

NSW DENTAL TECHNICIANS REGISTRATION BOARD

PP No: 10

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Board has agreed upon the following policies in relation to work experience.

Situation	Board Policy
1. A school student undertaking one week's work experience	The laboratory manager must ensure that the student provides an introductory letter from the school
2. A prospective candidate for the Diploma of Dental Technology	Board approval is not required as the assessment of such an individual is usually made within two or three days, and the individual is not permitted to work on commercial models
3. A first year TAFE student, prior to the commencement of their first term	The laboratory manager must ensure that the student provides a letter of acceptance into the course from TAFE and is to remunerate the student in accordance with or above the award rate
4. An overseas trained dental technician wishing to hone their skills prior to undertaking the Board's examination for registration	The laboratory manager and applicant must obtain an approval letter from the Board, which will authorise the applicant to undertake technical work up until the date of the examination.
5. A person employed in a dental laboratory as support staff or as an assistant to a technician	Such persons must not undertake technical work* as defined under section 5 of the Act.
6. A student who has completed the approved Diploma of Dental Technology course, and who is accumulating their 3,500 supervised hours of paid employment in a dental laboratory	Such persons must make application for registration within two years of completing the Diploma, otherwise the Board will deem the person to no longer be a student in training and he/she will be unable to continue to undertake technical work.

* **Technical work** is defined at Section 5 of the Dental Technicians Registration Act as: the mechanical construction or the renewal or repair of artificial dentures or restorative dental appliances.

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