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I have been a dentist for over 20 years and the best 3 dental assistants I have had were trained on the job. I have never experienced a dental assistant shortage like we currently have even though dental assistant wages have risen drastically. Some offices are even offering 5 to 10 thousand dollar sign on bonuses. Many offices are paying 28 to 30 dollars an hour for dental assistants. My office was recently contacted by an assistant asking for 42 dollars per hour. Removing the written exam would expedite training and allow an influx of people of to be trained as valuable members in the dental community.