



The Ontario Dental Assistants Association is excited to announce the launch of a new “Ortho” designation for qualified ODAA members. Certified ODAA members who hold a current CDA II credential and have completed an ODAA approved orthodontic supplemental course are invited to apply to add the ODAA “Ortho” designation.

The ODAA “Ortho” designation serves as proof to employers, patients, and the public that you have completed an approved orthodontic supplemental course. It demonstrates that you are qualified to perform the orthodontic skills listed above.

Based on the RCDSO’s scope of practice for level II Dental Assistants in Ontario. A Level II Dental Assistant who has successfully completed a Supplemental Course in Orthodontic Procedures that meets the criteria listed in Appendix 1 may also perform any of the following 4 intra-oral procedures:

- (1) placing and cementing bands, brackets and passive space-maintaining or orthodontic appliances that have been previously selected, fitted and/or dispensed by a dentist for orthodontic purposes;
- (2) placing attachments for orthodontic purposes in conjunction with clear aligner therapy;
- (3) removing bands, brackets and passive space maintaining or orthodontic appliances, but not removing cement and/or bonding resin;
- (4) taking non-alginate conventional impressions for working models for the fabrication of space maintaining or orthodontic appliances.

For the intra-oral procedures numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4) above, the dentist giving direction to a Level II Dental Assistant to perform any of these procedures must be present in the office suite while it is being performed and ensure, prior to the patient’s discharge, that it was performed safely and competently.

*An ODAA approved ortho supplemental course is one that has been approved by the ODAA quality assurance program