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Abbreviated Dental Fee Guide for General Dentists

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About the Alberta Dental Association

The Alberta Dental Association is the collective voice of dentists in Alberta. We strengthen and support the dental profession and promote oral health as an integral part of general health for all Albertans. We support dentists in all aspects of their professional and personal lives as we believe that healthy dentists mean healthy Albertans.

Our dental community provides the public with information and services to encourage the best oral health possible. We also provide information and transparency by developing the Alberta Dental Fee Guide, a set of suggested fees for various oral health services and procedures.

Important information about this abbreviated guide

The *Abbreviated Alberta Dental Fee Guide for General Dentists* provides information on common dental procedures and fees to help Albertans understand how a dentist *may* determine their fees. **Please note that each dentist sets their own fees for the services they provide and the procedures in this guide may not cover your specific treatment needs or the actual cost of your care.** Talk to your dentist for more details on your treatment options and the associated costs.

Prevention services

These services prevent oral diseases or their progression.

Polishing

A service that removes stain and plaque. One unit of time is 15 minutes.

Code	Fee	Description
11101	\$71.54	One unit of time (15 minutes)
11107	\$35.77	Half unit of time (7.5 minutes)

Scaling

The process to remove calculus/tarter and hardened debris from the tooth's surface above and below the gum line. One unit of time is 15 minutes. Time spent on the provision of a service begins when the practitioner begins preparing themselves and the patient for its delivery and ends when another service is initiated or when the patient is discharged from the operatory.

Code	Fee	Description
11111	\$80.30	One unit of time (15 minutes)
11112	\$160.60	Two units of time (30 minutes)
11113	\$240.90	Three units of time (45 minutes)
11117	\$40.15	Half unit of time (7.5 minutes)

Fluoride Treatment

A preventive service to reduce the risk of getting cavities.

Code	Fee	Description
12112	\$34.66	Topical fluoride – services such as the application of a gel or foam fluoride treatment to reduce the risk of getting cavities "Could also be applied as a varnish (code 12113)

Sealants

Coatings applied to the chewing surfaces of back teeth to reduce the risk of cavity development.

Code	Fee	Description
13401	\$39.01	Single tooth – coating to reduce the risk of cavity development

Diagnostic Services

The following are common services that aid in the detection and diagnosis of diseases or conditions of the mouth, head, and neck, including check-ups.

Exams

Code	Fee	Description
01101	\$81.82	Primary dentition – complete examination of a child with baby teeth only
01102	\$111.51	Mixed dentition – complete examination of a child with a mix of baby and adult teeth
01103	\$116.66	Permanent dentition – complete examination of an adult generally with only adult teeth
01202	\$73.85	Recall oral examination – examination of an adult or child previously seen by the same dentist
01204	\$73.85	Specific examination – examination of an issue in a localized area only
01205	\$73.85	Emergency examination – examination and investigation of pain or infection in a localized area only

Periodontal

Relates to the gums, bone, and other supporting structures of the teeth and mouth.

Code	Fee	Description
01501	\$236.91	Periodontal examination – includes recording of gum pocket depth

Periapical

A type of x-ray that shows the entire tooth crown, root, and surrounding bone of the teeth. It detects changes in the bone and surrounding tissues, cysts, bone tumors, and abscesses.

Code	Fee	Description
02111	\$34.26	Single periapical x-ray image
02112	\$54.60	Two periapical x-ray images

Bitewing

This is a type of x-ray that shows the crowns of several upper and lower teeth simultaneously. It helps to detect cavities between teeth, evaluate your bone health, and detect calculus deposits.

Code	Fee	Description
02142	\$54.60	Two bitewing x-ray images
02144	\$100.36	Four bitewing x-ray images

Panoramic

This type of x-ray shows many structures at once including the teeth, bone around the teeth, the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) and other structures of the face. Keep in mind that additional x-rays, like periapical and bitewings, may be required where additional information is required.

Code	Fee	Description
02601	\$101.53	Single panoramic x-ray image

Restoration Services

Procedures that replace lost tooth structure such as fillings or crowns.

Primary Teeth

Metal silver-coloured filling for baby teeth.

Code	Fee	Description
21112	\$162.24	Two surfaces – metal silver coloured filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces

Amalgam, Bonded, Permanent Molars

Metal silver-coloured filling for adult teeth.

Code	Fee	Description
21242	\$229.57	Two surfaces – metal silver coloured bonded filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces

Prefabricated, Metal, Primary Crown

A crown or cap for baby teeth frequently referred to as a stainless-steel crown or cap.

Code	Fee	Description
22211	\$238.03	Primary posterior – metal crown for a baby back tooth

Permanent Anteriors, Bonded Technique

Tooth-coloured filling for adult front teeth

Code	Fee	Description
23111	\$160.07	One surface – tooth coloured filling that includes 1 of the 5 tooth surfaces
23112	\$191.60	Two surfaces – tooth coloured filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces
23113	\$236.98	Three surfaces – tooth coloured filling that includes 3 of the 5 tooth surfaces

Permanent Bicuspids

Tooth-coloured fillings for adult bicuspid teeth. Bicuspid are also referred to as premolars.

