



Dental Assisting
National Board

2023 ORBXO Exam

Application Packet

Includes applications for the following:

- Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (**ORB**) exam
- Oregon Expanded Functions — Orthodontic Assisting (**ORXO**) exam
- Oregon Basic and Oregon Orthodontic Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (**ORBXO**) exam (both **ORB** and **ORXO** taken together)

DANB Contact, Forms and Policies



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When applying for a DANB-issued state exam, 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.

DANB accepts 2023 exam applications through Dec. 31, 2023.

Exam Requirements for Oregon Certificates

Depending on the pathway chosen, candidates may be required to pass DANB exams to be eligible for the following Oregon certificates:

- Oregon Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)
- Oregon Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)
- Oregon Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistant (EFPDA)

Below is a chart of the exams required for each certificate by pathway. Please note, this chart does not represent all pathways and requirements to earn certificates. Visit <https://www.danb.org/Meet-State-Requirements/State-Specific-Information/Oregon.aspx> for full details.

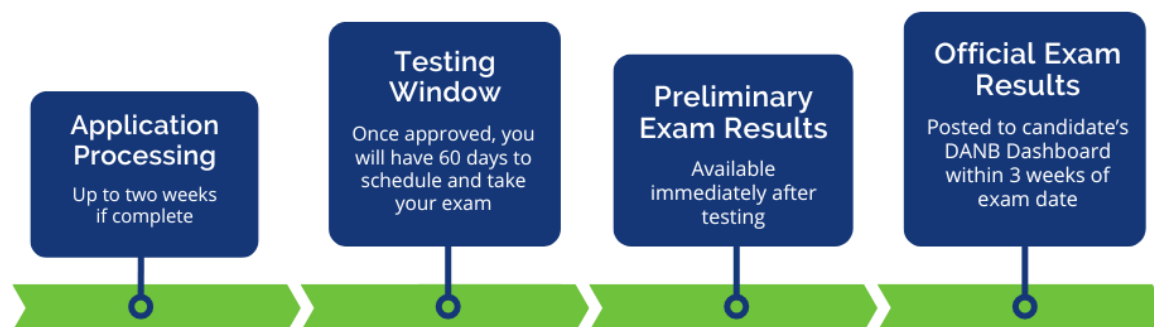
To apply for the CDA, COA, ICE, or CPFDA exams, please visit <https://www.danb.org/Become-Certified/Exams-and-Certifications.aspx> to submit an application online or by mail or fax.

Certificate	Exams Required
EFDA Pathway II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam
EFDA Pathway IIIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam
EFDA Pathway IIIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Infection Control (ICE) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam
EFODA Pathway II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam OR ○ DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—Orthodontic Assisting (ORXO) exam
EFODA Pathway IIIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Infection Control (ICE) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—Orthodontic Assisting (ORXO) exam
EFODA Pathway IIIB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam • Oregon Expanded Functions—Orthodontic Assisting (ORXO) exam
EFPDA Pathway II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DANB Infection Control (ICE) Exam • Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DANB Coronal Polishing (CP) exam OR ○ DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) exam OR ○ Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam
EFPDA Pathway III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Basic Dental Assisting (ORB) exam • Choice of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DANB Coronal Polishing (CP) exam OR ○ DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) exam OR ○ Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting (ORXG) exam

Testing with DANB

Timeline

Overview of exam timeline once DANB receives your application and payment.



DANB ID Policy

When taking an exam, you must present one form of identification (ID) at your exam appointment.

Your ID must be:

- Currently valid, non-expired
- Government-issued
- Photo-bearing
- Signature-bearing
- In roman (not italic) characters
- The exact name as listed in your online DANB account

The printed name on the ID must match the name as it appears in DANB's database. Differences due to marital status changes without supplemental documentation are not allowed. The middle name is not required and does not need to be spelled out, but, if used, the first letter of the middle name must match the spelled-out name. If the name listed on your account does not exactly match your ID, a Name Change Request must be processed through your DANB Dashboard with acceptable documentation. Contact DANB if any assistance is needed.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- U.S. driver's license
- Valid passport
- Military ID card
- U.S. ID card/State ID
- A U.S. government-issued permanent resident card (commonly known as the green card, formerly known as the alien registration card)
- Any other U.S. government-issued ID card bearing the your photograph and signature

You will not be allowed to take the exam if the name on the ID does not match the registered name exactly, and you would need to reapply. See the Missed Exam Appointment section for details.

