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Cost of Registration, Licensing, and Permitting effective Nov 1, 2026

Application, registration, licensing and permit fees are provided below.[1] All fees related to applications for registration and licensing are payable by certified cheque, money order, e-transfer, or credit card.
Each NSRDHDTD invoice generated will provide further details on how to make payment using your chosen payment method.

	Fees Paid Directly to the NSRDHDTD	
1	**Application Fee (for individuals applying for registration and practising licences)** The non-refundable application fee must accompany the initial application for registration to be considered. ***Note:*** This fee is waived *if* (1) you hold a current, unrestricted (full) practising licence in another Canadian jurisdiction *and* (2) you are in good standing in that jurisdiction. This is done automatically on your application form.	$135.00
2	**Registration Fee (one-time fee)** The registration fee, if required, must be provided prior to approval of registration and licensing. ***Note:*** This fee is waived *if* (1) you hold a current, unrestricted (full) practising licence in another Canadian jurisdiction *and* (2) you are in good standing in that jurisdiction. This is done automatically on your application form.	$160.00
3	**Practising Licence Fees** (all or part of a year); there is no pro-rating of fees. Practising licences expire on October 31 of each year.	Fees vary per year.

Practising Licence Fees

Profession	Licence Term	Fee
Dental Hygienist	Nov 1, 2026 – Oct 31, 2027	$600.00
(never licensed elsewhere)	New grads (June 1 – Oct 31, 2027)	$300.00
Dental Technologist	Nov 1, 2026 – Oct 31, 2027	$600.00
(never licensed elsewhere)	New grads (June 1 – Oct 31, 2027)	$300.00
Denturist	Nov 1, 2026 – Oct 31, 2027	$1030.00
(never licensed elsewhere)	New grads (June 1–Oct 31, 2027)	$515.00

4	**Dental Laboratory Technician (DLT) Permit Fee** (all or part of a year) (Application and Registration fees are not applicable to DLT permit applications) Permits expire on October 31 of each year	$125.00 (Nov 1, 2026 to Oct 31, 2027)

[1] Prices are subject to change. Please contact the NSRDHDTD directly if you have questions about NSRDHDTD fees.

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	Other Fees	
4	**NSRDHDTD Reinstatement Fee (all practising and conditional licenses and DLT permits)** Please contact NSRDHDTD directly to determine if you are required to pay a reinstatement fee. The reinstatement fee is in addition to any other applicable fees; and the fee applies at the time of reinstatement e.g., if you apply to reinstate in Jan 2027, you will pay 50% of the licensing fee set for the 2026/27 year.	50% of the permitting/licensing fee for the year e.g., for Nov 1, 2026, to Oct 31, 2027, the DH and DT practising licence reinstatement fee is **$300.00**
5	**Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology, and Denturism Professional Corporation Fee** Permit expires Dec 31 of each year. Once you receive your initial professional corporation permit, the **deadline** to **renew annually** is **November 30**. *Contact the NSRDHDTD for further details.*	From Sept 1, 2026: DT/DH/DD: $175 – initial permit All: Renewal: $100.00 – Jan 1, 2027 to Dec 31, 2027
6	**Requests for Verification of Registration (also called Letters of Good Standing or Letters of Professional Conduct) –** if you are applying for registration or renewal in another jurisdiction, you may be required to provide verification of registration from each previous, or current, jurisdiction where you held a practising licence or permit. Requests can be submitted through the Registrant Portal, if you are a current registrant. If you aren't a current registrant, please contact the NSRDHDTD office to request access.	$15.00

The following costs may also be incurred by applicants during the registration and licensing process. While we have done our best to list these in sequential order, fees may be incurred in a different sequence.

Third-party Fees that the Applicant may incur during the Registration and Licensing Process	
Applying for Registration	
1. Notarization of Documents Applicants are required to provide notarized and authenticated copies of supporting documentation outlined in the Application for Registration checklist—e.g., FDHRC/NDHCB certificate.	Costs will vary. A Notary public, Commissioner of Oaths, or Lawyer to sign or seal the required documentation. *Alternatively,* original documents may be brought into the NSRDHDTD office in person, where staff will authenticate documents.

