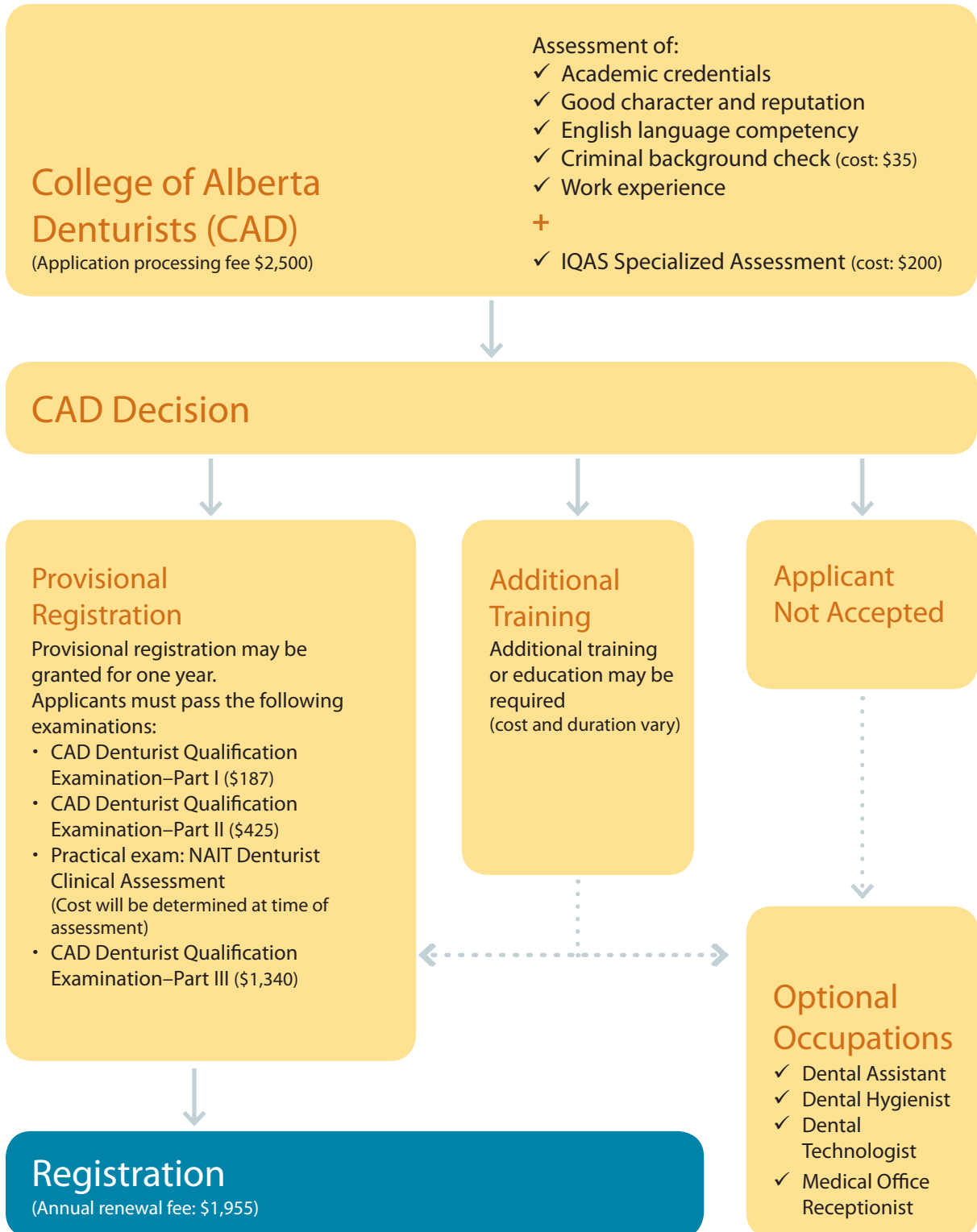


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Description of Occupation

Denturists specialize in dental prosthetics. They work independently and, where appropriate, with other health care professionals to assess, design, fabricate, repair and insert complete and removable partial dentures, implant retained dental prostheses, and diagnose problems related to dental prostheses. Denturists consult with clients, diagnose dental prosthetic problems, create treatment plans, perform intra-oral (in mouth) procedures and laboratory procedures and insert, repair, relines and adjust dental prosthetic devices.

