



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Georgia



## 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><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 Expanded 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 Proficiency Certificate (see requirements to complete).</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 (under the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform 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 general polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona General Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) Exam for Arizona Restorative Certification exam.</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate issued by DANB.</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Certificate issued by DANB.</li> </ul> <p>There are no education/training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</b></p> <p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>General Polishing Dental Assistant (GPDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Chief Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Title</b></p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing Dental Assistant</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Chief Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Radiography Requirements</b></p> <p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must have a current approved certificate in radiography.</p> <p>To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and (RHS) exam.</li> <li>AND the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by DANB.</li> <li>AND be currently certified in another U.S. state with a Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Restorative Proficiency Certificate holders in Arizona must also hold a Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</p> <p>NOTE: Restorative Proficiency Certificate holders in Arizona who are not currently certified in another U.S. state may not perform dental radiography in Arizona.</p> <p>The ADA/DANB Alliance on the Restorative Proficiency Certificate Study conducted from 2002-2003.</p> <p>The same study offered a list of 70 restorative tasks with a corresponding range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are represented in the right, middle, and left columns of the task numbering system.</p> <p>Functions listed with numbers are part of the state's practice act but are not specific to the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p> <p>These states implement restorative procedures to support a uniform dental practice and have extensive experience with the listed restorative tasks, some and requirements, 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><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Allowable Functions</b></p> <p>If functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations, functions with letters are in the state's practice act but are not specific to DANB research.</p> <p><b>Under General Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Apply fluoride varnish</li> <li>40. Apply sealants</li> <li>* Place interim restorations under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiography.</li> </ul> <p><b>Level of Supervision Not Specified</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 bonded dental restorative material used and determined by the dentist.</li> </ul> <p><b>Under General Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Perform coronal polishing procedures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Under Direct Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Remove sutures</li> <li>23. Apply topical fluoride</li> <li>24. Apply dental cements and resin cements</li> <li>25. Apply restorative composites</li> <li>26. Apply restorative composites</li> <li>27. DR restorative and glass ionomer cements</li> <li>28. Remove and temporize crown and interim restorations with hand instruments</li> <li>29. Remove and temporize resin cements and interim restorations with hand instruments</li> <li>30. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction.</li> <li>31. Remove excess cement from stents, crowns, bridges, and orthodontics</li> <li>32. Remove pontical dressings with hand instruments</li> <li>33. Prepare a patient for retentive resin and complete denture impressions using a dental tray</li> <li>34. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction.</li> <li>35. Cleanse the supragingival surface of the tooth in preparation for the placement of denture covers, dental core appliances</li> <li>36. Acid etch procedures</li> <li>37. Removal of dressings and packs</li> </ul> <p><b>Under General Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Collect and record information pertaining to dental conditions</li> <li>2. Collect and record information pertaining to existing restoral</li> <li>3. Take or instruct patients in oral hygiene, restorative preventive procedures, dietary counseling for caries and periodontal, and provide oral and dental care instructions relative to specific office treatment</li> </ul>

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 GA	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in GA
<p>To perform <b>expanded functions</b> under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Georgia, a dental assistant <b>must</b> earn status as an <b>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)</b>.</p> <p>To qualify as an EDDA, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Provide a certificate documenting successful completion of a Georgia Board-approved course pertaining to the specific expanded duties outlined in that certificate. (A national DANB Certified Dental Assistant [CDA] certification is one of the ways by which an assistant may qualify to enroll in a Georgia Board-approved course.)</li> </ul> <p>Note: Only those expanded duties that are listed on the certificate(s) may be performed by an EDDA.</p>	<p>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in Georgia, a dental assistant must complete a minimum of six hours of instruction, in the content areas defined in the Georgia Department of Human Services' x-ray requirements*.</p> <p>Instruction should begin within 30 days of initial employment and be completed no more than 90 days after employment begins. A record of training must be maintained by the employer.</p> <p>A dental assistant who shows written proof of completed x-ray training is considered to have satisfied the requirements of the Department of Human Services.</p> <p><i>*Note: The DALE Foundation's DANB RHS Review course meets the requirements of the Georgia Department of Human Services regulation 290-5-22-.04, X-Rays in the Healing Arts.</i></p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilize laser equipment and technology</li> <li>• Utilize intraorally micro etching and/or air polishing equipment and technologies</li> <li>• Any operations catalogued as dental hygiene treatments</li> </ul>
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in the state of Georgia may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) and by rule of the Board under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p> <p>A dental assistant must acquire appropriate training before performing <b>phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures</b>.</p> <p><b>Note: The Georgia legislature passed a law in the 2017 legislative session that allows dental assistants to use rubber cup prophy on a patient with primary dentition under direct supervision. The Georgia Board of Dentistry is currently in the process of developing rules to establish training and education requirements for this function.</b></p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <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 GA