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2. Transcripts Applicants are responsible for arranging to have the original transcripts sent directly from their educational institution to the NSRDHDTD office. For graduates of Ontario colleges that have closed, contact the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities for a transcript. Email address: pcc@ontario.ca	Costs will vary. Consult your educational institution.
3. (a) DH Written Exam Eligibility Review (Equivalency Evaluation Application) Diplomas/degrees completed in dental hygiene outside of Canada or the USA must be assessed by the National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination (NDHCE) to determine whether the studies meet the equivalency requirements to take the NDHCE written exam.	$1075 + applicable tax (includes a $155 + tax non-refundable fee; confirmed Nov,26) NDHCE Application and fee information and eligibility requirements are available on the FDHRC (NDHCE) website. Steps and costs associated with meeting the educational requirements are also outlined on the website.
3. (b) Denturist Education and Exam Eligibility Review Diplomas/degrees completed in denturism outside of Canada must be assessed to determine whether the studies meet the equivalency requirements to take one of the approved examinations (written and clinical competency assessments) that are currently offered in AB and ON.	Steps and costs associated with meeting the educational requirements are outlined on the respective websites —ON's qualifying examination and Alberta's Registration Exam.
3. (c) DT Entry-to-Practice Assessment (DTETPA) Eligibility Review The DTETPA written and performance based assessment is delivered by the Canadian Alliance of Dental Technology Regulators (CADTR). The DTETPA Tab provides information on the exam objectives, eligibility criteria, application procedures (including accommodations for testing), development process, format, content, security measures, scoring and exam review application process. The list of examination sites and the deadlines for application to write the examination are posted on the CADTR website.	Application and fee information and eligibility requirements are available on the Competency Assessment Tab. Steps and costs associated with meeting the educational requirements are also outlined on the website.

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4. Translation Documents that are not in English or French must be translated. (This applies to documents required by the NSRDHDTD.) Applicants are responsible for having their documents translated by a certified translator and providing a certified official translation of the specified documents. If the documents were translated for another organization, e.g., NDHCB/FDHRC, CADTR, we will accept a copy of previously translated documents that meet the criteria stated above and if they are sent directly from that organization.	Costs will vary depending on the volume of the text. Applicants are responsible for having their documents translated by a certified translator.
5. National Dental Hygiene Certification Exam (Written) delivered through FDHRC All dental hygiene applicants are required to successfully complete the NDHCE/FDHRC written examination.	$850 + applicable tax (Confirmed Nov 2026 – first attempt) Costs vary each year and for individuals applying to write a rewrite exam. See FDHRC/NDHCE for further details.
6. (a) Canadian Performance Exam in Dental Hygiene (Clinical Exam) Applicants for registration must have graduated from a Board approved dental hygiene program or successfully completed any examinations approved by the Board. If required, this exam is offered across Canada at varying times per year.	Price will vary, depending on the province and the number of exam candidates. The CPEDH exam is administered through the FDHRC/NDHCE. **Refer to their website for the next scheduled offering, fees, and related deadlines.**
6.(b) Denturist Examination All denturism applicants must provide evidence of having successfully completed one of the four NSRDHDTD Board approved exams (written and clinical competency assessments), approved by the NSRDHDTD Board. The two remaining exams being delivered are offered in AB and ON.	Steps and costs associated with meeting the educational requirements are also outlined on the websites —ON's qualifying examination and Alberta's Registration Exam.
6.(c) DT Entry-to-Practice Assessment (DTETPA) The DTETPA written (KBA) and performance based assessment (PBA) is delivered by the Canadian Alliance of Dental Technology Regulators (CADTR). The DTETPA Tab provides information on the exam objectives, eligibility criteria, application procedures (including accommodations for testing), development process, format, content, security measures, scoring and exam review application process. The list of examination sites and the deadlines for application to write the examination are posted on the CADTR website.	Application and fee information and eligibility requirements are available on the Competency Assessment Tab. Steps and costs associated with meeting the educational requirements are also outlined on the website.

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7. Verification of Registration (Letters of Professional Conduct) from other Regulated Jurisdictions Applicants must be in good standing with each regulatory authority they are currently, or were previously, practising and must provide evidence of good character, as outlined in Section 14 (2) (a) (vii) of the Regulations. To verify this, applicants are responsible for arranging to have NSRDHDTD's Verification of Registration completed (signed and sealed) and sent *directly from each jurisdiction* where they are currently, or were previously, practising dental hygiene, dental technology, or denturism.	Costs and turnaround times will vary according to the regulatory body.
8. English Language Proficiency English language proficiency is required for safe and competent practice. If there is no equivalent English proficiency requirement in the jurisdiction where an applicant is currently registered, applicants whose primary language is not English and/or whose program of study was conducted in a language other than English, are required to provide proof of English language competency.	Costs will vary per provider. DH/DD/DT: See the current NSRDHDTD English language requirements (for those applying for a practising licence) document for testing agencies, required scores and contact information. DLT: See the current NSRDHDTD English language requirements (for those applying for a DLT permit) document for testing agencies, required scores and contact information.
Applying for a Practising Licence or DLT Permit	
1. CPR Certification Applicants and registrants and permitted individuals must be currently certified in CPR (i.e., completed the course less than 12 months ago), to the level approved by the Board. The level of CPR certification must include, at a minimum, classroom instruction and practical experience related to: • one and two-person rescuer chest compressions for adults, children and infants; • one and two-person rescuer adult, child and infant bag-valve-mask technique and rescue breathing; • relief of choking in adults, children and infants; and • use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).	Costs will vary based on the course provider and individual instructor. The NSRDHDTD website provides further details on course offerings and evidence required for CPR certification. https://oralhealthns.ca/registrants/cpr-information-courses

