

Approved Education Programs under the *Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)*, *RHPA General Regulations (General Regulations)*, and the *Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology and Denturism Regulations (the DHD TD Regulations)*.

1. Legislative Definition Under Section 2 of the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA), an "approved education program" is defined as:

"an education program approved by a regulatory body that qualifies an applicant for registration in the regulated health profession governed by that regulatory body."

2. NSRDHDTD Board approval — The NSRDHDTD Board is responsible for approving education programs that qualify an applicant for registration and licensing as a dental hygienist, dental technologist, or denturist.

Section 14(2) of the DHD TD Regulations addresses the education requirements for an applicant seeking registration:

- (2) "In addition to the completed application, an applicant for registration in a practising register must submit all of the following to the registrar:
 - (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
 - (i) they are a graduate of 1 of the following:
 - (A) an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,
 - (C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,

Section 15(1) of the DHD TD Regulations addresses the education requirements for an applicant seeking a licence:

- (1) In addition to the completed application in a form approved by the registrar required by Section 35 of the Act, an applicant for a practising licence must submit all of the following to the registrar:

- (a) proof satisfactory to the registration and licensing decision maker that the applicant meets all of the following criteria, except if any or all of the criteria are waived under Section 59 of the Act:
- (vii) they have completed any assessments or education required by the Board for the licensing category for which they are seeking a practising licence,

3. Role of the Registration and Licensing Committee — The Registrar may refer an application to the Registration and Licensing Committee if the Registrar determines that the applicant is not a graduate of an approved program.

Approved Education Programs by Profession

A. Current Approved Dental Hygiene Education Programs:

- Programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC)
- Programs accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADA-CODA)

B. Current Approved Dental Technology Education Programs:

- Programs approved by the Canadian Alliance of Dental Technology Regulators (CADTR)

C. Current Approved Denturism Education Programs:

- Accredited denturism diploma programs accredited by Accreditation Canada (Equal) or the Commission for Denturism (CAD)

Graduates from Dental Hygiene, Dental Technology or Denturism Programs that aren't Approved Education Programs

Individuals who graduate from dental hygiene, dental technology, or denturism programs that aren't an 'approved education program' of dental hygiene, dental technology, or denturism may still be considered for registration and licensure upon review by the registration and licensing decision maker, in accordance with Section (14) (2) (i) (B) and (C) of the DHDTD Regulations.

“(B) an education program that, in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, is equivalent to an education program approved for registration in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,

(C) an education program that, together with the applicant's additional education and experience and in the opinion of the registration and licensing decision maker, provides the applicant with the competencies to practise in the scope of practice of registrants in the practising register in which they seek to be registered,”

Note: This document may be periodically updated as new programs are approved, or existing ones are reviewed again by the regulatory body.