



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: California



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			
<p>Education/Training/Credential Required</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"> Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate (see requirements to complete). 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. AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAP. AND have the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE criteria, and have 20 direct restorations and other restorative procedures on the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form. AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate. <p>To perform general polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona General Polishing Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) for the Arizona Restorative Certificate exam. AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate. AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Certificate. AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Certificate. <p>There are no education/training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</p> <p>Registered Function or Restorative Certificate</p> <p>General Polishing Certificate</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing Certificate</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Proposed Restorative Job Title</p> <p>Restorative</p> <p>General Polishing</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Radiography Requirements</p> <p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function or Restorative Certificate in radiology. To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and (RHS) exam. AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Radiography Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ACDP. AND be currently certified in another A.C.D.P. certification program (e.g., Restorative, Endodontics, or Endodontics). <p>AND have the supervision of a licensed dentist, use the x-ray equipment, and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form.</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 mentioned in DANB/ADAA.</p> <p>These states explicitly restrict the practice of dental assisting to those who are certified by the ADA/DANB Alliance to support a uniform dental practice act and to provide dental assisting tasks, roles and responsibilities, which will serve as a model center for dental assistants.</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	
<p>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Allowable Functions</p> <p>If functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations, functions with italics are in the state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research.</p> <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Apply fluoride varnish 40. Apply sealants * Place interim restorations * Consultation under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiology. <p>Level of Supervision Not Specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations or the placement and contouring of amalgamated crowns, inlays or veneers; do not use a licensed dentist; the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist. <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Perform coronal polishing procedures. <p>Under Direct Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Remove sutures 23. Apply topical fluoride 24. Apply topical fluoride 25. Apply fluoride 26. Apply fluoride 27. 28. Remove and prepare crown 29. Remove and prepare crown 30. Remove and prepare crown 31. Remove and prepare crown 32. Remove and prepare crown 33. Remove and prepare crown 34. Remove and prepare crown 35. Remove and prepare crown 36. Remove and prepare crown 37. Remove and prepare crown 38. Remove and prepare crown 39. Remove and prepare crown 41. Remove and prepare crown 42. Remove and prepare crown 43. Remove and prepare crown 44. Remove and prepare crown 45. Remove and prepare crown 46. Remove and prepare crown 47. Remove and prepare crown 48. Remove and prepare crown 49. Remove and prepare crown 50. Remove and prepare crown 52. Remove and prepare crown 53. Remove and prepare crown 54. Remove and prepare crown 55. Remove and prepare crown 56. Remove and prepare crown 57. Remove and prepare crown 58. Remove and prepare crown 59. Remove and prepare crown 60. Remove and prepare crown 61. Remove and prepare crown 62. Remove and prepare crown 63. Remove and prepare crown 64. Remove and prepare crown 65. Remove and prepare crown 66. Remove and prepare crown 67. Remove and prepare crown 68. Remove and prepare crown 69. Remove and prepare crown 70. Remove and prepare crown 71. Remove and prepare crown 72. Remove and prepare crown 73. Remove and prepare crown 74. Remove and prepare crown 75. Remove and prepare crown 76. Remove and prepare crown 77. Remove and prepare crown 78. Remove and prepare crown 79. Remove and prepare crown 80. Remove and prepare crown 81. Remove and prepare crown 82. Remove and prepare crown 83. Remove and prepare crown 84. Remove and prepare crown 85. Remove and prepare crown 86. Remove and prepare crown 87. Remove and prepare crown 88. Remove and prepare crown 89. Remove and prepare crown 90. Remove and prepare crown 91. Remove and prepare crown 92. Remove and prepare crown 93. Remove and prepare crown 94. Remove and prepare crown 95. Remove and prepare crown 96. Remove and prepare crown 97. Remove and prepare crown 98. Remove and prepare crown 99. Remove and prepare crown 100. Remove and prepare crown <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect and record information pertaining to dental conditions 2. Collect and record information pertaining to existing restorations 3. Take or instruct patients in oral hygiene techniques 4. Perform radiographic procedures, delivery concerning the use and proper control, and provide oral and diagnostic radiographs relative to specific office treatment 5. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction 6. Cleanse the supragingival surface of the tooth in preparation for the placement of veneers, crowns, and inlays 7. The placement of veneers, crowns, and inlays 8. Acet each procedure 9. Removal of temporary and packs

