



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Alaska



## How to Use the Following Charts

- View which job designations are used in your state.
- Be sure to follow the legal requirements to perform dental radiographic procedures.
- See which tasks are not permitted by state law.
- Review all the allowable tasks for each level of dental assisting as published in the state practice act.

View the education/training/credential required for each level of dental assisting.



Arizona		State approval 1/6/17	
<p><b>Education/Training/Credential Required</b></p> <p>To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function or Restorative Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate (see requirements to candidates)</li> <li>Successfully complete an EFDA training course approved by the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) or a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited program</li> <li>AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAMP</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE outline, contain and finish 20 direct restorations and three indirect restorations, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate</li> </ul> <p>To perform central polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Central Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) for the Central Polishing Certificate</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Central Polishing Certificate (see requirements to candidates)</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE outline, contain and finish 20 direct restorations and three indirect restorations, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate</li> </ul> <p><b>Dental Assistant (General Polishing Procedures)</b></p> <p>The ADA/DANB Alliance on the Dental Care and Education Study conducted from 2002-2003.</p> <p>The same study offered a list of 70 job titles that were representative of the range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are supported by the right, state dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with italics are part of the state's practice act but are not specifically included in DANB/ADAA.</p> <p><b>Dental Assistant (Central Polishing Procedures)</b></p> <p>These states implement restorative procedures to support a uniform dental practice act and cooperative program with the dental assisting study, scope and requirements, which will serve as a model center for dental assistants.</p>	<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.)</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Title</b></p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Radiography Requirements</b></p> <p>In order to legally operate under a state requirement and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Restorative Certificate in radiology.</p> <p>To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam</li> <li>AND the supervision of a radiologic technologist, complete a radiologic proficiency certificate, issued by DANB</li> <li>AND be currently certified in another U.S. state with a radiologic proficiency certificate, issued by the ASBDE</li> </ul> <p><b>Functions NOT Permitted by State Practice Act</b></p> <p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assisting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46. Taking final impressions for any activating orthodontic appliances, fixed or removable prosthetics</li> <li>51. Introral carrying of dental radiographs or "filmholders"</li> <li>A procedure which by law only a licensed dentist can perform</li> <li>Pre-job registrations</li> <li>Administering antibiotics</li> <li>An irreversible procedure</li> </ul> <p>* Under a new Arizona law passed in the 2015 legislative session, a dental assistant who has met the requirements for an Registered Function or Restorative Certificate may perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations.</p>

Compare your state's job designations to those used as standardized job titles in the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.

The numbers next to each task correspond to the 70 numbered tasks that were identified and used in the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study. Tasks that are not numbered do not directly match one of the 70 tasks, yet are identified by the state in the practice act. A full list of those tasks follow your state's chart.



See Appendix A for more information about the task numbering system.

Arizona		State approval 1/6/17	
<p><b>Education/Training/Credential Required</b></p> <p>To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function or Restorative Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate (see requirements to candidates)</li> <li>Successfully complete an EFDA training course approved by the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) or a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited program</li> <li>AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAMP</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE outline, contain and finish 20 direct restorations and three indirect restorations, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate</li> </ul> <p>To perform central polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Central Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) for the Central Polishing Certificate</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Central Polishing Certificate (see requirements to candidates)</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE outline, contain and finish 20 direct restorations and three indirect restorations, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate</li> </ul> <p><b>Dental Assistant (General Polishing Procedures)</b></p> <p>The ADA/DANB Alliance on the Dental Care and Education Study conducted from 2002-2003.</p> <p>The same study offered a list of 70 job titles that were representative of the range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are supported by the right, state dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with italics are part of the state's practice act but are not specifically included in DANB/ADAA.</p> <p><b>Dental Assistant (Central Polishing Procedures)</b></p> <p>These states implement restorative procedures to support a uniform dental practice act and cooperative program with the dental assisting study, scope and requirements, which will serve as a model center for dental assistants.</p>	<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.)</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Title</b></p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Radiography Requirements</b></p> <p>In order to legally operate under a state requirement and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Restorative Certificate in radiology.</p> <p>To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam</li> <li>AND the supervision of a radiologic technologist, complete a radiologic proficiency certificate, issued by DANB</li> <li>AND be currently certified in another U.S. state with a radiologic proficiency certificate, issued by the ASBDE</li> </ul> <p><b>Functions NOT Permitted by State Practice Act</b></p> <p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assisting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46. Taking final impressions for any activating orthodontic appliances, fixed or removable prosthetics</li> <li>51. Introral carrying of dental radiographs or "filmholders"</li> <li>A procedure which by law only a licensed dentist can perform</li> <li>Pre-job registrations</li> <li>Administering antibiotics</li> <li>An irreversible procedure</li> </ul> <p>* Under a new Arizona law passed in the 2015 legislative session, a dental assistant who has met the requirements for an Registered Function or Restorative Certificate may perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations.</p>

If your state's dental practice act specifically defines levels of supervision, the state-specific definition is noted below the chart. See Appendix B for more information about supervision.

