



**DENTAL ASSISTING - HPCSA Notice of FINAL Board Examination -
Information and Background for Understanding
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The Board exam referred to in the communication NOTICE OF FINAL DENTAL ASSISTING EXAMINATION yesterday to the SADA database, refers to those assistants who were previously registered under the Grandfather Clause but did not write the Board examination.

If your assistant is currently registered with the HPCSA after obtaining a tertiary qualification in Dental Assisting, he/she is not required to write the exam.

Regrettably, the Board examination is only for those assistants who registered under the grandfather clause in the past but did not write the examinations.

Below is the relevant content of the previously distributed notification to dental practitioners on 27 July 2023 for reference purposes.

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URGENT NOTICE OF FINAL DENTAL ASSISTING EXAMINATION - Last Chance

The Professional Board Dental Assisting Dental Therapy and Oral Hygiene on the 26 June 2023 issued its Notice of a Final Board Examinations for all those dental assistants who were registered under the previous grandfather clauses based on experience to register as dental assistants.

This will apply to all dental assistants who registered as student dental assistants under grandfather clauses at any time and failed to write the Board examinations or allowed their registration to lapse due to non-payment of their annual fees. It does not apply to dental assistants with more than 5 years of experience who did not register at any time before under the grandfather clauses.

The examinations are planned to be held in November 2023 and March 2024 (exact details to be advised a month before each exam date).

All dental assistants who have not taken this examination but are Registered under the grandfather clause are requested to fill in form 324 and send it together with the proof of payment of R863.00 to dohexams@hpcsa.co.za.

Dental Assistants will continue to use their student dental assistant number (even if lapsed).

Please note that after successfully passing the exam, those dental assistants who allowed their registration to lapse will have to first pay the restoration fees which will be calculated according to the timeframe that they were off the Register.

If a practitioner wishes that their name to be restored on the register, the penalties are calculated as follows:

1. If a practitioner has been suspended or removed from the register for less than 6 months, they will have to pay the equivalent of twice the applicable fee for the current year plus the outstanding fee;
2. If a practitioner has been suspended or removed from the register for more than 6 months, but less than 12 months, they will have to pay the equivalent of four times the applicable fee for the current year plus the outstanding fee;
3. If a practitioner has been suspended or removed from the register for more than 12 months, they will have to pay the equivalent of five times the applicable fee for the current year plus the outstanding fee.
4. To assist members and their dental assistant staff, Form 324 and Examinations Guidelines Form 325 as supplied by the HPCSA are available [online](#). We also take the liberty of making available some past examination papers made available during the last round of Board examinations as well as an Examination Guide [online](#).



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