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.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of CA	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in CA
<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in California, a dental assistant must be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF). To register as an RDAEF, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a valid license as an RDA (see below) OR Successfully complete the requirements for licensure as an RDA AND Successfully complete a California Board-approved course for application of pit and fissure sealants AND Successfully complete a California Board-approved extended functions educational program AND Pass a written exam and a clinical or practical exam administered by the board AND Apply to the Dental Board of California for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions 	<p>Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF)</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>A dental assistant in California must be state certified in radiography to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures.</p> <p>To apply for state certification, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved radiation safety course which includes theory and clinical application in radiographic technique OR Have passed a radiation exam conducted by the California Board prior to Jan. 1, 1985 AND Submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the Dental Board of California 	<p>The following functions are not permitted by a dental assistant, an orthodontic assistant or a dental sedation assistant:</p> <p>33, 70. Placing, finishing, or removing permanent restorations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning Surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissue Prescribing medication Starting or adjusting local or general anesthesia or oral or parenteral conscious sedation; except for the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other and except as otherwise provided by law Supragingival and subgingival scaling Fitting and adjusting of correctional and prosthodontics appliances Irrigation and medication of canals, try-in cones, reaming, filing or filling of root canals Oral prophylaxis procedures
<p>To be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in California, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate from a California Board-approved RDA educational program OR Complete 15 months of work experience as a dental assistant AND Successfully complete California Board-approved courses in radiation safety and coronal polishing AND Successfully complete California Board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control within 5 years prior to application for licensure AND Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support AND Pass a state written exam and practical exam* (See Note at right.) AND Pass a state written exam in law and ethics AND Apply for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant to the Dental Board of California 	<p>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</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>	<p><i>*Note: In 2017, the California legislature passed a law suspending the RDA practical exam until Jan. 1, 2020. The practical exam will remain suspended until Jan. 1, 2020 or until the Dental Board of California determines an alternative way to measure competency, whichever occurs first. In the interim, the Dental Board of California will issue RDA licenses to applicants who have not passed the practical exam but have satisfactorily met all other requirements for RDA licensure.</i></p>
<p>An unlicensed dental assistant in California may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page).</p> <p>The employer dentist must ensure that all unlicensed dental assistants maintain BLS certification, and that all unlicensed dental assistants in continuous employment for 120 days or more have proof of completing all of the following within a year from date of employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A California Board-approved course in the California Dental Practice Act AND A California Board-approved course in infection control AND An AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support which includes hands-on simulated clinical scenarios 	<p>Unlicensed Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<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>	

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Job Title According to State of CA

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)

Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF)

Under Direct Supervision*

- 1, 2. Conduct preliminary evaluation of the patient's oral health, including, but not limited to, charting, intraoral and extraoral evaluation of soft tissue, classifying occlusion, and myofunctional evaluation
6. Cord retraction of gingivae for impression procedures
- 12, 33, 51. Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations
46. Take final impressions for permanent indirect restorations
46. Take final impressions for tooth-borne removable prosthesis
- Fit trial endodontic filling points
- Formulate indirect patterns for endodontic post and core castings
- Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with hand instruments

- Perform oral health assessments in school-based, community health project settings
- Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.
- Cement endodontic master points and accessory points
- Polish and contour existing amalgam restorations
- Adjust and cement permanent indirect restorations

Under Direct Supervision of a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) or RDH in Alternative Practice*

- Perform oral health assessments in school-based, community health project settings
- All duties a registered dental assistant is allowed to perform under RDH/RDHAP supervision

Under Direct or General Supervision*

The supervising dentist is responsible for determining the level of supervision.

- All duties a registered dental assistant is allowed to perform

Note: A new law, passed in the 2014 legislative session, authorizes RDAEFs with additional training to perform additional expanded functions. See next page for more information.

Note: This state allows orthodontic assistant permit holders and sedation assistant permit holders to perform specified sets of orthodontic assisting functions and sedation assisting functions. Please see the separate charts for California orthodontic and sedation functions beginning on p. 22.

Under Direct or General Supervision*

The supervising licensed dentist is responsible for determining level of supervision.