Nondiscrimination Policy

DANB does not discriminate in application, exam or certification activities on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

Reasonable Accommodations for Candidates with Documented Disabilities

Please see the [Reasonable Accommodations form](#) for complete information on accommodations.

Scheduling an Exam Appointment

Once your application is approved, you will receive a notification from DANB by email that provides a link to schedule your exam at a test center. You will have 60 days from the date your application is approved to schedule and take your exam.

You should schedule the exam appointment as soon as you receive an email from DANB, as appointments may be limited. Instructions are provided by email and within your online DANB account to schedule the exam appointment. Specific in-person test center locations, dates or times cannot be guaranteed; changes to in-person test center locations and/or hours may occur without notice.

Canceling or Rescheduling an Exam Appointment

All exams can be canceled or rescheduled online through Pearson VUE. Exams scheduled at a test center can be canceled or rescheduled up to 24 hours before the appointment time. Online proctored exams can be cancelled or rescheduled up until the time of the exam. To cancel or reschedule your exam, please follow the steps below:

1. Log in to your DANB account to access your DANB Dashboard.
2. Select the exam you would like to reschedule under the heading “Applications in Process.”
3. Click the “Schedule Exam” button.
4. Select your upcoming exam appointment within your Pearson Dashboard.
5. Follow the prompts to cancel or reschedule your exam.
6. Confirm your new appointment or cancellation details in the automated email sent from Pearson. If you did not receive an email from Pearson, your exam appointment has not been canceled or rescheduled.

Requesting a New Testing Window

If you cannot schedule or reschedule an exam appointment before the end of your original 60-day testing window, you may request a new 60-day testing window **one time**. The request must be submitted within 60 days after the end of your original testing window. If you do not take the exam within the new testing window, you must submit a new exam application with any required documentation and full fees. Any testing window received at a reduced fee is not eligible for a refund. For additional information, please see the required [Request a New Testing Window form](#).

Canceling a Testing Window and Requesting a Partial Refund

If you do not wish to take the DANB exam for which you applied and would like to request a partial refund, you must submit a [Request to Cancel a Testing Window form](#). For additional information, please see the required [form](#).

Missed Exam Appointment

Any exam that is missed for any reason other than a documented emergency may be rescheduled at a reduced fee ONE TIME by following the below steps:

1. Access the exam application on your DANB Dashboard by clicking the name of the missed exam, AND
2. Submit a request and payment for the new 60-day testing window within 60 days of the Missed Exam date. The new testing window will start immediately upon successful submission of the request.

Exams are considered missed if you were not able to take your scheduled exam for any reason. This includes (but is not limited to): arriving late, providing an unacceptable ID, confusion over appointment details, and any technical issues for online testing.

If you do not submit your request within 60 days, you must reapply for the exam with the full fee.

Missed Exam Appointment Due to Emergency

At discretion, DANB may issue candidates a new 60-day testing window with no additional cost for qualifying emergencies. To submit a request for a new testing window, following an emergency, you must:

1. Access the exam application on your DANB Dashboard by clicking the name of the missed exam, AND
2. Submit a request with a description of your emergency with dated supporting documentation within 60 days of the missed exam appointment.

Requests will be reviewed within 3-5 business days. Approved requests will receive a new 60-day testing window at no additional fee. If an emergency is denied, please see Missed Exam Appointment section above.

Fair Testing Policy

DANB does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

DANB seeks to ensure a fair and equitable testing experience for all individuals while ensuring the security and reliability of the process. Improper behavior is not acceptable before, during or after an exam appointment, and each candidate's behavior is monitored during testing. Consequences of improper behavior may include invalidation of exam results and/or revocation of ability to take future exams. For examples of improper behavior, see DANB's Disciplinary Policy & Procedures, available at www.danb.org.

About DANB Exams

How to Prepare to Take an Exam

STEP 1: REVIEW THE EXAM OUTLINE

The outlines identify every topic found on a particular exam. Review each topic and identify the areas in which you need further study.

