

TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER PROGRAM
OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE FOR EXPEDITED LABOUR MARKET OPINIONS
DENTAL TECHNICIANS

Section A: OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Dental technicians design, prepare and fabricate dentures and dental devices as prescribed by dentists and other specialists. They are employed in dental laboratories.

MAIN DUTIES:

Dental technicians perform some or all of the following duties:

- Design, fabricate or repair dental devices including full or partial dentures, crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, clasps and bands, and implants.
- May consult with dentists or other specialists on problematic dental cases.
- May train and supervise other dental technicians or dental laboratory bench workers in fabricating dentures and other dental devices.
- May perform supervisory and administrative functions for the dental laboratory.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Dental technicians are required to complete a college program in dental technology - or
- Four or more years of on-the-job training under the supervision of a registered dental technician.
- Registration with a regulatory body is required for dental technicians in all provinces except in Manitoba.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES BY SUB-REGION:

ALBERTA

Geographic Area	Wage (per hour)
Calgary/Banff/Drumheller	\$18.46
Edmonton	\$18.07
Fort-McMurray	\$17.94
St. Paul/Lloydminster	\$17.94
Grande Prairie/Slave Lake/Jasper	\$17.94
Lethbridge/Medicine Hat/Crowsnest Pass	\$17.94
Red Deer/Camrose/Wetaskiwin/Rocky/Olds	\$17.94

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Geographic Area	Wage (per hour)
Lower Mainland Southwest	\$19.77
Northern British Columbia	\$22.80
Thompson Okanagan Kootenay	\$22.00
Vancouver Island	\$20.91

PROVINCIAL LABOUR STANDARDS:

In **Alberta** refer to: [Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, Employment Standards Programs](#)

In **British Columbia** refer to: [Ministry of Labour and Citizen's Service, Employment Standards Branch](#)

PROVINCIAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

In **Alberta** refer to:

- [College of Dental Technologists of Alberta](#)

In **British Columbia** refer to:

- [College of Dental Technicians of British Columbia](#)

LABOUR MARKET OPINION FACTORS:

Refer to the [Temporary Foreign Worker Program](#) website to obtain the Labour Market Opinion factors used to assess an employer's request to hire a temporary foreign worker.