Denturists in Alberta also provide other services such as sports mouthguards and tooth whitening. In Alberta, Denturists can work in denture clinics, dental clinics, laboratories, health institutions or private residences.

Obtaining Registration in Alberta

To practice in Alberta, Denturists must be registered with the College of Alberta Denturists (CAD).

Internationally educated Denturists can begin the application process before they arrive in Alberta. They should contact the CAD and request an International Application for Registration as a Regulated Member application package.

Complete the International Application for Registration as a Regulated Member forms and provide detailed and accurate answers to all questions. When you have completed all of the application forms, send it, along with the appropriate fees, to the CAD.

Contact information and other resources are at the end of this document.

Residency Requirement

There is no residency requirement to register with the CAD, however, you must be legally allowed to work in Canada

Requirements

Internationally educated Denturists must meet the following requirements:

1. *Academic Credentials*

A diploma from a Denturist program that is approved by the CAD or an equivalent is the minimum requirement.

If you have graduated from an approved Denturist program:

- Contact the school you graduated from and ask for certified/notarized copies of your diploma/certificate and academic transcripts.
- If documents are in a language other than English you must also submit certified translated documents.

The Denturist programs are approved by the Council of the CAD. If you have not graduated from an approved Denturist program, the CAD may need you to provide other relevant information and/or take testing or other activities to assess your qualifications.

2. *International Qualifications Assessment*

You will need to apply to IQAS to have your education assessed and compared to educational credentials in Canada. You will need a Specialized Assessment. This

assessment can take up to six (6) weeks, so it is recommended that you apply for this as soon as you begin your application process.

For details on how to obtain an IQAS assessment and to download an application, visit the IQAS website at the address provided at the end of this document. As well, the CAD provides the IQAS form in the application package.

3. Good Character/Reputation

You must provide proof of your good character. To provide evidence of good character you will need:

- Two (2) individuals to fill out Character Declaration Forms. These declarations can be from colleagues, friends, or from another jurisdiction where you are currently registered.
- To provide any information regarding any current or previous unprofessional misconduct or disciplines.

4. Criminal Background Check

You must provide information regarding any past criminal offences. You will need:

- A written statement by you explaining if you have ever pleaded guilty or have been found guilty of a criminal offence in Canada or an offence of a similar nature in a jurisdiction outside Canada for which you have not been pardoned.
- Have a criminal background check performed in both your country of origin and Canada.

5. CPR Certification

You must provide proof of current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification at a level approved by the Council. Certification must either be from a Canadian agency/institution or an international certification that is equivalent to Canadian certification.

6. English Language

You must be competent in the English language, both written and oral, and be able to effectively communicate in the workplace. If English is not your native language or your diploma or degree were taken in a language other than English, you may demonstrate your English skills by:

- Taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the TOEFL iBT test, as well as the Test of Spoken English (TSE) which tests your ability to use English at a university level.

7. Continuing Competency Form

You must submit proof of all your post-graduate continued professional education and training as a Denturist in the past five years. Fill out the Continuing Competency Reporting Form with your application and provide documentation of your successfully completed courses. The Registration Committee will review the application and consider any continuing competency completed.

8. Disclosure of Applications to Other Canadian Jurisdictions

If you have previously applied to another Canadian jurisdiction you must disclose this information to the CAD.

9. Work Experience

You must provide documentation related to your practical work experience, including:

- Work experience information in the application form and Work Experience Declaration form.
- A letter from your previous employer(s) verifying your practical experience, character and the amount of hours worked.
- Proof of registration as a Denturist in the jurisdiction where you graduated and any and all other jurisdictions.

10. Liability Insurance

Canadian professional liability insurance at the minimum amount required by the CAD is purchased through the CAD during the registration process.

11. Code of Ethics

Internationally trained Denturists must certify/affirm that they understand the Code of Ethics for Denturists working in Alberta. The Code of Ethics documents will be provided to you with your application. You must read and understand these documents and submit a signed Code of Ethics Principles document with your application.

