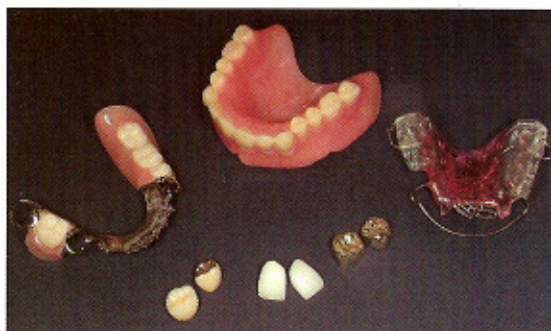


# DENTAL TECHNICIANS ...make crowns, bridges, dentures, partial dentures, implants, orthodontic appliances.

## BC's Dental Technicians

Dental technicians are health professionals who are trained, tested, and qualified to fabricate and supply dental appliances.



Many dental technicians operate their own commercial dental laboratories, while others work as employees in dental laboratories.

Your dentist will send your impression, together with a prescription, to the laboratory of a dental technician where the fabrication and/or repair of your dental appliance will take place.

Dental technicians and dentists work closely together as a team. Dentists utilize and rely on the dental technician's professional expertise in the filling of prescriptions, by:

- jointly considering changes that are beneficial to the patient;
- consulting with the dental technician regarding the shape, contour, materials, and methods of production.

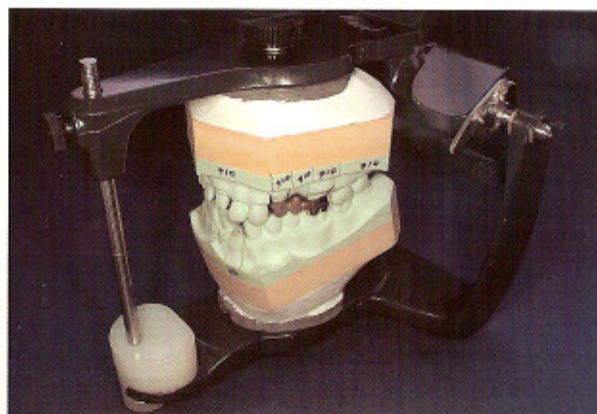
## What is the College of Dental Technicians of British Columbia?

The College of Dental Technicians of BC regulates the profession of dental technology in the public interest. The College Board has 5 elected dental technicians, 1 elected dental technician assistant, and 3 government appointed public members.

The College's duty is to serve and protect the public, and to exercise its authority and its responsibilities in the public interest.

## The College's responsibilities:

- setting entry qualifications
- administering licensure examinations
- registering qualified dental technicians
- setting and monitoring:
  - practice standards
  - ethical standards
  - continuing education requirements
- investigating complaints and disciplining registrants
- communicating with the general public and the profession.

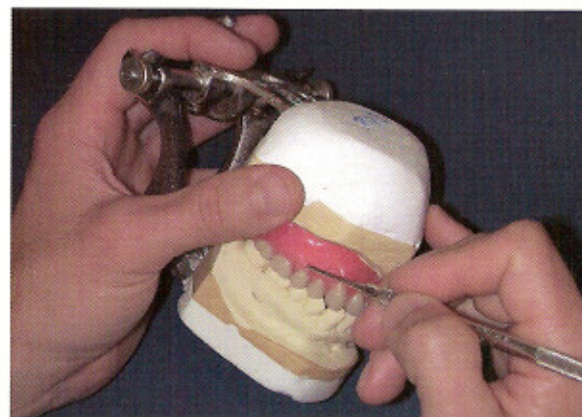


## Do I benefit from receiving the services of a registered dental technician?

Because this is a regulated profession, you are assured that your appliance is being fabricated by a health professional who:

- has been trained in an approved dental technology program
- has been tested and registered by the College of Dental Technicians of BC
- is required to take continuing education courses
- must maintain practice standards and adhere to a professional code of ethics.

Dental technicians pride themselves on their technical expertise and in the artistry of their work.



## Will I ever meet my dental technician?

You may meet your dental technician if:

- your dentist refers you to a dental laboratory to have your crown colour selected / verified
- your dentist calls in a dental technician to share technical expertise in planning a procedure
- you attend at a dental laboratory to replace a tooth in a denture or to have a repair done.

## A great career opportunity!

Are you looking for an exciting career with a great future? Do you like doing precision work with your hands? Does a profession that will continue to grow and evolve, along with a potential for earning a good wage interest you? If so, then a career as a dental technician may be what you are looking for!

Dental technician services will always be required and, as more people become interested in cosmetic dentistry, the need for highly skilled technicians grows.



## Life-long learning

The science of dental technology is constantly evolving as new materials and cutting edge techniques are developed and made available to the dental technician for the creation of natural looking restorations.

Dental technicians are considered the "artists" of the dental health team. Each new restoration presents a different challenge. Each new restoration is a different creation.

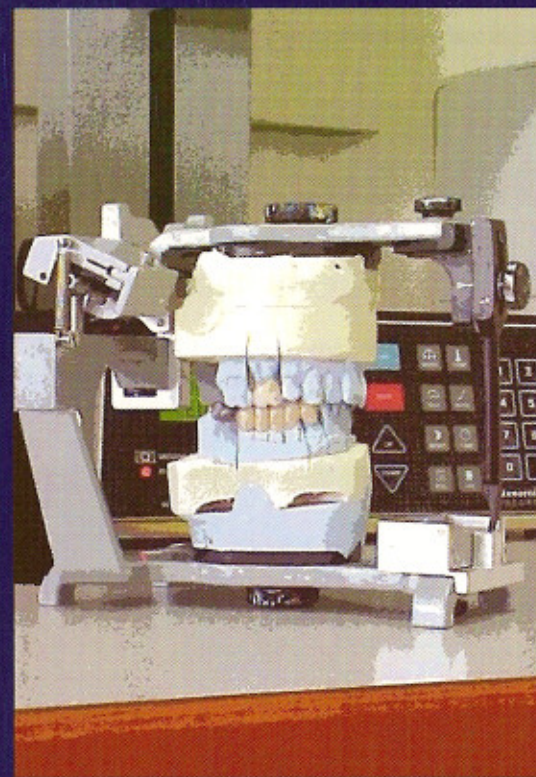


## Considering a career in dental technology?

Dental technicians are often people who have the following skills and interests:

- *Interest in health care and science*
- *Excellent hand-eye coordination*
- *Good colour perception*
- *Interest in doing precision work*
- *Creative artistic inclinations.*

If you see yourself in the list above, perhaps you could be a future dental technician. Call, write for more information, or visit the College's website and see where your future may lead!



## Creating Beautiful, Natural Smiles

## Want more information?

If you would like more information about the College of Dental Technicians of BC, or about a career as a dental technician, visit our website at [www.cdt.bc.ca](http://www.cdt.bc.ca) or contact the College office.

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