oregon Expanded Functions — General Dental Assisting exam (ORXG)**AND**
4. Provide endorsement from a dentist licensed in Oregon stating that the applicant has completed clinical requirements  
**AND THEN**
5. Apply to DANB for the for Oregon EFPDA certificate

## Pathway IV

1. Be certified in another state with requirements similar to Oregon's  
**OR**  
Obtain verification from a licensed dentist of having been employed (outside the state of Oregon) for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant performing permitted expanded preventive functions  
**AND THEN**
2. Apply to DANB for the for Oregon EFPDA certificate

Inquiries regarding exams, certificates, and eligibility requirements should be addressed to DANB at 1-800-367-3262.

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.

## 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.



# 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.3)
- 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?
- Enclosed copy of Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency certificate?
- Made a copy of your entire application packet for your records?
- Addressed your envelope OR prepared your information to be emailed?

## Mail to:

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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,
- enclosed supporting 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.**

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