- 1, 2. Mouth-mirror inspection of oral cavity, including charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth
9. Coronal polishing
14. Dry endodontically treated canals with paper absorbent points
15. Place ligature ties and archwires
18. Apply topical fluoride, when operating in a school-based setting or government run public health program
34. Place bases, liners, and bonding agents
35. Place periodontal dressings
40. Apply pit and fissure sealants (board-approved course required)
- 47, 54, 55. Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration
49. Test pulp vitality and record findings

50. Place, adjust and finish direct provisional restorations
61. Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument
61. Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment (under direct supervision; board-approved course required)
63. Place post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist
- Remove orthodontic bands
- Apply bleaching agents and activate with non-laser light-curing device
- Use of automated caries detection devices and materials to gather information for diagnosis by the dentist
- Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations

- Chemically prepare teeth for bonding
- Adjust dentures extraorally
- All duties a dental assistant is allowed to perform
- The allowable duties of an orthodontic assistant permit holder (see pp. 22-23 for requirements and duties)
- The allowable duties of a dental sedation assistant permit holder (see pp. 24-25 for requirements and duties)

Under Direct Supervision of a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) or RDH in Alternative Practice*

9. Coronal Polishing
18. Application of topical fluoride
40. Application of sealants (board-approved course required)

Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)

Under Direct Supervision*

13. Remove sutures after inspection of the site by the dentist
18. Apply topical fluoride
27. Place and remove rubber dams or other isolation devices
29. After adjustment by the dentist, examine and seat removable orthodontic appliances and deliver care instructions to the patient
42. Place orthodontic separators
44. Take intraoral impressions for all nonprosthodontic appliances
45. Place, wedge and remove matrices for restorative procedures
56. Apply non-aerosol and non-caustic topical agents
59. Assist in the administration of nitrous oxide when used for analgesia or sedation. A dental assistant shall not start the administration of the gases and shall not adjust the flow of the gases unless instructed to do

- so by the supervising licensed dentist who shall be present at the patient's chairside during the implementation of these instructions. This paragraph shall not be construed to prevent any person from taking appropriate action in the event of a medical emergency.
62. Remove periodontal dressings
 69. Remove post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist
 - Remove orthodontic separators
 - Remove arch wires
 - Remove ligature ties
 - Cure restorative or orthodontic materials in operative site with light-curing device
 - Examine orthodontic appliances
 - Take facebow transfers and bite registrations.
 - Perform measurements for the purposes of orthodontic treatment.

- Place patient monitoring sensors
- Monitor patient sedation, limited to reading and transmitting information from the monitor display during the intraoperative phase of surgery for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentrations, respiratory cycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, or pulse arterial oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of interpretation and evaluation by a supervising licensed dentist who shall be at the patient's chairside during this procedure.

Under Direct Supervision of a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) in Alternative Practice*

48. Intraoral retraction
48. Suctioning
- Any extraoral duty

Under General Supervision*

18. Apply topical fluoride, when operating in a school-based setting or government public health program
22. Operation of radiographic equipment (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)

- Perform intraoral and extraoral photography
- Extraoral duties or functions specified by the supervising dentist, provided that these duties are basic supportive procedures (technically elementary

characteristics, completely reversible, and are unlikely to cause potentially hazardous conditions for the patient)

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***Direct Supervision:** Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, who must be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures.
General Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures. All procedures shall be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the office of said dentist.
Direct Supervision by RDH or RDH in Alternative Practice: Dental assistants may perform these duties while employed by or practicing in a licensed primary care clinic or specialty clinic, a primary care clinic exempt from licensure, or a contracted clinic owned and operated by a hospital.

