

**TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**  
**CHAPTER 5 DENTISTRY (DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, ETC.)**  
**PART 32 DENTAL ASSISTANTS, FEES**

**16.5.32.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico board of dental health care.  
[16.5.32.1 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.1 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.32.2 SCOPE:** The provisions of Part 32 of Chapter 5 apply to all applicants for certification; to active, expired and suspended certificate holders; and to anyone who requests a list of certified dental assistants or other public records.  
[16.5.32.2 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.2 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.32.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Part 32 of Chapter 5 is promulgated pursuant to the Dental Health Care Act, Section 61-5A-20 NMSA 1978 (1996 Repl. Pam.).  
[16.5.32.3 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.3 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.32.4 DURATION:** Permanent.  
[16.5.32.4 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.4 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.32.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 21, 2026, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[16.5.32.5 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.5 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.32.6 OBJECTIVE:** To establish fees to generate revenue to support the cost of program administration.  
[16.5.32.6 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.6 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.32.7 DEFINITIONS:** [RESERVED]  
[16.5.32.7 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.7 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**16.5.32.8 FEES:**

- A.** all fees are non-refundable;
- B.** application fee: \$50;
- C.** examination fee not to exceed \$100 per exam;
- D.** triennial renewal fee: \$50;
- E.** late penalty fee: \$25.00;
- F.** duplicate certificate fee: \$10.00;
- G.** list of current certificate holders: \$300; an annual list of current certificate holders is available to the professional association upon request at no cost;
- H.** reinstatement fee: \$15.00;
- I.** electronic processing fee, initial and renewal, per year is \$10;
- J.** return payment fee is \$35.

[16.5.32.8 NMAC - Rp, 16.5.32.8 NMAC, 4/21/2026]

**HISTORY OF 16.5.32 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the commission of public records - state records center and archives as:

Article XII, Dental Assistants, filed 3/12/1981.

Article XII, Dental Assistants, filed 1/12/1982.

Article XII, Dental Assistants, filed 8/8/1984.

Article XII, Dental Assistants, filed 2/5/1988.

BOD Rule 10, Dental Assistants, filed 2/9/1989.

BODHC Rule DA 1-95, Dental Assistant, Practice and Certification, filed 5/5/1995.

BODHC Rule DA 2-95, Dental Assistants, Renewal of Certificates, filed 5/5/1995.

**History of Repealed Material:**

16.5.32 NMAC, Dental Assistants Fees filed 12/1/2000 Repealed effective 4/21/2026.

**Other History:**

That applicable portion of BODHC Rule DA 1-95, Dental Assistant, Practice and Certification, filed 5/5/1995 and that applicable portion of BODHC Rule DA 2-95, Dental Assistants, Renewal of Certificates (filed 5/5/1995) were renumbered, reformatted, amended and replaced by 16 NMAC 5.32, Dental Assistants, Fees, effective 9/30/1996. 16 NMAC 5.32, Dental Assistants, Fees (filed 9/17/1996) renumbered, reformatted, amended and replaced by 16.5.32 NMAC, Dental Assistants, Fees, effective 4/17/2006. 16.5.32 NMAC, Dental Assistants Fees filed 12/1/2000 Replaced by 16.5.32 NMAC, Dental Assistants Fees effective 4/21/2026.