

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta  
Standards of Practice

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**Standards of Practice**

Under the Authority of the  
Health Professions Act  
Section 133

**Introduction:** Compliance with this Standards of Practice requires that Dental Technologists and Dental Technicians (Regulated Member(s)) fabricate, duplicate, alter or repair custom made dental appliances in a quality manner. This Standards of Practice is required under the Health Professions Act. Regulated Members are required to follow this Standards of Practice.

**Definition:** A standards of practice for a profession sets out quality requirements that are essential to a Regulated Members' practice. This Standards of Practice sets out those quality requirements specific to dental technology.

**Purpose:** Provincial legislation has given the privilege of self-governing, self-regulating and self-discipline to the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (the College). As professionals, Regulated Members must adhere to this Standards of Practice, which informs professional responsibilities in the practice of dental technology.

**Duty:** It is the responsibility of each Regulated Member to know and understand and adhere to governing laws including the Health Professions Act, Dental Technologists Profession Regulation, Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics.

## **General Commentary**

### **The Practice of Dental Technology**

In their practice, Regulated Members do one or more of the following:

- a) Fabricate, duplicate, alter and repair prosthetic and orthodontic devices,
- b) Fit those devices when fitting is incidental to the fabrication, duplication, alteration or repair,
- (b.i) Teach, manage and conduct research in the science, techniques and practice of dental technology, and
- c) Provide restricted activities authorized by the Regulations.

### **Responsibilities**

- a) The needs and wellbeing of the Client are paramount;
- b) Provide appropriate care to your Clients, treat them with respect and do not exploit them for personal gain or advantage;
- c) Practice the profession of dental technology competently and without impairment;
- d) Practice within your competence and limitations and where necessary, refer to other Regulated Members or health care practitioners for additional opinions and services;
- e) Support and provide for the advancement of the profession; and
- f) Understand and adhere to the requirements of governing laws including the Health Professions Act, Dental Technologists Professions Regulation, Code of Ethics and these Standards of Practice.

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### **Specific Commentary**

**1. The Regulated Member provides quality service that is responsive to the needs and expectations of clients.**

**The Regulated Member must:**

- (a) Apply current and adequate skill and knowledge in the fabrication, duplication, alteration and repair of prosthetic and orthodontic dental devices;
- (b) Consistently meet the requirements and needs of Clients, including dentists, denturists or other approved health care providers and members of the public;
- (c) Exhibit professionalism in practice by communicating effectively throughout the provision of services; and
- (d) Ensure quality and safety to clients by applying aseptic techniques and environmental controls to ensure an adequate hygienic environment including the understanding and implementation of universal precautions. (<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page6410.aspx>)

**2. The Regulated Member is accountable and responsible for their own actions.**

**The Regulated Member must:**

- (a) Be accountable and responsible for their own actions and behavior to the Client, to his/her colleagues and to the College;
- (b) Practice within the dental technology scope of practice, including only performing restricted activities for which the member has been authorized by the Regulation;
- (c) Support the ongoing development and growth of knowledge of the profession;
- (d) Limit their own activities to those they are competent to perform and appropriate to their scope of practice and know the parameters of any restricted activities as permitted by the Regulation; and
- (e) Where appropriate, apply the processes outlined in this Standards of Practice to ensure compliance by staff under their direction and control.

**3. The Regulated Member practices within the governing laws of the profession.**

**The Regulated Member must:**

- (a) Follow applicable legislation including the Health Professions Act, Dental Technologists Profession Regulation, this Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics and Bylaws; and

- (b) Pursuant to relevant legislation protect the Clients right to privacy, autonomy, confidentiality and access to information.

**4. The Regulated Member will engage in lifelong professional development to improve knowledge and enhance professional competence.**

**The Regulated Member must:**

- (a) Comply with the continued competence requirements established by the Regulation, document continuing competence activities and submit them to the Registrar as required;
- (b) Meet the requirements for and pay any fees for renewal of practice permits with the College;
- (c) Create and maintain accurate records of Client prescription, Client history and services rendered for a minimum of seven years, while maintaining confidentiality; and
- (d) Use ethical and appropriate accounting and billing practices.

## Definitions

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Clients: A Dentist, Denturist, any other authorized health professional and members of the public.

College: The governing body of the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta as set forth in the Health Professions Act of Alberta.

Continuing Competence Requirements: Those requirements as set forth in the Dental Technologists Profession Regulation.

Regulation: Dental Technologists Profession Regulation, Alberta Regulation 243/2004.

Restricted Activities: Those requirements as set forth in the Dental Technologists Profession Regulation.

## References

### This Standard of Practice for the Profession of Dental Technologists

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College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (2011) Standards of Practice and any Related Policies, Directives and Guidelines Edmonton, Alberta: CDTA and AH&W

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