California

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of CA	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)
<p>To perform the additional expanded functions listed to the right pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a supervising dentist in California, a dental assistant must be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) and must receive additional training in the functions.</p> <p>To register as an RDAEF, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hold a valid license as an RDA OR Successfully complete the requirements for licensure as an RDA (See p. 18 for RDA licensure requirements) ■ AND Successfully complete a California Board-approved course for application of pit and fissure sealants ■ AND Successfully complete a California Board-approved extended functions educational program ■ AND Pass a written exam and a clinical and practical exam administered by the board ■ AND Apply to the Dental Board of California for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions <p>To qualify to perform the additional functions listed to the right, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete a program that includes training in performing those functions ■ OR Provide evidence, satisfactory to the Dental Board of California, of having completed a board-approved course in those functions 	<p>Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) with additional training</p>	<p>Under Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient, following protocols established by the supervising dentist, in the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) In a dental office setting (B) In public health settings, using telehealth for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, head start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the <u>general supervision*</u> of a dentist • Place protective restorations, identified as interim therapeutic restorations, and defined as a direct provisional restoration placed to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment. An interim therapeutic restoration consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation, without the use of rotary instrumentation, and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for interim therapeutic restoration placement. Interim therapeutic restorations shall be placed only in accordance with both of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) In either of the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In a dental office setting, under the <u>direct or general supervision*</u> of a dentist as determined by the dentist. (ii) In public health settings, using telehealth for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, head start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the <u>general supervision*</u> of a dentist. (B) After the diagnosis, treatment plan, and instruction to perform the procedure provided by a dentist.

***Direct Supervision:** Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, who must be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures.
***General Supervision:** Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures. All procedures shall be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the office of said dentist.

*Information about the
California
Orthodontic Assistant permit
and
Dental Sedation Assistant permit
can be found on the pages that follow.*

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of CA	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in CA
<p>A Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) in the state of California may apply for an orthodontic assistant permit by completing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First be an RDAEF (see California RDAEF requirements on p. 18) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved orthodontic assistant course <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass a state written exam in orthodontic duties <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to the Dental Board of California for an orthodontic assistant permit <p>Note: A registered dental assistant with an orthodontic assistant permit shall be referred to as an "RDAEF with orthodontic assistant permit," for reference purposes only. This does not create an additional category of licensure.</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) with Orthodontic Assistant Permit</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assistant (EFOA)</p>	<p>A dental assistant in the state of California must be state certified in radiography to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures.</p> <p>To apply for state certification, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved radiation safety course which includes theory and clinical application in radiographic technique <p>OR</p> <p>Have passed a radiation exam conducted by the California Board prior to Jan. 1, 1985</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the Dental Board of California 	<p>The following functions are not permitted by a dental assistant, an orthodontic assistant or a dental sedation assistant:</p> <p>33, 70. Placing, finishing or removing permanent restorations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning Surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissue Prescribing medication Starting or adjusting local or general anesthesia or oral or parenteral conscious sedation; except for the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other and except as otherwise provided by law Fitting and adjusting of correctional and prosthodontics appliances Irrigation and medication of canals, try-in cones, reaming, filling or filling of root canals Oral prophylaxis procedures Supragingival and subgingival scaling
<p>A Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of California may apply for an orthodontic assistant permit by completing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First be an RDA (see California RDA requirements on p. 18) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved orthodontic assistant course <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass a state written exam in orthodontic duties <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to the Dental Board of California for an orthodontic assistant permit <p>Note: A registered dental assistant with an orthodontic assistant permit shall be referred to as an "RDA with orthodontic assistant permit," for reference purposes only. This does not create an additional category of licensure.</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) with Orthodontic Assistant Permit</p>	<p>DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) or Registered Orthodontic Assistant (ROA)</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>To hold an Orthodontic Assistant permit in the state of California, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete California Board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support, or any other course approved by the California board as equivalent <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved orthodontic assistant course (may begin after six months of work experience as a dental assistant) <p>AND THEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass a state written exam in orthodontic duties <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to the Dental Board of California for Orthodontic Assistant permit 	<p>Orthodontic Assistant</p>	<p>Orthodontic Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Orthodontic Assistant</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>	

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Registered
Dental
Assistant in
Extended
Functions
(RDAEF)
with
Orthodontic
Assistant
Permit

Under Direct Supervision*

- All allowable duties of an RDAEF (see p. 19)
- All allowable duties of an Orthodontic Assistant permit holder

Registered
Dental
Assistant
(RDA)
with
Orthodontic
Assistant
Permit

Under Direct Supervision*

- All allowable duties of an RDA (see p. 19)
- All allowable duties of an Orthodontic Assistant permit holder

Orthodontic
Assistant



Under Direct Supervision*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Place and ligate archwires 29. Prepare teeth for bonding, and select, preposition and cure orthodontic brackets after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist 29. Size, fit and cement orthodontic bands 61. Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove only orthodontic brackets and attachments with removal of the bonding material by the supervising licensed dentist • Remove orthodontic bands • All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform |
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*Direct Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, who must be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures.

