



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Florida



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 Certificate exam. 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 three indirect restorations and three 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 coronal polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Coronal Polishing Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) exam for the Coronal Polishing Certificate. AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Coronal Polishing Certificate exam. AND have the supervision of a licensed dentist or coronal polishing instructor or coronal polishing instructor course instructor in DANB. AND Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Coronal Polishing Certificate exam. AND Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Coronal Polishing Certificate exam. <p>A dental assistant in Arizona may perform basic supportive dental procedures as defined by the state dental practice act and supportive procedures as defined by the state dental practice act, provided the dental assistant is a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.)</p> <p>Registered Function or Restorative Certificate</p> <p>Coronal Polishing Certificate</p>	<p>Proposed Restorative Job Title</p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant</p> <p>Coronal Polishing 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 Radiography Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam. AND Pass the Arizona Radiography Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE. AND Be currently certified in another nationally recognized radiography certification program (e.g., American Society of Dental Radiology Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE). <p>AND Pass the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, which is a 2018 requirement for dental assistants who are registered in Arizona.</p> <p>AND Pass the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, which is a 2018 requirement for dental assistants who are registered in Arizona.</p> <p>AND Pass the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, which is a 2018 requirement for dental assistants who are registered in Arizona.</p> <p>AND Pass the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, which is a 2018 requirement for dental assistants who are registered in Arizona.</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.)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Allowable Functions</p> <p>If functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations, functions with numbers 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 41. Place interim restoratives 42. Perform coronal polishing 43. Perform coronal polishing procedures <p>Level of Supervision Not Specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restoratives or the placement and contouring of preformed indirect restoratives in the practice act, as long as a licensed dentist, the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist. <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 31. Perform coronal polishing procedures <p>Under Direct Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Remove amalgam 23. Apply topical fluoride 24. Apply fluoride 25. Apply fluoride 26. Apply fluoride 27. 28. Remove and place restoratives 29. Remove and place restoratives 30. Remove and place restoratives 32. Remove and place restoratives 33. Remove and place restoratives 34. Remove and place restoratives 35. Remove and place restoratives 36. Remove and place restoratives 37. Remove and place restoratives 38. Remove and place restoratives 39. Remove and place restoratives 44. Remove and place restoratives 45. Remove and place restoratives 46. Remove and place restoratives 47. Remove and place restoratives 48. Remove and place restoratives 49. Remove and place restoratives 50. Remove and place restoratives 52. Remove and place restoratives 53. Remove and place restoratives 54. Remove and place restoratives 55. Remove and place restoratives 56. Remove and place restoratives 57. Remove and place restoratives 58. Remove and place restoratives 59. Remove and place restoratives 60. Remove and place restoratives 61. Remove and place restoratives 62. Remove and place restoratives 63. Remove and place restoratives 64. Remove and place restoratives 65. Remove and place restoratives 66. Remove and place restoratives 67. Remove and place restoratives 68. Remove and place restoratives 69. Remove and place restoratives 70. Remove and place restoratives <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform coronal polishing procedures 2. Perform coronal polishing procedures 3. Perform coronal polishing procedures 4. Perform coronal polishing procedures 5. Perform coronal polishing procedures 6. Perform coronal polishing procedures 7. Perform coronal polishing procedures 8. Perform coronal polishing procedures 9. Perform coronal polishing procedures 10. Perform coronal polishing procedures 11. Perform coronal polishing procedures 14. Perform coronal polishing procedures 16. Perform coronal polishing procedures 17. Perform coronal polishing procedures 18. Perform coronal polishing procedures 19. Perform coronal polishing procedures 20. Perform coronal polishing procedures 21. Perform coronal polishing procedures 22. Perform coronal polishing procedures 29. Perform coronal polishing procedures 31. Perform coronal polishing procedures 32. Perform coronal polishing procedures 33. Perform coronal polishing procedures 34. Perform coronal polishing procedures 35. Perform coronal polishing procedures 36. Perform coronal polishing procedures 37. Perform coronal polishing procedures 38. Perform coronal polishing procedures 39. Perform coronal polishing procedures 40. Perform coronal polishing procedures 41. Perform coronal polishing procedures 42. Perform coronal polishing procedures 43. Perform coronal polishing procedures 44. Perform coronal polishing procedures 45. Perform coronal polishing procedures 46. Perform coronal polishing procedures 47. Perform coronal polishing procedures 48. Perform coronal polishing procedures 49. Perform coronal polishing procedures 50. Perform coronal polishing procedures 51. Perform coronal polishing procedures 52. Perform coronal polishing procedures 53. Perform coronal polishing procedures 54. Perform coronal polishing procedures 55. Perform coronal polishing procedures 56. Perform coronal polishing procedures 57. Perform coronal polishing procedures 58. Perform coronal polishing procedures 59. Perform coronal polishing procedures 60. Perform coronal polishing procedures 61. Perform coronal polishing procedures 62. Perform coronal polishing procedures 63. Perform coronal polishing procedures 64. Perform coronal polishing procedures 65. Perform coronal polishing procedures 66. Perform coronal polishing procedures 67. Perform coronal polishing procedures 68. Perform coronal polishing procedures 69. Perform coronal polishing procedures 70. Perform coronal polishing procedures