12. Examinations

Once your application has been approved in principle, you must successfully challenge (pass) the following examinations:

- CAD Denturist Qualification Examination Part I: A multiple-choice theoretical examination. The examination is offered on an as-need basis and the passing score is 60%.
- CAD Denturist Qualification Examination-Part II: A practical examination involving removable partial denture design. This examination tests your knowledge of removable partial denture treatment by gaining clinical information from a patient record, surveying the patient's dental model, and incorporating that information into a partial denture design. This examination is also offered on an as-need basis and the passing score is 100%.
- After passing Part I and Part II of the qualifications examinations, you are then required to take the NAIT Denturist Clinical Assessment. This practical examination evaluates internationally educated Denturists on critical and non-critical clinical and laboratory skills and knowledge of procedures. The examination covers all stages of a typical denture procedure, from an oral assessment with patient, to the quality of the laboratory procedures. The examination score is based on the results from all stages weighing the scores on critical and non-critical competencies.
The results of the examination will be sent to you by mail.
- After passing the Denturist Clinical Assessment, you can then take the CAD Denturist Qualification Examination Part III. Held at various locations on an as-needed basis, this is a multi-day clinical examination on a live patient. The passing score is 100%, and the examination tests your ability to:
 - Conduct an appropriate clinical examination
 - Use ethical conduct with a patient
 - Determine an appropriate treatment plan

- Provide appropriate replacement complete upper and lower dentures for the patient within the timelines of the examination
- Comply with infection prevention and control requirements
- Generate appropriate patient records.

Continuing Competency Program

Denturists must maintain their competency through the CAD Continuing Competence Program (CPP). This program assesses, maintains and monitors the ongoing professional knowledge of regulated members of the CAD.

Denturists are required to complete 100 hours of continuing education that contains scientific or clinical content related to Denturism every five (5) years. They must also complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of approved continuing education each year. This can include:

- A full time program
- Attending conventions or conferences
- Self-study or distance education course
- The publication of relevant articles in approved publications.

All regulated Denturists must submit an Annual Continuing Competency Reporting Form and provide documentation related to the course(s) in order to renew their practice permit.

Notes:

You may be required to undergo examination, testing, assessment, training or education before you become registered with the CAD.

You may gain provisional registration if you:

- Have met all the registration requirements but are waiting to take examinations
- Are getting further training or education
- Are qualified to practice Denturism in another jurisdiction and your competencies are being assessed.

Provisional registration is valid for up to one (1) year unless the CAD determines otherwise. While under this registration you may only practice only while supervised in a manner satisfactory to the CAD and it may restrict some of the services they are able to provide.

Payment

The following fees must be submitted during the registration process. Fees are in Canadian dollars and subject to change.

CAD International Application for Registration as a Regulated Member	\$2,500
CAD Regulated Member Annual Practice Renewal Fee	\$1,955
Criminal Background Check (Canada)	\$35
CAD Denturist Qualification Examination Part I	\$187.22
CAD Denturist Qualification Examination Part II	\$425
CAD Denturist Qualification Examination Part III	\$1,340
IQAS Specialized Assessment	\$200
Fees are subject to change. See association for most up-to-date fees.	

Note: The cost of the CAD Examinations is based on the number of individuals challenging the examination(s), and the cost of the NAIT Denturist Clinical Assessment will be determined by NAIT at the time of assessment.

Average Earnings

Registered denturists can earn approximately \$55,000 a year (2010 estimate, Alberta Learning Information Service).

Employment Options

You can also consider working in Alberta in a related occupation such as a Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist, Dental Technologist or Medical Office Receptionist.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website: [Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Denturist](#) (for information on all occupations see www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo).

Contact Information

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Toll-free telephone: 1-800-260-2742
Fax: (780) 429-2336
Toll-free fax: 1-888-429-2336
Email: registrar.cofabdent@telus.net
Website: www.collegeofabdenturists.ca

International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS)
9th Floor, 108 Street Building 9942 - 108 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J5
Phone: 780-427-2655 Fax: 780-422-9734
Website: www.employment.alberta.ca/iqas

Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on Denturist registration visit the College of Alberta Denturists website at www.collegeofabdenturists.ca

Application Forms and Information

CAD Application Information for International Applicants:
www.collegeofabdenturists.ca/registration_1/registration_foreignApplication.aspx

Denturist Association of Canada
www.denturist.org

English Language

Test of English as a Foreign Language:
www.ets.org/toefl

TOEFL iBT Test:
www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about/

Examinations

International Applications for Registration as a Regulated Member Administration Policy:
www.collegeofabdenturists.ca/registration_1/registration_foreignApplication.aspx

Denturist Clinical Assessment (NAIT):
www.nait.ca/13907.htm

Continuing Competency

CAD Continuing Competency Information:
www.collegeofabdenturists.ca/competency/default.aspx