



Dental Assisting  
National Board

# 2026 WARE Exam

## Application Packet

Includes an application for the:

- Washington State Restorative (WARE) Exam

### 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 DANB policies and forms at [www.danb.org/exams/forms-and-policies](http://www.danb.org/exams/forms-and-policies).

DANB accepts 2026 exam applications through Dec. 31, 2026.

# Washington Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Requirements

To become an Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) in Washington, a dental assistant must:

- 1a. Graduate from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited dental assisting program; **OR**
- 1b. Be DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certified (after meeting DANB CDA or General Chairside Assisting exam pathway II eligibility requirements, and completing an additional dental assisting review course);  
**AND**
2. Complete an EFDA course approved by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC)  
**AND**
3. Pass the WARE\* exam administered by DANB  
**AND**
4. Pass the clinical restorative exam administered by the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) or the Central Regional Testing Service (CRDTS)  
**AND**
5. Provide any other information determined by DQAC  
**AND**
6. Apply to DQAC for an EFDA license

EFDA's must hold current and valid health care provider basic life support (BLS) certification.

The first two requirements (1a or 1b, and 2) must be completed before applying to take the WARE exam.

*\*Note: An individual licensed in another state may be licensed as an EFDA in Washington without examination if the DQAC determines that the other state's licensing standards are substantially equivalent to Washington's standards. Contact the Washington Dental Quality Assurance Commission for application information.*

**This application packet provides information on the exam and exam requirements for dental assistants applying to be Washington Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries. Within guidelines established by state law, the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) in Washington determines exam policy and standards.**

Direct all questions regarding the WARE exam to DANB at 800-367-3262 or danbmail@danb.org.

All inquiries regarding licensure, eligibility requirements and requests for licensure applications should be addressed to: Dental Quality Assurance Commission, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852; 360-236-4700

The DQAC issues the state license when expanded functions requirements are met.

## Exam Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the WARE exam, an individual must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the correct fee.
2. Submit a completed application.
3. Graduate from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited dental assisting program or be a DANB CDA certificant.
  - a. Enclose a photocopy of the candidate's certificate of completion/diploma or an original official transcript in a sealed envelope from the school (document must show proof of program completion) OR enter the candidate's current DANB CDA certification number on the application
4. Successfully complete a DQAC-approved training program for qualifying expanded function dental auxiliary. DANB will also accept applications from candidates who are scheduled to complete the training program within 30 days of applying for the exam. Acceptable programs are listed below.
  - a. Enclose a photocopy of a certificate of completion or official transcript (in a sealed envelope from the school) from a DQAC-approved EFDA course, indicating course completion OR
  - b. If completing the program within 30 days, enclose a letter from the program director on school letterhead (include candidate's name, name of the program, anticipated graduation date, signed and dated by program director)

## DQAC-Approved Programs in Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary

<b>Program Code</b>	<b>Program Name</b>
6704	Bellingham Technical College (September 2010-February 2021)
4218	Columbia Basin College (October 2023-present)
6703	Institute for Dental Education and Leadership Success (March 2010-December 2012)
6705	Naval School of Health Sciences-Expanded Functions Program (1997-present)
6706	Naval School of Health Sciences- Advanced Dental Assistant Program (2007-present)
6702	Seattle Central Community College (July 2009-December 2015, September 2022-present)
6701	South Puget Sound Community College (March 2009-present)
6700	Spokane Community College (December 2008-present)

*List last reviewed on November 24, 2025.*

# Testing with DANB

## Timeline

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



\*Processing times may increase during busy periods or if the application submitted is not complete.

## DANB ID Policy

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

The candidate's 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. The ID must be original; copies of IDs are not acceptable.

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 card
- A U.S. government-issued permanent resident card

Candidates who are under the age of 18 taking an online proctored exam are permitted to present a valid student ID as a form of identification, as long as their parent or legal guardian presents a DANB-accepted form of ID during check-in. In addition, for exams administered through online proctoring, the candidate's guardian must also provide verbal consent during the check-in process.

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, examination, or certification activities on the basis of age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, ancestry, marital status, citizenship or immigration status, status as a veteran, race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, other non-medically relevant factors, physical, mental or other disability, or medical condition.

## 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. 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 by the candidate up to 24 hours before the appointment time. Online proctored exams can be cancelled or rescheduled by the candidate 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 VUE Dashboard.
5. Follow the prompts to cancel or reschedule your exam. Don't forget the last step, which includes a "Confirm" button.
6. Verify your new appointment or cancellation details in the automated email sent from Pearson VUE. If you did not receive an email from Pearson VUE, 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](#). If the payer of the exam is someone other than the candidate, the payer cannot cancel a testing window on the candidate's behalf. Only the candidate can submit the Request to Cancel a Testing Window. 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 submitting the [Missed Exam Form](#) and payment 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 or testing environment issues for online testing.

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

For online proctored exams: You must complete the check-in process no later than 15 minutes after the start of your scheduled exam appointment or your appointment will be declared missed. During the exam check-in process, if there are any technical issues, including an unstable internet connection, or you cannot meet the setup procedures, it may delay the check-in process and/or cause you to miss your scheduled exam. Exams can only be held for 15 minutes past the exam start time, so it is your responsibility to ensure that all necessary check-in steps have been successfully completed prior to that time to begin exam delivery. If you experience internet problems during your exam, such as an unstable internet connection, the exam may not be successfully delivered. If this happens, your exam will be recorded as missed and no refund will be provided.

