

## USE OF PROTECTED TITLES

### Standard

The *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”) limits the use of protected titles, abbreviations, and initials to members of a regulated profession. Only a **regulated member** of the College of Dental Technologists of Alberta (“the College”), that hold a current valid practice permit, and is authorized by the College, may use the following titles and initials:

- (a) dental technologist;
- (b) dental technician;
- (c) registered dental technologist;
- (d) registered dental technician;
  - (d.1) clinical dental technologist;
  - (d.2) clinical dental technician;
- (g) D.T.;
- (h) R.D.T.

### Expectations

- (1) The regulated member **must**:
  - a) Not use a title, abbreviation, or initials alone or in combination with other words in a manner that states or implies that they are registered in a category on the register unless they are registered in that category.
  - b) Must not use the protected titles unless they hold a current valid Practice Permit with the College.
  - c) Not use a title, abbreviation, or initials protected in the *Act* and Dental Technologists Profession Regulation to **endorse** or promote products or services or to promote an independent business venture of any kind.
- (2) Regulated members:
  - a) On the dental technologist general register and on the dental technologist courtesy register may use the titles dental technologist, registered dental technologist, and may use the initials R.D.T.
  - b) On the dental technician general register and on the dental technician courtesy register may use the titles dental technician, registered dental technician and the initials D.T.



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- c) On the dental technologist general register and on the dental technologist courtesy register, who has completed additional training approved by the Council and have been authorized by the registrar to perform restricted activities, may use the titles dental technologist, registered dental technologist, clinical dental technologist and may use the initials R.D.T., C.D.T.
- d) On the dental technician general register and on the dental technician courtesy register, who has completed additional approved by the Council and have been authorized by the registrar to perform restricted activities, may use the titles dental technician, registered dental technician, clinical dental technician, and the initials D.T., C.D.T.

## GLOSSARY

**Act:** means the [Health Professions Act](#);

**Endorse:** means when a registered dental technologist or registered dental technician uses their credentials to lend credibility to a commercial product or service.

**Must:** is used where the duty is compulsory.

**Regulation:** Dental Technologists Profession Regulation, Alberta Regulation 243/2004. <sup>1</sup>

**Protected title:** a protected title is part of the agreement between the province and the regulated profession. This indicates anyone using the title is appropriately trained and registered with the appropriate regulatory body. A person not trained and/or registered cannot use the protected titles listed in the *Health Professions Act*.

**Regulated member(s):** a person who is granted registration as a member of the CDTA in accordance with the HPA and the Regulation;

This term includes a previously regulated member whose last day of registration with the College is within the immediately preceding two years.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2004\\_243.cfm&leg\\_type=Regs&isbncln=9780779767304](https://www.qp.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=2004_243.cfm&leg_type=Regs&isbncln=9780779767304)