

## **Delaware Dental Radiological Technology (DDRT) Exam**

On September 1, 2006, the Delaware Division of Public Health implemented the Delaware Dental Radiologic Technology (DDRT) exam, on behalf of the Delaware Authority on Radiation Protection. The state DDRT exam is administered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). When the DDRT Exam was first launched, individuals were able to benefit from increased flexibility in scheduling their exam at a computer test center, were provided preliminary test results prior to leaving the testing facility, and received their final test results directly from DANB, and in addition, received credit for passing the DANB Radiological Health & Safety (RHS) exam.

The state DDRT exam is equivalent to the DANB Radiological Health & Safety (RHS) Exam, which is one of three examinations required to become nationally credentialed as a DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA). Each individual who passes the state DDRT exam receives an RHS certificate from DANB reflecting their successful completion of this first of three examinations toward becoming a nationally-credentialed CDA.

Although recognized as equivalent exams by DANB and the State of Delaware, the state Dental Radiologic Technology (DDRT) exam has consistently charged a lower examination fee than the DANB RHS version of the exam. In 2006 when the DDRT exam was launched, the exam fee was \$ 70, it was increased to \$ 87 in 2009, and \$100 in 2012. In contrast, the DANB RHS exam fee for 2012 is \$ 175.

The Delaware Dental Radiologic Technology (DDRT) version of the exam will be phased out within three years. The Delaware DDRT exam fee will increase by \$ 25 per year starting in 2013, until it is equivalent to the DANB RHS exam fee of \$ 175 on January 1, 2015. After the state DDRT exam is phased out on December 31, 2015, individuals who wish to become certified as state Dental Radiation Technicians will apply to and sit for the DANB RHS exam.

The application procedure for state certification however, remains unchanged. Each individual will complete an application form, and submit it to the Office of Radiation Control, Division of Public Health with application fee and photocopy of their RHS certificate or test result letter from DANB. The Office of Radiation Control will then issue a state Dental Radiation Technician certificate based on recognition of the DANB RHS credential.

For further information, please visit the Radiation Technologist/Technician section of the Office of Radiation Control webpage at:

<http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/orcradtechs.html>

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