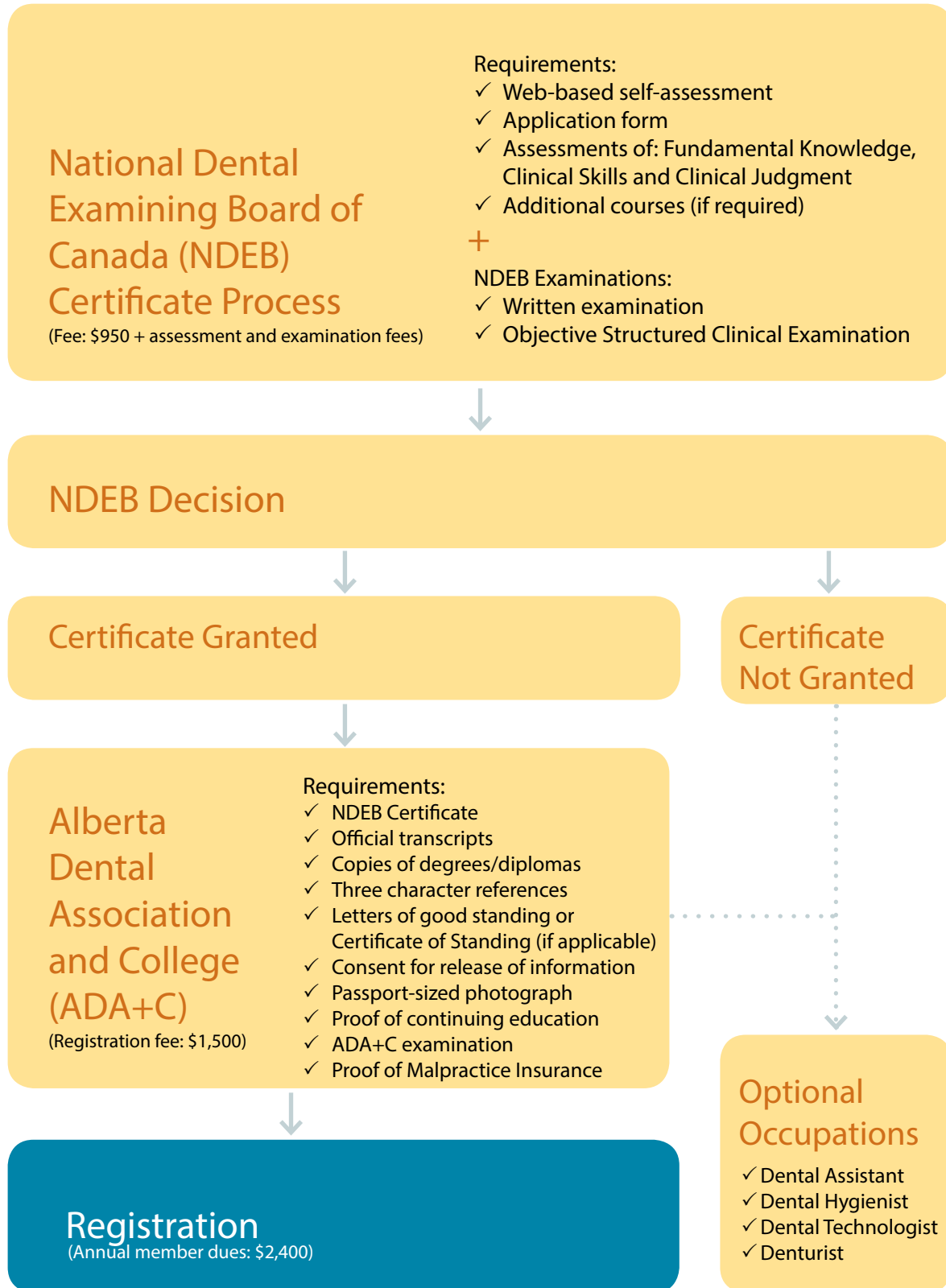


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#### Description of Occupation

Dentists advise patients on oral health care. They might perform procedures to restore the health of teeth, remove teeth or replace them with special devices. Dentists also diagnose and treat diseases of the mouth, gums and surrounding areas.

With additional training, dentists can specialize in areas such as pediatric dentistry (working with children), orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics (correcting facial and dental irregularities), endodontics (performing root canal therapy to preserve diseased teeth) and more.

#### Obtaining Registration in Alberta

To become a Dentist in Alberta, you must first obtain a National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB) certificate.

Once you have a NDEB certificate and meet all the other requirements, you can apply for registration with the Alberta Dental Association and College (ADA+C). You must be registered with ADA+C to practice as a Dentist in Alberta.

Contact information for the NDEB and the ADA+C, as well as all Application Forms, can be found at the end of this document.

#### Residency Requirement

You do not have to be a resident of Alberta to begin the registration process.

#### Requirements

Internationally educated Dentists must meet the following requirements:

##### 1. *Academic Credentials*

You must obtain your NDEB certificate. This will allow you to apply for registration with ADA+C to practice as a Dentist in Alberta.