California (Dental Sedation Assistant)

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of CA	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in CA
<p>A Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) in the state of California may apply for a dental sedation assistant permit by completing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First be an RDAEF (see California RDAEF requirements on p. 18) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved dental sedation assistant course <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass a state written exam in dental sedation duties <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to the Dental Board of California for a dental sedation assistant permit <p>Note: A registered dental assistant with a dental sedation permit shall be referred to as an "RDAEF with dental sedation assistant permit," for reference purposes only. This does not create an additional category of licensure.</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) with Dental Sedation Permit</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p>	<p>A dental assistant in the state of California must be state certified in radiography to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures.</p> <p>To apply for state certification, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved radiation safety course which includes theory and clinical application in radiographic technique <p>OR</p> <p>Have passed a radiation exam conducted by the California Board prior to Jan. 1, 1985</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the Dental Board of California 	<p>The following functions are not permitted by a dental assistant, an orthodontic assistant or a dental sedation assistant:</p> <p>33, 70. Placing, finishing or removing permanent restorations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning Surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissue Prescribing medication Starting or adjusting local or general anesthesia or oral or parenteral conscious sedation; except for the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other and except as otherwise provided by law Fitting and adjusting of correctional and prosthodontics appliances Irrigation and medication of canals, try-in cones, reaming, filing or filling of root canals Oral prophylaxis procedures Supragingival and subgingival scaling
<p>A Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of California may apply for a dental sedation assistant permit by completing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First be an RDA (see California RDA requirements on p. 18) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a California Board-approved dental sedation assistant course <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass a state written exam in dental sedation duties <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to the Dental Board of California for a dental sedation assistant permit <p>Note: A registered dental assistant with a dental sedation assistant permit shall be referred to as an "RDA with dental sedation assistant permit," for reference purposes only. This does not create an additional category of licensure.</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) with Dental Sedation Assistant Permit</p>	<p>DANB Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) or Registered Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (ROMSA)</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>To hold a Dental Sedation Assistant permit in the state of California, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete Board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a Board-approved dental sedation assistant course (may begin after six months of work experience as a dental assistant) <p>AND THEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass a state written exam in dental sedation duties <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for Dental Sedation Assistant permit to the Dental Board of California 	<p>Dental Sedation Assistant</p>	<p>Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</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>	

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California (Dental Sedation Assistant)

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Job Title
According to
State of CA

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)

Registered
Dental
Assistant in
Extended
Functions
(RDAEF)
with Dental
Sedation
Permit

Under Direct Supervision*

- All allowable duties of an RDAEF (see p. 19)
- All allowable duties of a Dental Sedation Assistant permit holder

Registered
Dental
Assistant
(RDA)
with
Dental
Sedation
Assistant
Permit

Under Direct Supervision*

- All allowable duties of an RDA (see p. 19)
- All allowable duties of a Dental Sedation Assistant permit holder

Dental
Sedation
Assistant

Under Direct Supervision*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform • Monitor patients undergoing conscious sedation or general anesthesia utilizing data from noninvasive instrumentation such as pulse oximeters, electrocardiograms, capnography, blood pressure, pulse and respiration rate monitoring devices. Evaluation of the condition of a sedated patient shall remain the responsibility of the dentist or other licensed healthcare professional | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • authorized to administer conscious sedation or general anesthesia, who shall be at the patient's chairside while conscious sedation or general anesthesia is being administered. • Drug identification and draw, limited to identification of appropriate medications, ampule and vial preparation, and withdrawing drugs of correct amount as verified by the supervising licensed dentist • Add drugs, medications and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provided that a supervising licensed dentist is present at the patient's chairside, limited to determining patency of intravenous line, selection of injection port, syringe insertion into injection port, occlusion of intravenous line and blood aspiration, line release and injection of drugs for appropriate time interval (except the initial dose of a drug or medication shall be administered by the supervising licensed dentist) • Removal of intravenous lines |
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*Direct Supervision: Supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, who must be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures.