

New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care
Dental Assistant Jurisprudence Examination

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____
(Please Print)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

The purpose of this examination is to test the applicant's familiarity with the law and rules that govern the practice of dental assisting in New Mexico. Your responsibility is to read the entire Dental Assisting section within the Dental Health Care Rules.

This is an "open book" exam based on the Dental Health Care Rules.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED IN BLACK OR BLUE INK.

Section I: Multiple Choice- Please circle the letter for the correct answer.

1. Dental assistants in New Mexico are regulated by:
 - A. The Dental Health Care Act, (Statue/Law)
 - B. Dental Assistant National Board
 - C. New Mexico Dental Hygienists Committee
 - D. Board of Pharmacy

2. In the definitions of the Act "general supervision" means that the dentist is in The office while you are following the treatment plan.
 - A. True
 - B. False

3. In the definitions of the Act "certified dental assistant" refers to a dental assistant who meets specific qualifications set forth by the rule of the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care.
 - A. True
 - B. False

4. C.D.A. is a designation given by the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB).
 - A. True
 - B. False

5. A Dental assistant certified by the New Mexico Board of Dental Health may use the initial C.D.A. even if they did not take the exam.
 - A. True
 - B. False

6. All dental assistants certified in expanded functions by the Board are required to renew their certification every:
 - A. Year
 - B. Two Years
 - C. Three Years
 - D. Never

7. Only dentists and dental hygienists may be disciplined by the Board:
 - A. True
 - B. False

8. All of the following can be used for grounds for disciplinary action except:
 - A. Is guilty of willfully practicing beyond the scope of practice for which certification applies.
 - B. Has failed to furnish the Board, its investigations or representatives with Information requested by the board in the course of an official investigation.
 - C. Follows proper infection control for all procedures.
 - D. is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a certificate.

9. Disciplinary action can be taken against a licensee or certificate holder if they are guilty of aiding or abetting an individual to practice dentistry or dental hygiene without a license.
 - A. True
 - B. False

10. There is a fee for the following items in the Dental Assistants Fee section of the Rules.
 - A. Late Penalty Fee
 - B. Application Fee
 - C. Triennial Renewal Fee
 - D. All of the above

11. The Rules address applicants becoming certified via the following tracks.
 - A. Independent preparation for the requirements
 - B. Use of credentials from another State
 - C. Attending a dental assisting program
 - D. All of the above

12. Dental assistants in New Mexico must be certified to take dental radiographs only if they are working without the dentist being present.

- A. True
 - B. False
13. The technique test for radiography certification must be taken on a human patient.
- A. True
 - B. False
14. If an applicant chooses to only submit a panoramic film they are limited to taking only extraoral radiographs.
- A. True
 - B. False
15. The full mouth intraoral radiographs series submit must be:
- A. Of diagnostic quality
 - B. Taken without assistance
 - C. Submitted with an affidavit
 - D. All of the above
16. Passing a written examination is required prior to exposing radiographs in a office while being trained by a licensee or a dental assistant certified in dental radiography.
- A. True
 - B. False
17. When submitting an application by July 1st of a renewal year, the assistant does not have to pay a late or reinstatement fee.
- A. True
 - B. False
18. When renewing your certification which of the following is correct:
- A. If application, continuing education, and triennial renewal fee is received by July 1 there is no late fee
 - B. If application, continuing education, and triennial renewal fee is received by August 1 there is no late fee
 - C. If application, continuing education, triennial renewal fee, late fee, and reinstatement fee are received between August 1 and September 1 the certificate will be renewed.
 - D. Both A and C
19. Continuing education hours required in a full renewal cycle are:
- A. Ten (10) hours

- B. Twenty (20) hours
 - C. Twenty-five (25) hours
 - D. Thirty (30) hours
20. The required courses for each renewal are:
- A. CPR, Radiology Safety, and Risk Management
 - B. Infection Control, Patient Management, Radiology Safety
 - C. Radiology Safety, CPR, Infection Control
 - D. Patient Management, Jurisprudence, Radiology Safety
21. Proof of compliance with continuing education courses is only required:
- A. Every third renewal
 - B. Every renewal
 - C. If renewal notice requests an audit
 - D. Never
22. Dental assistant should keep records of continuing education courses Submitted for renewal:
- A. For at least one (1) year
 - B. For at least five (5) years
 - C. Do not need to be kept after receiving renewal certificate
 - D. For at least seven (7) years
23. If renewal is not sent in by September 1 the certificate is automatically revoked:
- A. True
 - B. False
24. Certification is required for all expanded functions of dental assistants working under indirect supervision:
- A. True
 - B. False
25. If there are circumstances which cause an assistant to be unable to acquire the needed continuing education hours:
- A. That is too bad, they must apply
 - B. They should put down courses they did not actually attend
 - C. They should request a deferral from the Board of up to four (4) months to obtain the hours
 - D. They should just continue working without certification