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2.(a) DH Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) All dental hygiene applicants and registrants who hold a practising licence must have personal professional liability insurance coverage or similar malpractice protection coverage in the minimum aggregate amount of $ 2,000,000. This is typically obtained through the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA)*, or may be obtained through another PLI provider, as long as it meets the Board-PLI Policy requirements. **Please note*: While the CDHA membership renewal year coincides with NSRDHDTD's renewal year (Nov 1 to Oct 31), their liability insurance coverage is effective from Jan 1 to Dec 31 of each year. Individuals applying to obtain a practising licence between Nov 1 to Dec 31 must ensure that they have insurance coverage for those two months.	Costs may change annually and will vary based on the PLI provider. Applicants are required to have coverage in place before being registered. PLI through CDHA: ***Nov 1, 2026, to Oct 31, 2027** the CDHA fees are $253 (+ tax) for basic, or $279 (+tax) for enhanced. Contact the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association, at 1-800-267-5235 for further details.
2.(b) Denturists Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) All denturist applicants and registrants who hold a practising licence must have personal professional liability insurance coverage or similar malpractice protection coverage in the minimum aggregate amount of $ 2,000,000. This is often obtained through the Denturist Society of Nova Scotia, or may be obtained through another PLI provider, as long as it meets the Board-PLI Policy requirements.	Costs may change annually and will vary based on the PLI provider. Applicants are required to have coverage in place before being registered. PLI through DSNS: Cost ranges based on the number of clinics, and whether the denturist is authorized to provide dentures over implants. Please use the following info to obtain further details: dsnsassistant@gmail.com and phone number: 613-572-1062
2.(c) RDT Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) All RDT applicants and registrants who hold a practising licence must have personal professional liability insurance coverage or similar malpractice protection coverage in the minimum aggregate amount of $ 1,000,000. This may be obtained through any PLI provider, as long as it meets the Board-PLI Policy requirements. As a courtesy to registrants and applicants, the NSRDHDTD has secured one potential option: • BMS • ProLink	Costs may change annually and will vary based on the PLI provider. Applicants are required to have coverage in place before being registered and issued a practising license. **PLI through BMS:** Contact: 1-855-318-6558 or infocanada@bmsgroup.com

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2.(c) DLT Professional Liability Insurance (PLI) All DLT applicants and individuals who hold an active permit must have professional liability insurance coverage or similar malpractice protection coverage in the minimum aggregate amount of $ 1,000,000. This may be obtained through any PLI provider, as long as it meets the Board-PLI Policy requirements. For DLTs, PLI can be held individually, or through the policy of their supervising or employing registrant (either by name or by a "blanket" clause that covers all supervised individuals).	Costs may change annually and will vary based on the PLI provider. Applicants are required to have coverage in place before being issued a permit. **PLI through a registrant RDT who is insured with BMS or for Policies held by the DLT personally:** Contact: 1-855-318-6558 or infocanada@bmsgroup.com
3. Jurisprudence Exam All applicants for registration/licensure must successfully complete the jurisprudence exam which assesses an applicant's understanding of the legislation, standards of practice, and other matters relevant to the practice of dental hygiene, dental technology or denturism in Nova Scotia.	Cost is $50.00 – pay directly to the NSRDHDTD. Once payment is received, you will be issued a link to complete the relevant exam, along with a resource package of documents to review. The $50 fee includes one rewrite attempt. Passmark is 80%.
4. Eligibility to Work in Canada Any individual who is not a Canadian Citizen must provide proof of valid eligibility to work in Canada as part of the application process, which is managed by Immigration and Citizenship Canada. To learn more about the requirements to work in Canada, visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html	Cost will vary.