

# CDAA

## Vice President's Message - Amended (Original Message sent November 5, 2021)

After many years of hard work, the CDAA Board of Directors and Executive Director Stephanie Mullen-Kavanagh are very pleased to announce the exciting changes to the **National Occupational Classification (NOC)** for Dental Assisting. ([Click here for CDAA Original Announcement](#))

It has been officially announced that future classification of Dental Assistants by the National Occupational Classification (NOC) as issued by the Government of Canada, will classify Dental Assistants as “skilled workers”. The CDAA's hope is that having Dental Assistants reclassified in the NOC from “unskilled” to “skilled” workers will eliminate the practice of employers hiring individuals in their dental practices who have not graduated from an accredited Dental Assisting Course or have not passed the NDAEB Exam.

There are still many hours of work that CDAA has to put into making sure that the NOC accurately describes what tasks RDA's are trained to do. CDAA will work diligently to make sure that this is done as thoroughly and comprehensively as possible.

If anyone has any questions regarding this announcement contact Heather Kinsman at the MDAA office. The MDAA will do our best to answer all questions or get the appropriate persons to do so.

Thank you  
Heather Brownlee RDA  
Vice-President CDAA