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To the College of Alberta Dental Assistants Council,

Since mid-March 2020, Government directives in response to the Covid 19 public health emergency have resulted in almost all Registered Dental Assistants (RDA's) across Alberta being laid off from work without a definite recall date. Despite the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) providing \$2000.00 per month for the next four months to those individuals, that amount will not cover the normal expenses that most will need to meet their monthly payments such as rent or mortgage payments, food, medicines and other basic needs. Should the current situation extend beyond the anticipated four month period that will bring us close to the annual practice permit renewal date.

As the provincial advocate for our professional members across Alberta, the Association of Alberta Dental Assistants is requesting that the CADA Council consider waiving the annual license fee for 2021 that is to be paid by October 31, 2020. In addition, where there are RDA's who are unable to obtain their required 300 hours in time for their 2021 audit, we request that consideration be made to allow those individuals to retain their practice permit.

According to the last annual report CADA has considerable monies set aside in various funds. Waiving the practice permit renewal fee for 2021 would be the right thing to do under such unusual circumstances as we find ourselves in at this time. This concession will provide all RDA's with the ability to maintain their practice permits regardless of their financial situation and allow each one to be ready to return to work as quickly as government restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to your prompt consideration and response.

Regards,

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