

## **GRADUATE REGISTRATION**

### **TEMPORARY-CONDITIONAL PRACTICE PERMIT**

Graduates of the NAIT Dental Technology program are eligible to apply to the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (CDTA) for Registration and to be issued a temporary-conditional Practice Permit. (see attached policy)The temporary-conditional Practice Permit is issued short term, and provides the authority for a new graduate to start practicing as a novice, while advancing skills and waiting to challenge the Practical Examinations.

Upon completion of the practical examinations, successful candidates are eligible to receive an Active Practice Permit without conditions.

Under the Health Professions Act, temporary-conditional Registrants are autonomous and assume responsibility for their own practice. The temporary-conditional Registrant is accountable to practice safely and competently. They are also accountable to their employer to work within job descriptions and policies and procedures set by their employer; and are accountable to their regulatory College to comply with the Dental Technologists Profession Regulation, Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics of the profession.

Please note that you **MUST** seek registration with the CDTA before you can legally work in the profession of Dental Technology in Alberta.

#### **Temporary-Conditional Registrants:**

- Are recognized as Dental Technologists (RDT) or Dental Technician depending on the number of competencies in which they are registered, and may legally sign RDT or DT after their name as the case may be.
- Must practice under the direct supervision of a Regulated Supervisor who is registered and in good standing with the CDTA. **Direct supervision means** a regulated member of the CDTA with full practice permit is present in the practice setting. The Regulated Member is providing supervision “at the side of” the new graduate and must review any dental prosthetic, device or appliance finished by the temporary-conditional Member.
- Assume accountability and responsibility for their practice.

- Must identify and seek guidance and direction when they find situations that are beyond their competence level.
- Must inform the CDTA immediately of any change in employment status or location.

### **How to Apply:**

- New graduates who are educational student members of the CDTA have until **July 31<sup>st</sup>** following graduation to apply to the CDTA for registration as temporary-conditional Members. After July 31<sup>st</sup>, graduates may still apply for temporary-conditional registration, however, student registration fees will not be applied to the annual Practice Permit fee and graduates will be required to pay the initial application fee of \$250.00.
- New graduates who are not educational student members of the CDTA must pay the initial application fee of \$250.00 in addition to the annual Practice Permit fee. (currently \$750.00 which MAY be pro-rated by date of registration). In addition, graduates not registered as educational student members are required to submit a current criminal records check.
- In order to be eligible for registration as temporary-conditional Members, graduates must have a regulated supervisor sign the application for registration. (see attached form).

### **Important information**

The temporary/conditional licensure policy requires that graduates holding temporary/conditional Practice Permits complete the practical examinations in at least one competency within 13 months of graduation. **Applications for practical examinations must be submitted at least 3 months prior to the examination date.**

Temporary/conditional Practice Permits are issued for 13 months and will expire on May 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following graduation. Requests for an extension of temporary/conditional Practice Permits must be submitted **in writing to the Registration, Education and Competency Committee at least 3 months prior to May 31<sup>st</sup>.**