## 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.

## Exam Payer Policies

If the payer of an exam is someone other than the exam candidate (e.g., employer, school, or parent), please be aware of these policies. After applying for an exam, candidates are responsible for scheduling their exam after receiving an email from DANB. Once the exam is authorized, candidates must schedule and take their exam within their 60-day testing window. Only the candidate can schedule, reschedule, or cancel the exam. The payer cannot cancel an exam or testing window on the candidate's behalf. For in-person exams, candidates must cancel their exam appointment with Pearson VUE more than 24 hours in advance. Online proctored exams can be canceled at any point up until the exam appointment start time. Candidates must then submit a [Request to Cancel a Testing Window](#) before their 60-day testing window expires. If the candidate cancels the exam before it is authorized, a refund will be provided to the payer, minus the \$75 processing fee. If the candidate cancels an exam after it is authorized, a refund will be provided to the payer, minus the \$40 cancellation fee and the \$75 processing fee. If the candidate received and redeems an exam code, the exam code cannot be reassigned to another candidate. DANB can confirm to payers the receipt of any DANB exam application, the date received, and the pass/fail status of exams leading to certifications or certificates.

## Fair Testing Policy

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](http://www.danb.org).

We value your feedback and encourage you to share information about your experience. Please email [danbmail@danb.org](mailto:danbmail@danb.org) to provide feedback about your experience, including the application process or your experience on testing day.

# 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. 9)
- 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

## WARE Exam Outline

125 multiple-choice items • 1 ½ hours testing time

Domain	% of Items
<b>I. RESTORATIVE FOUNDATION TOPICS</b>	<b>7</b>
a. Armamentarium	
b. Matrices, retainers and wedges	
c. Tissue management	
d. Cavity classifications (I through VI)	
e. Cavity preparation terminology	
f. Bonding, bases and liners	
<b>II. AMALGAM RESTORATIONS</b>	<b>18</b>
a. Properties of amalgam	
b. Patient management	
c. Moisture control and contamination prevention	
d. Place, condense and carve amalgam restorations	
e. Check and adjust occlusions	
f. Evaluate restorations	
g. Post-operative instructions	
<b>III. COMPOSITE RESTORATIONS</b>	<b>30</b>
a. Rationale for composite restorations	
b. Composite resin, glass ionomer and compomer materials	
1. Uses	
2. Advantages/disadvantages	
3. Indications/contraindications	
4. Placing/finishing	
5. Properties	
c. Shade selection	
d. Moisture control and contamination prevention	
e. Place, finish and evaluate restorations	
f. Check and adjust occlusion	
g. Post-operative instructions	
<b>IV. FINAL IMPRESSIONS</b>	<b>24</b>
a. Common anatomical anomalies	
b. Fixed and removable prosthesis	
c. Impression materials	

1. Preliminary
2. Polyether
3. Polysulfide
4. Polyvinyl siloxane
5. Reversible hydrocolloid
- d. Management of material when using more than one material simultaneously
- e. Alter setting time
- f. Tray selection
- g. Moisture control and isolation
- h. Gingival deflection and retraction including hemostasis
- i. Patient management
- j. Insertion and removal of impression tray
- k. Evaluation final impressions
- l. Manage final impressions
- m. Laboratory prescription
- n. Computer assisted design and manufacture application
- o. Bite registration

## V. Preventive Functions

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- a. Coronal polishing
  1. Rationale for performing coronal polish
  2. Contraindications
  3. Modifications
  4. Dental deposits
  5. Abrasives and polishing agents
  6. Procedures, equipment and supplies
    - i. Dental handpiece
    - ii. Rubber prophyl cup
    - iii. Systematic procedure
    - iv. Prophyl brush
    - v. Dental tape and dental floss
  7. Auxiliary polishing aids
    - i. Bridge threaders
    - ii. Abrasive polishing strips
    - iii. Softwood points
    - iv. Interproximal brushes
- b. Fluoride
  1. Fluoridation
  2. Effects
  3. Fluoride in dental plaque
  4. Toxicity
  5. Forms
- c. Sealants
  1. Indications and contraindications
  2. Materials
  3. Placement

## 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 certification and component 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.

1. Bird, Doni L., and Debbie S. Robinson. *Modern Dental Assisting*. 13<sup>th</sup> ed. Elsevier, 2020.
2. Eakle, W. Stephan and Kimberly G. Bastin. *Dental Materials: Clinical Applications for Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Saunders, 2021.
3. Phinney, Donna J., and Judy H. Halstead. *Dental Assisting: A Comprehensive Approach*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Cengage, 2022.

## 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 provide online credential verification that will display my name, the DANB-administered credentials I hold, dates earned, current DANB certification status, and my city and state of residence. I further understand and agree that DANB may also provide verification to parties such as employers, educators, regulators, and government agencies regarding receipt of any DANB exam application and the date received, whether I hold DANB certifications, DANB certificates of knowledge-based competence and state-specific certificates administered by DANB, including the pass/fail status of exams leading to certificates.
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 DQAC and DANB rules, regulations, policies and procedures as noted in this application packet? (See *Application Statements*, p. 10)
- Filled out the exam application in its entirety?
- Signed and dated the exam application?
- Enclosed the application and exam fee or provided credit card information?
- Enclosed required documentation demonstrating completion of requirements
- Enclosed the *Reasonable Accommodations Request* forms, if needed?  
Note: these forms can be found at [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org).
- 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:*

<mailto:financefax@danb.org>

### If you have not:

- completed the application in full,
- enclosed, signed and dated 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 applications will be denied and a refund, minus the \$75 nonrefundable application fee, will be issued.**