

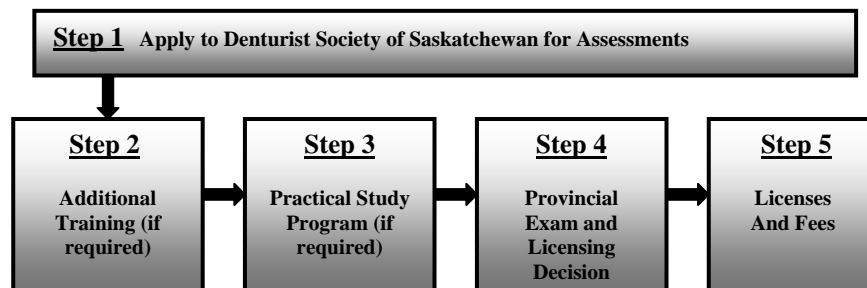
Internationally Educated Health Professionals

Steps to Licensing

Denturists

This document provides a general overview of the steps to getting a license as a Denturist in Saskatchewan. In Saskatchewan, the licensing body for Denturists is the Denturist Society of Saskatchewan (DSS). Their website address is www.saskdenturists.ca.

*Before you begin the licensing process, you should review this document and visit www.saskdenturists.ca to collect the information you need about getting a license in Saskatchewan. We have designed a **Guide** to help you record the information you find. The Guide also contains a list of questions to answer from your website research or to ask DSS. Once you have completed your research, contact DSS to ensure that you understand the process and to clarify any additional questions you may have.*



The following is a summary of the steps required for a license to practice as a Denturist in Saskatchewan.

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1. Apply to the Denturist Society of Saskatchewan for Assessments

The regulatory body for Denturists in Saskatchewan is the Denturist Society of Saskatchewan (DSS). You can learn more about the DSS by visiting their website at www.saskdenturists.ca. Your first step in becoming a licensed denturist in Saskatchewan is to have your educational credentials assessed. Contact DSS for an application form, and to learn more about the assessment and licensing processes and fees.

For your assessment, you must submit the following documents to DSS.

- Completed application form.
- Your certificate of completion from your denturist educational program
- Your academic transcripts from your educational program.
- Proof that you have completed a practical (hands-on) study program.
- Proof of good character (letters of reference from someone who knows you well).
- Certified translations of any documents not originally in English.
- Required fees.

This is a general guide and does not cover every individual situation. For the official and most current information about the licensing process and fees, please contact the regulatory body.

After the DSS Registrar has received your entire application package, the Registrar will send the records from your educational program to International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) in Edmonton to be assessed. You can learn more about IQAS at www.employment.alberta.ca/Immigration/4512.html. IQAS will assess your educational program to make sure that it is equivalent to a Canadian denturist program. After the assessment, IQAS will let the DSS Registrar know the results. If your education is not assessed as being equivalent to Canadian standards, you may be referred to one of the Canadian educational programs mentioned in Step 2.

If your education is assessed as equivalent to an accredited Canadian denturist program, your next step is to complete a Practical Skills Assessment at Northern Alberta Institute of Technologies (NAIT) in Edmonton. DSS will arrange this assessment for you, but you must pay the required fees yourself. If you are successful in the Practical Skills Assessment, you will be approved to apply for the Provincial Exam. This is the final step in applying for a license in Saskatchewan (please see Step 4).

If you were not successful in the Practical Skills Assessment, you will need to complete a practical study program (see Step 3).

2. Additional Training (if required)

If IQAS assesses your educational credentials as not being equivalent to Canadian standards, DSS may refer you to an accredited upgrading program. There are four accredited Denturist programs in Canada: Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) in Edmonton (www.nait.ca/program_home_13886.htm) ; George Brown College in Toronto (www.georgebrown.ca/Marketing/FTCal/hsci/S101.aspx) ; Vancouver Community College in Vancouver (www.vcc.ca/programs-courses/detail.cfm?div_id=6&prog_id=47) ; and College Edouard-Montpetit in Quebec (www.college-em.qc.ca/?DF5F1F4F-BDB2-4A01-8D97-BE1133E168DE). For more information on any of these programs, please visit their websites.

If you graduate from the NAIT or George Brown College program and want to register as a Denturist in Saskatchewan, you are able to apply to write the provincial exam (see Step 4). You do not have to complete the Practical Study Program. If you graduate from the Vancouver Community College or College Edouard-Montpetit program, you must complete the Practical Study Program.

3. Practical Study Program

If the DSS Registrar has assessed your educational credentials as meeting the Canadian standard, but you were not successful in the Practical Skills Assessment, you must complete a two year Practical Study Program under the supervision of a licensed Denturist. You must locate your own supervisor for the Practical Study Program.

4. Provincial Exam and Licensing Decision

If you are successful in the Practical Skills Assessment, OR at the end of your two-year Practical Study Program, you will apply to write the provincial exam. The exam has a written and practical part. Contact the DSS for information on exam fees and how to apply for the exam. You may write the exam twice. If you fail on your second attempt, DSS will refer you to one of the accredited educational programs mentioned in Step 2.

Your exam results will be sent to the DSS Registrar, who will review your results and inform you in writing of the licensing decision. If you have passed the exam, and DSS has received all of your

documentation and fees, you will be eligible for a Practicing License. If you were unsuccessful, the Registrar will inform you in writing and tell you about the appeal process.

5. Licenses and Fees

Here is some general information which may be helpful to you as you apply for registration with DSS. If you have specific questions, please contact DSS directly. The cost for your whole licensing process can be quite high. It is best to learn more about all of the fees involved before you begin the process.

Categories of Membership

- Practising Resident
- Practising Non-Resident
- Intern
- Non-Practicing

Appeal process

- If your licensing application was not successful, you can appeal to the DSS Provincial Council.

Fees

- For an up-to-date list of fees for application, registration and the different types of licenses, please contact DSS directly.

Timelines

- Once DSS has received your complete application, and you have met all the licensing requirements (including passing the provincial exam), your license can be approved immediately.
- Your timeline for the entire licensing process (from your assessment by DSS to receiving your Practicing license) may vary, depending upon your retraining needs.

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