

FAQ ^{re} Coronal Polishing by Assistants

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Additional information regarding the Coronal Polish Exam administered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) can be found by logging onto www.danb.org or by calling (800) 367-3262. Additional information regarding the Coronal Polish educational courses preparing you to take the exam can be found by logging onto www.azda.org or by calling AzDA.

EXAM (offered through DANB only)

What are the dates and locations of the DANB written exam?

A complete list of DANB's written exam sites can be found by logging onto www.azda.org/public/Coronal.asp and downloading the "DANB Fact Sheet, Exam Application, Locations/Schedules and Other Information." *On the "Locations/Schedules" list, your attention is called to the [Exam Application Deadlines v. 2006 Exam Dates](#).* **Please note:** DANB is the only organization who sponsors the exam. Registration for the exam is made through DANB only.

What are the dates and locations of the DANB "computerized" exam?

As this is a new exam and passing standards are set based on the first 75+ written exam candidates, DANB anticipates that the first computerized administration of the exam will be administered in April 2006. For further information, call DANB at (800) 367-3262. Once available, the computerized exam will be available through Pearson Vue Centers 6 days a week.

What is required to take the DANB Exam?

A dental assistant, under the general supervision of a licensed dentist is qualified to perform coronal polishing in Arizona if the assistant completes **ALL** of the following requirements, pays the required fees, and abides by DANB policies:

1. Submit an Arizona Coronal Polishing (AZCP) Exam Application (Form A), an AZCP Clinical Skills Affidavit (Form B - completed by a licensed dentist or coronal polishing educator/course instructor) and an AZCP Certificate Application (Form C) to DANB **AND**
2. Submit payment of the appropriate fees: \$180 (\$100-exam fee; \$50 nonrefundable application fee; \$30 certificate fee) **AND**
3. Pass the AZCP Exam (written or computerized) administered by DANB.

When will I receive the results of the DANB Exam?

Candidates taking the written exam will receive their results from DANB within 4-6 weeks of the exam administration date. Because this is a new exam in Arizona, mailing results of this exam may be delayed for the first month or two for candidates testing in the 1st quarter of 2006. Candidates taking the computerized exam will receive their initial results on-screen immediately upon completion of the exam; official results will be mailed within 4 weeks of the exam administration date.

Does the dentist need to be present during the clinical skills portion of the exam?

Yes. Candidates must provide an affidavit from a dentist attesting that the candidate has *observed* a coronal polish as part of a prophylaxis for at least one adult and one pediatric patient and *performed* a coronal polish as part of a prophylaxis on at least 2 adult and two pediatric patients.

I'm certified in coronal polishing in the state of California. Do I have to take the DANB exam to be certified in Arizona?

Yes. As laws differ from one state to another all assistants whether they are certified in another state or not must take the DANB exam specific to Arizona.

What is the time period between making application with DANB and taking the exam?

Testing must be completed within the 60-day eligibility window listed on your Test Admission Notice. If the exam is not taken within this period, your entire application/exam fee will be forfeited. Report any and all errors on your Test Admission Notice to DANB immediately at (800) 367-3262.

Where can I get a copy of the DANB Exam Outline?

This document can be downloaded by logging onto www.azda.org/public/Coronal.asp or www.danb.org. You may also call DANB at (800) 367-3262 to request a copy.

How often must I renew my Coronal Polishing Certificate?

Never. Once the Coronal Polishing Certificate is granted it is good for a lifetime in Arizona.

Is attendance at the educational course a prerequisite to take the DANB exam?

No. The educational course is optional and is designed to prepare the dental assistant to take the exam.

DEFINITIONS What is the definition of Coronal Polish?

Once a candidate is certified in Coronal Polish, the Arizona Dental Practice Act states: "A dental assistant may polish the natural and restored surfaces of the teeth under the general supervision of a dentist licensed pursuant to this chapter if the assistant has passed an examination approved by the Board (BODEX)" (Section 32-1291B).

What is the definition of "general supervision"?

"General supervision" as defined by BODEX means for the purpose of Article 7 only, a licensed dentist is available for consultation, whether or not the dentist is in the office, regarding procedures or treatment which the dentist has authorized and for which the dentist remains responsible." Only an assistant certified in coronal polish may perform coronal polish under general supervision.

What is the definition of "polish"?

"Polish" as defined by BODEX means for the purpose of Article 7 only, a procedure limited to the removal of plaque and extrinsic stain from exposed natural and restored tooth surfaces, utilizing an appropriate rotary instrument with rubber cup or brush and polishing agent. This procedure shall not be intended or interpreted by itself as an oral prophylaxis."