

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 3223**

Sponsored by Representatives PHAM H, JAVADI, Senators GELSER BLOUIN, MANNING JR;  
Representative LEVY E, Senator CAMPOS

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to dental assistants; and prescribing an effective date.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 679.**

**SECTION 2. (1) In adopting rules related to the requirements for certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, the Oregon Board of Dentistry may require an applicant for certification to pass a written examination. If passage of a written examination is required for certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, the board may accept the results of any examination that is:**

**(a)(A) Administered by a dental education program in this state that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule;**

**(B) Administered by a dental education program in this state that is approved by the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition of the American Dental Association, or its successor organization, and approved by the board by rule; or**

**(C) An examination comparable to an examination described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of this paragraph that is administered by a testing agency approved by the board by rule; and**

**(b) Offered in plain language in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.**

**(2) The board may not require an applicant for certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, to complete more than one written examination for certification as that type of dental assistant.**

**SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act applies to applications for certification as a dental assistant, including any type of expanded function dental assistant, submitted on or after the operative date specified in section 4 of this 2023 Act.**

**SECTION 4. (1) Section 2 of this 2023 Act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.**

**(2) The Oregon Board of Dentistry may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

**SECTION 5. (1) The Oregon Board of Dentistry shall convene an advisory committee of at least seven members to study the dental assistant workforce shortage and to review the requirements for dental assistant certification in other states. The committee shall provide**

advice to the board on a quarterly basis on how to address the dental assistant workforce shortage in this state.

(2)(a) In appointing members to the advisory committee, the board shall prioritize diversity of geographic representation, background, culture and experience.

(b) A majority of the members appointed to the committee must have experience working as dental assistants.

**SECTION 6.** This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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