These data are presented for informational purposes only and are not intended as a legal opinion regarding dental practice in any state. DANB confers with each state's dental board at least annually regarding the accuracy and currency of this information. To verify, or if you have any questions, please contact your state's dental board.

NELDA®, CDA®, COA®, CRFDA®, and COMSA®, are registered certification marks of the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB). DANB®, Dental Assisting National Board®, RHS®, ICE®, and Measuring Dental Assisting Excellence® are registered service marks of DANB. CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT™ is a certification mark of DANB.

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of AK	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <b>NOT</b> Permitted by Dental Assistants in AK
<p>To perform <b>coronal polishing procedures</b> in the state of Alaska under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold a certificate in coronal polishing.</p> <p>An applicant for certification must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit to the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners a complete, notarized application form <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pay applicable fee <b>AND</b></li> <li>Successfully complete a program of instruction approved by the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners <b>OR</b></li> </ul> <p>Be currently licensed or certified in another jurisdiction to perform coronal polishing and provide documentation to the board</p> <p>To perform specified <b>restorative functions</b> in the state of Alaska under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold a certificate in restorative functions.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully complete a course offered by or under the auspices of a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or other equivalent course or program approved by the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners <b>AND</b></li> <li>Pass the Western Regional Examining Board's restorative examination or other equivalent examination approved by the board within the five years preceding the dental assistant's certificate application <b>OR</b></li> </ul> <p>Have legal authorization from another state or jurisdiction to perform restorative functions</p> <p><i>Note: The Alaska Board of Dental Examiners maintains a registry of dental assistants who hold certificates in coronal polishing and/or restorative functions.</i></p>	<p><b>Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing procedures/ Dental Assistant qualified in restorative functions</b></p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>There are no radiography requirements for dental assistants in the state of Alaska.</p> <p>All dental assistants may legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures delegated by and under the indirect supervision of an Alaska state-licensed dentist.</p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform preliminary charting and triage to formulate a dental hygiene assessment and dental hygiene treatment plan</li> <li>Remove calcareous deposits, accretions, and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth beginning at the epithelial attachment by scaling and polishing techniques</li> <li>Administer and monitor nitrous oxide-oxygen conscious sedation</li> <li>Remove marginal overhangs</li> <li>Use local periodontal therapeutic agents</li> <li>Perform nonsurgical periodontal therapy</li> <li>Administer local anesthetic agents</li> <li>Dental diagnosis, comprehensive treatment planning, and writing prescriptions for drugs</li> <li>Writing authorizations for restorative, prosthetic, or orthodontic appliances</li> <li>Operative or surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues</li> <li>Other procedures that require the professional competence and skill of a dentist or licensed dental hygienist</li> </ol>
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in the state of Alaska may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p><b>Dental Assistant</b></p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p> The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles (left) based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005.</p> <p>The same study utilized a list of 70 job functions which were determined to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are numbered to the right, using language directly from this state's dental practice act.  (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with bullets are part of this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA research.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>These state templates reflect the work done by the ADAA/ DANB Alliance to support a uniform national model for one set of dental assisting tasks, levels and requirements, which will serve as a viable career ladder for dental assistants.</p> </div>	

Job Title  
According to  
State of AK

Allowable Functions  
(Functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations;  
functions with bullets are in this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research)

Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing procedures/  
Dental Assistant qualified in restorative functions

**Under Direct Supervision\***

- 9. Coronal polishing on teeth without calculus, if the dental assistant holds the Alaska coronal polishing certificate
- 12, 33, 51. Placement of a restoration into a cavity prepared by a licensed dentist and the subsequent carving, contouring, and adjustment of the contacts and occlusion of the restoration, if the dental assistant holds the Alaska restorative functions certificate

**Under Indirect Supervision\***

In the state of Alaska, all dental assistants may:

- 18. Apply topical preventive agents
- 22, 52. Expose and develop dental radiographs
- 40. Apply pit and fissure sealants
- Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures
- Perform other duties not specified by this state's dental practice act

At this time, DANB cannot list all allowable dental assisting functions for each state because some states' dental practice acts outline very specific allowable functions, while others outline only prohibited functions and some contain minimal or no regulation of dental assisting duties.

Dental Assistant

\*Direct Supervision:  
Indirect Supervision:

"Direct supervision" means a dentist licensed in this state is in the dental office, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure, and, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the dental assistant.  
"Indirect supervision" means a dentist licensed in this state is in the dental office, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the dental office while the procedures are being performed by the dental assistant.