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 FL	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in FL
<p>Dental assistants in the state of Florida must have formal training to perform the expanded functions listed on the opposite page.</p> <p>To qualify to perform expanded functions, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a course or program administered by or developed as part of the regular curriculum at a dental, dental hygiene, or dental assisting educational program accredited by CODA that provided training in the expanded function <p>OR Successfully complete a Florida Board-approved expanded duties training program</p> <p>Note: The DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification was removed as a pathway to qualify to perform expanded functions in Florida effective May 2009. Dental Assistants who were employed in Florida and had earned the CDA prior to the effective date of this rule change are "grandfathered in" and are permitted to perform expanded functions in Florida. Contact the Florida Board of Dentistry for specific information about this rule change.</p> <p>To monitor nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia, a dental assistant must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a course of training of no less than two days as described in the American Dental Association's "Guidelines for Teaching and Comprehensive Control of Pain and Anxiety in Dentistry" or equivalent <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be certified in an American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or equivalent agency sponsored CPR course at the basic life support level, to include one man CPR, two man CPR, infant resuscitation, obstructed airway, and use of either an Automated External Defibrillator or a defibrillator and electrocardiograph, with a periodic update not to exceed two years 	<p>Dental Assistant <i>formally trained in expanded functions</i></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>	<p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Florida, a dental assistant must either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate from a Florida Board of Dentistry-approved dental assisting school or program <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be state-certified as a dental radiographer by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) <p>To obtain the dental radiography certification, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete at least three months of continuous on-the-job training through assisting in the positioning of digital radiographic sensors and positioning and exposing of dental radiographic images under the direct supervision of a Florida-licensed dentist <p>AND Successfully complete a Florida Board-approved radiology course within 12 months of completing on-the-job training</p> <p>AND Apply to the FDOH for certification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gingival curettage and root planing Taking impressions for the purpose of fabricating any intraoral restorations or orthodontic appliance Initial access preparation Any prescription of drugs or medications requiring the written order of a licensed dentist or physician Any diagnosis for treatment or treatment planning
<p>A dental assistant in Florida 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>Note: On-the-job trained dental assistants in Florida must be trained in the dental office under the supervision of a licensed dentist who assumes full responsibility for assuring that the dental assistant so trained is competent to perform the tasks.</p>	<p>On-the-Job Trained 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>	

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Job Title
According to
State of FL

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 formally trained in expanded functions