Code	Fee	Description
23311	\$167.82	One surface – tooth-coloured filling that includes 1 of the 5 tooth surfaces
23312	\$233.78	Two surfaces – tooth-coloured filling that includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces
23313	\$273.80	Three surfaces – tooth-coloured filling that includes 3 of the 5 tooth surfaces

Permanent Molars

Tooth-coloured fillings for adult molar teeth.

Code	Fee	Description
23321	\$175.42	One surface – tooth-coloured fillings on adult molars includes 1 of the 5 tooth surfaces
23322	\$247.30	Two surfaces – tooth-coloured fillings on adult molars includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces
23323	\$292.78	Three surfaces – tooth-coloured fillings on adult molars includes 3 of the 5 tooth surfaces

Tooth-Coloured, Primary Posteriors

Tooth-coloured filling on a baby back molar tooth.

Code	Fee	Description
23512	\$213.60	Two surfaces – tooth-coloured fillings on a baby molar includes 2 of the 5 tooth surfaces

Crown, Porcelain/Ceramic/Polymer Glass – Uncomplicated

A crown, also called a cap covering of a tooth with metal, porcelain or porcelain fused to metal. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

Code	Fee	Description
27211	\$986.87	Fused to metal base +L – a crown or cap commonly referred to as porcelain fused to metal crown.

Endodontics

Root Canal Therapy the treatment of a tooth having a damaged pulp/nerve.

Pulpotomy, Primary Teeth

The removal of the coronal/top portion of the pulp/nerve of a baby tooth so that the pulp/nerve in the root remains intact and viable.

Code	Fee	Description
32232	\$90.64	Concurrent with restoration – removal of the coronal portion of the pulp/nerve of a baby tooth (does not include the final restoration)

Root Canals, Permanent – Uncomplicated

Includes completely removing the pulp/nerve, sterilizing the pulp/nerve chamber and root canal spaces, and filling these spaces with sealing material.

Code	Fee	Description
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33111	\$761.19	One canal – root canal of a tooth with 1 canal
33121	\$1,108.48	Two canals – root canal of a tooth with 2 canals
33131	\$1,296.32	Three canals – root canal of a tooth with 3 canals

Periodontics – Oral Disease

Diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases and conditions of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth.

Root Planing

The scraping of a bacteria-impregnated layer of cementum from the surface of a tooth root to prevent or treat periodontitis (gum disease). One unit of time is 15 minutes.

Code	Fee	Description
43421	\$86.89	One unit of time (15 minutes)
43422	\$173.78	Two units of time (30 minutes)
43423	\$260.68	Three units of time (45 minutes)
43424	\$347.57	Four units of time (60 minutes)

Prosthodontics – Removable

Dentures partial or complete that can be removed by the patient. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

Standard

Uncomplicated complete denture/ partial lower removable denture.

Code	Fee	Description
51101	\$968.41	Maxillary +L – complete upper removable denture
51102	\$968.41	Mandibular +L – complete lower removable denture
53102	\$967.32	Mandibular +L – partial lower removable cast metal frame free end (no back teeth to support the denture)

Adjustments, Partial or Complete Denture, Minor

Adjustment for any reason to a partial/complete denture. A unit of time is 15 minutes.

Code	Fee	Description
54201	\$83.45	One unit of time +L

Repair, Complete Denture, Impression Required

Code	Fee	Description
55201	\$168.65	Maxillary +L – upper denture repair impression required

Reline, Processed, Complete Denture

Resurface the tissue side of a denture with new material to improve the fit.

Code	Fee	Description
56231	\$273.03	Maxillary +L – upper complete processed denture reline

Prosthodontics – Fixed

Prosthetics that cannot be removed by the patient, replaces one or more missing teeth and is attached to natural teeth and/or implants. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

Pontics, Porcelain/Ceramic/Polymer Glass

Artificial tooth portion of a bridge that replaces a missing tooth.

Code	Fee	Description
62501	\$524.73	Fused to metal +L – type of artificial tooth connected to other pontics or the bridge retainers

Retainers, Porcelain/Ceramic/Polymer Glass, Fused to Metal Base

Cap or crown on the tooth or teeth that retains a bridge in the mouth.

Code	Fee	Description
67211	\$1,078.99	Fused to metal Base +L – type of bridge retainers that pontics attach to

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

The removal of teeth.

Removals, Erupted Teeth - Uncomplicated

The extraction (pulling) an erupted tooth.

Code	Fee	Description
71101	\$160.60	Single tooth, uncomplicated – extraction (pulling) of 1 erupted tooth

Removal, Erupted Teeth - Complicated

Extraction (pulling) of an erupted tooth requiring a surgical approach.

Code	Fee	Description
71201	\$289.63	Odontectomy, (extraction), erupted tooth, surgical approach, requiring surgical flap (cutting of the gums) and/or sectioning of tooth

Orthodontics

The supervision, guidance, and correction of the growing or mature dental and facial structures.

Observations and Adjustments

Code	Fee	Description
80601	\$92.39	For tooth guidance – refers to items including observation of tooth position, eruption sequence, serial extraction supervision

Appliances, Removable, Cross-Bite Correction

A condition in which the upper teeth bite inside the lower teeth. +L refers to laboratory charges that are in addition to the dentist's fee and vary case to case.

Code	Fee	Description
81121	\$379.48	Maxillary, simple +L – upper appliance to correct a cross-bite