First, you must go through the NDEB equivalency process. This process involves three (3) assessments (Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge, Assessment of Clinical Skills and Assessment of Clinical Judgment), which, if completed successfully, mean you will be able to take the examinations needed for the NDEB certificate.

The steps to assessment are:

- Complete a web-based self-assessment on the NDEB website
- Apply to the NDEB using the Application Form and pay the required application fee
- Take the Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge
- Take the Assessment of Clinical Skills and the Assessment of Clinical Judgment once you have passed the Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge

- Take courses to achieve a Canadian degree, if necessary (see “Resources”) and then proceed to the examination stage
- OR
- If you meet the standards set in the assessment process, proceed directly to the examination stage.

If you pass all the above steps, you will receive your NDEB certificate. With this, you can apply for registration with the ADA+C.

Provide the following to the ADA+C to prove your academic credentials:

- Official transcripts from all educational institutions from which you have received a dental diploma. Transcripts are required to be sent directly from the educational institution from which the dental degree was obtained (if transcripts are not in English or French, they must be accompanied by an English translation).
- Certified or notarized copies of the degrees and/or diplomas you have earned.
- A copy of your National Dental Examining Board of Canada certificate.

Note:

If you have graduated from an accredited specialty program that has been approved by the ADA+C, you may apply to specialize in a particular field of dentistry. To do this, you will also need to take the National Dental Specialty Examination of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in your specialty field.

## **2. Work Experience**

There is no requirement to have been registered in any jurisdiction(s) in order to apply for registration.

## **3. Good Character and Reputation**

You will need to provide the ADA+C with the following to prove your good character and reputation:

- Three (3) signed and dated letters of character reference from colleagues or friends, but **not** family members or classmates. The letters should be a minimum of 2-3 paragraphs in length.
- A letter of good standing or certificate of standing from each jurisdiction in which you were/are registered to practice dentistry, if applicable.
- An individual Consent for Release of Information form(s) for each jurisdiction where you were/are registered to practice dentistry, if applicable.

## **4. Examinations**

- NDEB Examinations: In order to obtain your NDEB certificate, you will have to successfully complete two (2) examinations:
  - the NDEB written examination which consists of two (2) books, each with 150 multiple-choice questions; and
  - the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) with two (2) practical sessions carried out on the same day, which involves you reviewing the information provided and answering questions.

- ADA+C Examination: Before you are registered with ADA+C, you will have to successfully complete the ADA+C Ethics and Jurisprudence examination. This examination must be taken at the ADA+C office in Edmonton, Alberta.

Note:

You must submit your application to the ADA+C, along with all the required documents, information and applicant fee, before writing the Ethics and Jurisprudence examination. Once your file is complete and your application status is confirmed, the ADA+C will email the study material to you, and contact you to schedule a date to write the exam, and be registered as a Dentist in Alberta.

### 5. Other Requirements

You will also need the following when you apply for registration with ADA+C:

- Proof of 60 hours of continuing education that you have completed over the previous two (2) year period, if you have been in practice for two (2) years or more. You are exempt from this requirement if you are an internationally educated applicant who has successfully challenged and passed the NDEB exam.
- One (1) passport-sized photograph of yourself.
- Proof of malpractice insurance.

### Payment

The following fees are in Canadian dollars and are subject to change. See ADA+C for most up-to-date fees.

<b>NDEB Fees</b>	
Application Fee	\$950
Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge	\$800
Assessment of Clinical Judgement	\$1,500
Assessment of Clinical Skills	\$5,500
Written Exam	\$900
OSCE	\$900
<b>ADA+C Fees</b>	
Application & Registration Fees	\$1,500
Annual Member Dues	\$2,400
<b>Other Fees</b>	
Courses to obtain Canadian degree (if needed)	\$2,500 to \$15,000 (depending on requirements)

### Average Earnings

According to the 2011 Alberta Wage and Salary Survey, Albertans in this occupational group earned from \$80.55 to \$171.78 an hour. The overall average wage was \$92.58 an hour. More recent data is not available.

## Employment Options

You can also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as: Dental Assistant, Dental Hygienist, Dental Technologist or Denturist.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website:

[Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Dentist](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)  
([www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)).

## Contact Information

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Email: [reception@adaandc.com](mailto:reception@adaandc.com)  
Website: [www.dentalhealthalberta.com](http://www.dentalhealthalberta.com)

National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB)  
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Email: [director@ndeb.ca](mailto:director@ndeb.ca)  
Website: [www.ndeb.ca](http://www.ndeb.ca)

## Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on becoming a Dentist in Alberta, visit ADA+C's website at [www.dentalhealthalberta.com](http://www.dentalhealthalberta.com).

Assessment:

[NDEB Web-based self-assessment](#)

Application Forms and Information:

[Registration Application](#)

[Registration Requirements](#)

[NDEB Equivalency Process](#)

Examinations:

[NDEB Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge](#)

[NDEB Assessment of Clinical Judgement](#)

[NDEB Assessment of Clinical Skills](#)

[NDEB Written Exam](#)

[NDEB OSCE](#)

[NDEB Fees](#)

[Royal College of Dentists of Canada Examinations](#)