

Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

LD 806 An Act to Amend the Scope of Practice for Expanded Function Dental assistants

Good Afternoon Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services.

My name is Bonnie Vaughan IPDH, MEd, MBA. I am a dental hygienist and currently I am Executive Director of Kennebec Valley Family Dentistry. We hire dentists, hygienists, Dental assistants, EFDA, Radiographers & Dental Therapists.

I thought I might be able to explain the requirements for each dental staff member in Maine:

Dental Assistant — on the job trained, Academy of Medical Profession / zoom program 10 week

Dental Radiographer: - has taken a radiology class, past a exam and is licensed by the Dental Board at \$200 for 2 yr license. (BLS, Application fees)

CDA Certified Dental Assistant National recognition of a DA & x-ray training (not recognized in Maine)

Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) has a formal DA & radiology class at UMA or York Cty Community College, Tested & licensed by the Dental Board \$200 per 2 yr license.

Currently the Radiographer & EFDA pay 2 separate license fees \$200 & \$200 each license every 2 yrs total \$400.

The goal is to combine the two with 1 license renewal fee for \$200.

I would be glad to answer questions and attend your work session.

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MAINE BOARD OF DENTAL PRACTICE

Application Checklist for Dental Radiographer

PATHWAY I – STANDARD APPLICATION is for an applicant that is **not actively licensed** as a Dental Radiographer in another jurisdiction. The following is a list of required items when filing an online licensure application:

- ☐ Official documentation of passing score of the Dental Assisting National Boards (DANB) Dental Radiologic Technique and Safety Examination. DANB link: <https://www.danb.org/>; OR
- ☐ Official documentation of successful completion of a dental radiologic technique and safety course with an exit examination approved by the Board. Visit link to access board approved courses: [www.maine.gov/dental/documents/dental_radiographer_program_chart .pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dental/documents/dental_radiographer_program_chart.pdf)
- ☐ Passing Score on Jurisprudence Examination. Visit link to access the examination: www.maine.gov/dental/jurisprudence-examinations.html
- ☐ Current; valid life support certification (**BLS required effective 10/25/2023**)
- ☒ Payment of \$271.00 in fees (includes \$21.00 Maine criminal background fee, \$50.00 application fee, and \$200.00 license fee)

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For more information regarding qualifications for dental radiographer licensure please review Board Rules Chapter 4 "Qualifications for Dental Radiography Licensure" here: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/02/chaps02.htm#313

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- ☐ Curriculum vitae (resume)
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