On-the-Job Trained Dental Assistant

Under Direct Supervision*

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| <p>1-2. Using appropriate implements for preliminary charting of existing restorations and missing teeth and a visual assessment of existing oral conditions</p> <p>6. Packing and removing retraction cord, so long as it does not contain vasoactive chemicals and is used solely for restorative dental procedures</p> <p>9. Polishing clinical crowns when not for the purpose of changing the existing contour of the tooth and only with burnishers, slow-speed handpieces, rubber cups, bristle brushes, and porte polishers, used with appropriate polishing materials</p> <p>29. Selecting and pre-sizing orthodontic bands, including the selection of the proper size band for a tooth to be banded which does not include or involve any adapting, contouring, trimming, cementing, or otherwise modifying the band material such that it would constitute fitting the band</p> | <p>29. Removing and recementing properly contoured and fitting loose bands that are not permanently attached to any appliance</p> <p>44. Making impressions for study casts which are being made for the purpose of fabricating orthodontic retainers</p> <p>47. Fabricating temporary crowns or bridges intraorally which shall not include any adjustments of occlusion to the appliance or existing dentition</p> <p>50. Cementing temporary crowns and bridges with temporary cement</p> <p>50, 54, 55. Placing or removing temporary restoration with non-mechanical hand instruments only</p> <p>54. Removing excess cement from dental restorations and appliances with non-mechanical hand instruments only</p> <p>59. Monitor the administration of nitrous oxide oxygen making adjustments only during this administration and turning it off at the completion of the dental procedure (with completion of appropriate training and CPR certification; see requirements on previous page)</p> | <p>63, 69. Inserting or removing dressings from alveolar sockets in post-operative osteitis</p> <p>64. Taking of impressions for and delivery of at-home bleaching trays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polishing dental restorations of the teeth when not for the purpose of changing the existing contour of the tooth and only with burnishers, slow-speed handpieces, rubber cups, and bristle brushes, used with appropriate polishing materials • Selecting and pre-sizing archwires prescribed by the patient's dentist so long as the dentist makes all final adjustments to bend, arch form determination, and symmetry prior to final placement • Selecting prescribed extraoral appliances by pre-selection or pre-measurement, not including final fit adjustment • Preparing a tooth surface by applying conditioning agents for orthodontic appliances by conditioning or placing of sealant materials which does not include placing brackets |
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Under Indirect Supervision*

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| <p>13. Removing sutures</p> <p>15. Securing or unsecuring an archwire by attaching or removing the fastening device</p> <p>18. Applying topical fluorides which are approved by the ADA or the FDA</p> <p>22. Positioning and exposing dental and carpal radiographic film and sensors</p> <p>27. Placing or removing rubber dams</p> <p>34. Applying cavity liners, varnishes, or bases</p> | <p>35. Placing periodontal dressings</p> <p>40. Applying sealants</p> <p>42. Placing or removing prescribed pre-treatment separators</p> <p>44. Making impressions for study casts which are not being made for the purpose of fabricating any intraoral appliances, restorations or orthodontic appliances</p> <p>45. Placing or removing matrices</p> | <p>46. Making impressions to be used for creating opposing models or the fabrication of bleaching stents and surgical stents to be used for the purpose of providing palatal coverage</p> <p>62. Removing periodontal or surgical dressings</p> |
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Under Direct Supervision*

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| <p>56. Applying topical anesthetics and anti-inflammatory agents which are not applied by aerosol or jet spray</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change bleach pellets in the internal bleaching process of non-vital, endodontically treated teeth after the placement of a rubber dam |
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Under Indirect Supervision*

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| <p>48. Retraction of lips, cheeks, and tongue</p> <p>37. Taking and recording a patient's blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration rate, case history and oral temperature</p> | <p>48. Irrigation and evacuation of debris not to include endodontic irrigation</p> <p>48. Placement and removal of cotton rolls</p> | <p>54. Removing excess cement from orthodontic appliances with non-mechanical hand instruments only</p> |
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Under General Supervision*

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| <p>24. Instructing patients in oral hygiene care and supervising oral hygiene care</p> | <p>47. Fabricating temporary crowns or bridges in a laboratory</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide educational programs, faculty or staff programs, and other educational services, which do not involve diagnosis or treatment of dental conditions |
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***Direct Supervision:** A licensed dentist must examine the patient, diagnose a condition to be treated, authorize the procedure to be performed, be on the premises while the procedure is performed, and approve the work performed prior to the patient's departure from the premises.
Indirect Supervision: A licensed dentist must examine the patient, diagnose a condition to be treated, authorize the procedure to be performed, and be on the premises while the procedure is performed.
General Supervision: A licensed dentist must examine the patient, diagnose a condition to be treated, and authorize the procedure to be performed.