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR STUDY MATERIALS

Obtain study materials. Options include:

- Suggested reference list (see p. 8)
- Textbooks and other reference materials
- The DALE Foundation's review courses and study aides (the DALE Foundation is the only official DANB affiliate)

STEP 3: MAKE A STUDY PLAN

- Reading and re-reading is usually not enough
- Review previously studied topics every few days
- Assist in understanding by tying what you learn to real-life experiences
- Understand the rationale for correct performance and not just how to perform a procedure
- Make a practice test and use flashcards

The ORB and ORXO exams are composed of multiple-choice questions. Areas tested in the exams are listed at right by function. Background information in the following areas may be included where such information is necessary for the performance of the function: Morphology, Histology, Physiology, Pharmacology, Pathology, General Anatomy, Dental Anatomy, Microbiology, Chemistry, Psychology and Embryology.

ORB Exam Outline	
0-125 multiple-choice items 1½ hours testing time	
Domain	% of Items
1. Infection control and microbiology	20-25
2. Collection of clinical data	10-15
3. Management of emergencies	15-20
4. Occupational safety	10-15
5. Legal issues	10-15
6. Anatomy	10-15
7. General procedures	5-10

(placing/removing rubber dams and taking impressions)

ORXO Exam Outline	
60-70 multiple-choice items 1 hour testing time	
Domain	% of Items
1. Preparing teeth for bonding or placement of orthodontic appliances and selecting, pre-positioning and curing orthodontic brackets, attachments and/or retainers	25-30
2. Removing orthodontic bands, brackets and attachments with the removal of bonding material and cement, including the use of ultrasonic equipment	25-35
Selecting and sizing bands	5-10
Removal of separators	5-10
Selecting, placing and removing of archwires and ligature ties	10-15
Fitting and adjusting headgear	5-10
Removing fixed orthodontic appliances	5-10
Taking impressions for study models or temporary oral devices (e.g., space maintainers, orthodontic retainers and occlusal guards)	15-20

Exam References

Exam Reference Materials

DANB exam committees use the textbooks and reference materials listed below to develop this exam. This list does not include all the available textbooks and materials for studying for this exam; these are simply the resources that exam committee subject matter experts have determined provide the most up-to-date information needed to meet or surpass a determined level of competency for this exam. Any one reference will likely not include all the material required to study to take and pass the exam. This list is intended to help prepare for this exam. It is not intended to be an endorsement of any of the publications listed. You should prepare for DANB exams using as many different study materials as possible.

You may obtain the reference materials listed through various libraries and bookstores, or you may contact the publisher directly.

Oregon Basic Dental Assisting

1. Bird, Doni L., and Debbie S. Robinson. *Modern Dental Assisting*. 10th, 11th and 12th editions. Elsevier, 2011, 2015 and 2018.
2. Phinney, Donna J., and Judy H. Halstead. *Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach*, 3rd, 4th and 5th editions. Delmar, 2008, 2013 and 2018.
3. Oregon State Dental Practice Act. Sec. 818, Div. 42.

Oregon Expanded Functions – Orthodontic Assisting

1. Bird, Doni L., and Debbie S. Robinson. *Modern Dental Assisting*. 11th and 12th eds. Elsevier, 2015 and 2018.
2. Phinney, Donna J., and Judy H. Halstead. *Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach*, 4th and 5th editions. Delmar, 2013 and 2018.
3. Hatrick, Carol D., and W. S. Eakle. *Dental Materials: Clinical Applications for Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists*. 3rd ed. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier/Saunders, 2016.
4. Oregon State Dental Practice Act. Sec. 818, Div. 42.
5. Proffit, W. R., Fields, H.W., Larson, B.E. & Sarver, D. M. *Contemporary Orthodontics*. 5th and 6th eds. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier, 2013 and 2014.

Application Statements

Please read the following Application Statements carefully. These statements apply to all DANB state exams.

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.
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 and agreed to be bound by Oregon and DANB rules, regulations, policies and procedures as noted in this application packet? (See *Application Statements*, p. 5)
- Filled out the exam application in its entirety?
- Signed and dated the exam application?
- Enclosed the *Reasonable Accommodations Request* forms, if needed? Note: These forms can be found on www.danb.org.
- Enclosed the exam fee or provided credit card information?
- 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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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
- 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 exam applications will be denied and a refund, minus the \$75 nonrefundable application fee, will be issued.