



# ACCESS TO DENTAL TECHNOLOGY

Reducing Barriers to Licensure and  
Employment in Dental Technology

## Fall 2018 Update

### The Project At-A-Glance

The Access to Dental Technology project is a multi-year, pan-Canadian project that started in December 2018. It will:

- help internationally trained newcomers join the Canadian workforce faster
- launch a website with centralized information on the dental technologist profession and licensure
- create pre-arrival self-assessment tools
- establish fair and consistent assessment processes of domestic and internationally educated professionals seeking licensure

### Did You Know?

The dental technology is facing a critical shortage.

- In the next few years, there is an annual projected need for over 5,000 dental technology workers in Canada
- There are fewer than 2,000 licensed dental technologists / technicians in Canada.



### WHO WE ARE

The Canadian Alliance of Dental Technology Regulators- Alliance Canadienne des organismes de réglementation de la technique dentaire (CADTR-ACORTD) serves as the collective voice for the governing bodies of the dental technology profession in Canada.

### Our Recent Accomplishments

- ✓ A pan-Canadian two-day meeting of leaders from dental technology regulatory bodies working together to advance the project
- ✓ An *environmental scan* that reports on the state of the dental technology profession
- ✓ *National Essential Competencies* for the dental technology profession based on a review of the 2010 National Competency Profile and subject matter expert insights.



### Upcoming Activities

An *Education Benchmark Study* to define the minimum Canadian dental technology program requirements, curriculum and course content

*Profession Specific Credential Assessment (PSCA)* Tool to assess the education of internationally trained applicants and domestic applicants who graduated from an unapproved program against the Canadian Education Benchmark

*Applicant engagement* activities that help individuals understand and get involved in the project.



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