

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of DE	Proposed Stan- dardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in DE
<p>In Delaware, competency of Dental Assistants in specific duties is determined by the supervising dentist. The dentist is given full responsibility in deciding the scope of work to be allocated to the dental assistant.</p> <p>Adequate training of dental assistants is solely the responsibility of the dentist.</p> <p>In summary, the Delaware Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene places full responsibility for the work done by dental assistants directly upon the dentist.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <hr/> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist in Delaware, a dental assistant must hold a state certificate as a <u>Dental Radiation Technician</u> or a state <u>certificate recognizing DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification</u> from the Delaware Division of Public Health/Office of Radiation Control (Delaware ORC). To qualify, one must:</p> <p>FIRST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pass the DANB national Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam <p>OR Hold current DANB CDA certification</p> <p>AND THEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Submit a completed state certificate application (Form R16-N) to the Delaware ORC <p>AND Be at least 18 years of age to receive the state certificate</p> <p><i>Currently, the State of Delaware has no provisions for recognizing certificates issued by other states.</i></p> <p>Note: <i>The Delaware ORC has discontinued the Delaware Dental Radiologic Technology (DDRT) exam, which was a state-specific exam equivalent to DANB's RHS exam offered prior to December 31, 2015. As of January 1, 2016, individuals who wish to become certified as Delaware Dental Radiation Technicians and who do not hold DANB's CDA certification must apply to DANB to take the DANB RHS exam. Candidates who passed the DDRT exam prior to December 31, 2015 may still use their DDRT exam passing result to qualify for the Dental Radiation Technician certificate.</i></p> <p><i>(If you are enrolled at a Vocational Technical High School, you may be eligible to have your state certification application fee waived - contact the Delaware ORC for more information.)</i></p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis and treatment planning • Cutting of hard and/or soft tissues • Any intraoral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of an appliance and/or restoration which, when received by the patient, would come in direct contact with hard or soft tissue and which could result in tissue irritation or injury • Those procedures allocated by the Dental Code to registered dental hygienists
			<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>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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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

Under Direct Supervision*

- 22, 52. Take and develop x-rays (placing an x-ray film in the patient's mouth and exposing that film) (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)
- 24, 26. Give and demonstrate home-care procedures to the patient, including those procedures the patient is expected to carry out in preventive care
- 27. Placing a rubber dam
- 44. Taking impressions for study models
- 48. Placing cotton rolls
- 54. Removal of excess cements from dental restorations and appliances with hand instruments only
- 62, 63. Removal of temporary medicinal fillings or packs under direct orders of the dentist
 - Other duties as delegated by the supervising dentist

*Direct Supervision: The dentist is present in the office, personally examines the patient, and specifically authorizes the work to be performed. The dentist checks the work before the patient leaves the office.