### 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)

Expanded  
Duty  
Dental  
Assistant  
(EDDA)

#### Under Direct Supervision\*

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| <p>6. Packing and removing retraction cord, as prescribed by the dentist, so long as said cord is used solely for restorative dental procedures</p> <p>18. Apply topical anticariogenic agents</p> <p>34. Place cavity liner, base or varnish over unexposed pulp</p> <p>35. Place periodontal dressing</p> <p>35. Redressing (not initial placement of dressing) and removing dressing from alveolar sockets in post-operative osteitis when the patient is uncomfortable due to the loss of dressing from the alveolar socket in a diagnosed case of post-operative osteitis</p> <p>40. Apply pit and fissure sealants, and primer and bonding agents to etched enamel or dentin; and light-cure with a fiber-optic light source (not to include a laser device)</p> | <p>44. Make impressions to be used to repair a damaged prosthesis or to fabricate a night guard (bruxism or muscle relaxation appliance); or for passive orthodontic appliances (all adjustments must be performed extraorally; final adjustments must be made by the dentist)</p> <p>47. Intraoral fabrication of temporary crowns and bridges (all such adjustments must be performed extraorally)</p> <p>59. Monitor the administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen; turn off nitrous oxide/oxygen at the completion of the dental procedure and make adjustments to the level of nitrous oxide/oxygen, but only following the specific instructions of the dentist</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply desensitizing agents to root surfaces of teeth and prepared dentinal surfaces of teeth prior to cementation of temporary restorations and crowns, bridges or inlays</li> <li>• Changing of bleaching agent, following initial applications by the dentist, during the bleaching process of vital and non-vital teeth after the placement of a rubber dam; and applying the fiber-optic light source of a curing light for activation of the bleach (not to include a laser device)</li> <li>• Re-bond brackets after a licensed dentist has examined the affected tooth and surrounding gingiva and found no evidence of pathology</li> <li>• Remove bonded brackets with hand instruments only</li> <li>• Apply primer and bonding agents to etched enamel or dentin, and light cure with fiber-optic light source (not to include use of a laser device)</li> <li>• Perform face bow transfer</li> <li>• All duties designated to dental assistants, under the same levels of required supervision</li> </ul> |
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| <p>13. Remove sutures (other than wire sutures)</p> <p>14. Dry canals with absorbent points and place soothing medicaments (not to include endodontic irrigation); and place and remove temporary stopping with non-mechanical hand instruments only</p> <p>15. Select, pre-size and seat orthodontic arch wires with brackets which have been placed by the dentist</p> <p>15. Cut and tuck ligatures, remove ligatures and arch wires, remove loose or broken bands</p> <p>22. Place and expose radiographs with such training as may be required by law</p> <p>27. Place and remove rubber dams</p> <p>29. Select and pre-size orthodontic bands which initially must be seated by the dentist</p> <p>42. Place and remove pre-treatment separators</p> <p>44. Make impressions diagnostic models and opposing models</p> | <p>45. Place matrix bands and wedges</p> <p>47. Fabricate extraorally temporary crowns and bridges</p> <p>47, 50. Cement temporary crowns and bridges with intermediate cement</p> <p>50. Place intracoronary temporary restorations using intermediate cement</p> <p>54. Remove temporary crowns and bridges seated with intermediate cement</p> <p>56. Apply topical anesthetic</p> <p>61. Remove visible excess cement from supramarginal areas of dental restorations and appliances with non-mechanical hand instruments</p> <p>62. Remove periodontal dressing</p> <p>69. Remove dry socket medication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place drying and de-oiling agents prior to the cementation of permanent crowns and bridges</li> <li>• Place and take off a removable prosthesis with a pressure sensitive paste after the appliance has been initially seated by the dentist</li> <li>• Etch unprepared enamel</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polish the enamel and restorations of the anatomical crown through the use of a slow speed handpiece (not to exceed 10,000 rpm), rubber cup and polishing agent; this procedure shall be used only for the purpose of enamel preparation for: 1) Bleaching, 2) Cementation of fixed restorations, 3) Bonding procedures including supramarginal enamel restorations after removal of orthodontic appliances</li> <li>• Remove and re-cement loose bands that have previously been contoured and fitted by a dentist, but only after a dentist has examined the affected tooth and surrounded gingiva and found no evidence of pathology</li> <li>• Perform phlebotomy and venipuncture procedures (<i>after appropriate training is acquired</i>)</li> </ul> |
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**Note:** The Georgia legislature passed a law in the 2017 legislative session that allows dental assistants to **use rubber cup prophylaxis on a patient with primary dentition under direct supervision**. The Georgia Board of Dentistry is currently in the process of developing rules to establish training and education requirements for this function.

**\*Direct Supervision:** A dentist licensed in Georgia is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental assistant and, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the dental assistant.