



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Transition from College Stamp to RDT Identifiers

What is changing with the RDT stamp?

The College will no longer issue the RDT stamp. Going forward, you are required to include the following identifiers on any documents that previously required the stamp:

- **Full Name** (as listed on the CDTO Public Register)
- **Registration Number**
- **Title:** "Registered Dental Technologist"

When did this change become effective?

The change took effect on June 21, 2024, when the Board of Directors approved it. The use of RDT identifiers became mandatory on September 2, 2024.

How did the College communicate this change?

The College communicated this change through several methods:

- Posted [new release](#) on CDTO website.
- Sent targeted MailChimp to Registrants.
- Created and posted [informational video](#).
- Added a [cover page to the Laboratory Supervision Standard](#).
- Communicated changes in the [CDTO Bridge \(Summer edition\)](#) and within renewal reminders.
- Worked with system partners to educate their registrants/members about this change.
- Provided support through practice advisory and registration departments.

How should I apply my identifiers on documents?

You can apply the identifiers either digitally or manually, as the previous restriction on electronic use has been removed. RDTs can now use any of the following methods to include the required identifiers on documents that previously required a stamp:

- **Handwriting:** Writing the identifiers directly on the document.
- **Printing:** Adding the identifiers electronically or printing them on document.
- **Stamping:** Using a physical or digital stamp with the required identifiers.

For examples, see [Sample Invoice #1](#), [Sample Invoice #2](#), and [Sample of Digital or Physical Stamp](#).

Can I use a stamp for my identifiers?

Yes, you can order a custom stamp from a third party, such as Staples or Trans Canada, as long as it includes all three required identifiers.

Will this change increase the risk of unauthorized practice?

No, evidence shows that dentists seldom verified the RDT stamp, and unauthorized practitioners did not apply an RDT stamp on documents. Additionally, the CDTO has coordinated with the RCDSO, and dentists are now required to confirm that a commercial dental laboratory has an RDT listed on the CDTO Public Register.

Have dentists been informed about this update?

Yes, the RCDSO has notified dentists about this change and instructed them to verify RDT information by checking the CDTO Public Register. For more information, see [RCDSO's article](#).

Why is the expiration date not required?

The expiration date is not required because the identifiers (full name, registration number, and title) are sufficient to verify an RDT's active status. Dentist and others can confirm an RDT's current registration status by checking the CDTO Public Register, which is updated in real time.

Will there be additional communication to address questions and concerns?

Yes, the College is planning to host a townhall to provide further clarification on these changes and answer any questions. We will continue to share updates and address concerns through email communications, practice advisory resources, and additional announcements as needed.

Who can I contact for more information or assistance?

For any questions or further assistance, please contact us at rfar@cdto.ca.