

## General Information on Certification and Licensure Requirements for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Canada

Thank you for your interest in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery certification and licensing process in Canada. The following information is provided for your general information and guidance only. Specific information should be obtained from the relevant authorities and examination bodies.

General Dental and Dental Specialty Licensure and Registration requirements in Canada are under the jurisdiction of the relevant Provincial Dental Regulatory Authority (DRA). You will therefore be required to meet the specific Licensing and Registration requirements for the specific provincial licensing and registration jurisdiction in which you intend to practice. It is best to make direct inquiry with the relevant Provincial Dental Regulatory Authority and to follow their guidance. The following is a list of the Provincial Dental Regulatory Authority contact websites / telephone numbers that are available at present:

College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia	< <a href="http://www.cdsbc.org">www.cdsbc.org</a> >
Alberta Dental Association and College	< <a href="http://www.abda.ab.ca">www.abda.ab.ca</a> >
College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan	< <a href="http://www.cdssk.ca">www.cdssk.ca</a> >
Manitoba Dental Association	(204) 988-5300
Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario	< <a href="http://www.rcdso.org">www.rcdso.org</a> >
Ordre des Dentistes du Québec	< <a href="http://www.odq.qc.ca">www.odq.qc.ca</a> >
Dental Association of Prince Edward Island	< <a href="http://www.dapei.ca">www.dapei.ca</a> >
New Brunswick Dental Society	< <a href="http://www.nbdental.com">www.nbdental.com</a> >
Nova Scotia Dental Association	(902) 420-0083
Newfoundland Dental Board	(709) 579-2391

In order to obtain Oral and Maxillofacial Specialty Licensure in almost all Canadian Provinces, you must first meet the General Dental Licensing and Registration requirements of the relevant Provincial Dental Regulatory Authority and then you must also meet the Oral and Maxillofacial Specialty Licensing and Registration requirements of that same body.

### **General Dental Licensure and Registration**

The General Dental Licensing and Registration requirements in almost all Canadian Provinces require that you hold a valid National Dental Examining Board (NDEB) certificate indicating successful completion of the National Dental Examining Board examination in General Dentistry. All dentists who have graduated from a Dental Faculty or School that has been accredited by the CDA / ADA Joint Commission on Accreditation must successfully complete this examination.

If you have not graduated from a Dental Faculty that has been accredited by the CDA / ADA Joint Commission on Accreditation, you must first take an “eligibility examination” administered by the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD). If you are successful, you must then enter a “qualifying program” at one of the accredited Canadian Dental Faculties. Upon successful completion of this program you may become eligible to write the NDEB examination.

Necessary information on the specifics of the NDEB examination process and eligibility can be obtained on the NDEB web page at:

National Dental Examining Board < [www.ndeb.ca](http://www.ndeb.ca) >

## Dental Specialty Licensure and Registration

Further, in order to obtain Oral and Maxillofacial Specialty Licensure or Registration in any Canadian provincial licensing and registration jurisdiction, you must successfully complete the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery administered by the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC).

If you have graduated from an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery specialty training program that has been accredited by the CDA / ADA Joint Commission on Accreditation you can apply to the RCDC to determine your eligibility to write this entry-level competency examination.

If you have not graduated from an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery specialty training program that has been accredited by the CDA / ADA Joint Commission on Accreditation you will be required to engage a different process. That process will involve; review of your credentials by the relevant Provincial Dental Regulatory Authority or its designate, successful completion of a specialty specific “eligibility examination” administered by the RCDC at the request of the Regulatory Authority, an assessment of specialty specific “clinical competencies” in a specialty specific “qualifying program” at one of the accredited Canadian Oral and Maxillofacial surgery specialty training programs, possible “gap training” in areas of potential deficiency and then successful completion of the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE) in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery administered by the Royal College of Dentists of Canada (RCDC).

The entry-level competencies that you would be assessed on are the same competencies that graduates of accredited specialty training programs are required to meet during their training and are subsequently examined on by the RCDC in the National Dental Specialty Examination (NDSE).

Necessary information on the specifics of the RCDC examination process and eligibility can be obtained on their web page at:

Royal College of Dentists of Canada

<[www.rcdc.ca](http://www.rcdc.ca)>

In some circumstances, “academic registration and licensure” is available. This type of licensure and registration is generally open to those of noted and remarkable international reputation and with an extensive history of research publication. That academic licensure and registration is specific to the educational institution and is generally tied to a fixed term employment contract in an academic position at the institution. When given academic licensure or registration, the individual’s practice is typically confined to the academic educational and research environment. In addition there is generally a term specified during which the individual must meet the Provincial Regulatory Authority’s requirements for general dental and dental specialty licensure and registration as noted above.

Details on this type of licensure and registration are available through the Provincial Dental Regulatory Authorities and / or one or more of the Accredited Dental Faculties in Canada. Their respective contact information is available on the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) website:

<[www.cda-adc.ca](http://www.cda-adc.ca)>

Please remember that each Provincial Regulatory Authority has minor differences in their requirements and processes. (e.g. Criminal background checks, French and English competency assessments, jurisprudence competency etc) These processes therefore vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and from time to time. Therefore for accuracy please contact the Regulatory Authorities directly for guidance. We hope that this general information is of assistance to you.