



CERTIFICATE SUPPLEMENT (*)



1. TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (EN)

Dental Assistant

2. TRANSLATED TITLE OF THE CERTIFICATE (IS)

Tanntæknir - tanntæknabraut

This translation has no legal status

3. PROFILE OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

The holder:

- is responsible for the reception, telephone and appointment bookings
- oversees the clients medical records and prepares the clients for treatment
- prepares dentists surgeries for treatments, assists dentists during treatments, e.g. by “four handed dentistry” and puts things away at the end of the working day
- is able to set up instruments and fillings needed for operations, materials for casts, etc.
- disinfects/sterilises the dental surgery, including instruments and equipment
- sets up and takes x-rays and develops films
- assists in brushing fluoride onto teeth and provides instructions as to the proper dental care
- has good general computer skills appropriate for the job
- is capable of working independently, show initiative and prioritise tasks
- has good communication skills, shows moral maturity and discretion in his/her work
- knows the law and regulations applicable for the profession and adheres to them in the daily work
- works according to quality standards/quality manual, is familiar with health and safety in the workplace and is able to give first aid if accidents or mishaps occur.

4. RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HOLDER OF THE CERTIFICATE

Dental assistants work either in regular dentists' offices or for dentists that specialise in paediatric dentistry, oral surgery, orthodontics or periodontics. They assist with treatments, organise appointments and tend to medical reports and stock keeping in dental surgeries. Authorised to work as dental assistants those that have been licensed as such by the director general of public health.

(*) **Explanatory note**

This document is designed to provide additional information about the specified certificate and does not have any legal status in itself. The format of the description is based on the following texts: Council Resolution 93/C 49/01 of 3 December 1992 on the transparency of qualifications, Council Resolution 96/C 224/04 of 15 July 1996 on the transparency of vocational training certificates, and Recommendation 2001/613/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 July 2001 on mobility within the Community for students, persons Undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers.

More information on transparency is available at: www.cedefop.eu.int/transparency

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5. OFFICIAL BASIS OF THE CERTIFICATE

Name and status of the body awarding the certificate An Icelandic upper secondary school operating on the basis of the Upper Secondary School Act and the National Curriculum for Upper Secondary Schools, issued by the Minister of Education, Science and Culture.	Name and position of governing body or region that looks after certifying or confirming the certificate The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture
Level of the certificate (national or international) Upper secondary school level Isced 3 Icelandic Qualifications Framework (ISQF) Level 2 – EQF Level 3	Grading scale / Pass requirements 1-10 Passing grade 5.
Access to next level of education/training Additional studies for matriculation.	International agreements
Legal basis The Upper Secondary School Act no. 92/2008. The Act on Health Professionals no. 34/2012 Regulation on the education, rights and obligations of dental technicians no 1122/2012.	

6. FRAMEWORK AND ORGANISATION OF TRAINING

The average duration of the education and training programme is three years, organised as follows: formal education for two and a half years, three school terms or in total 54 weeks, including examinations. Two terms on-the-job training including academic studies at the Dental Department of the University of Iceland.

Entry requirements

To have passed final exams of compulsory education

Additional information

Further information may be found on <http://eng.menntamalaraduneyti.is>

National reference point

The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, <http://eng.menntamalaraduneyti.is>