

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of ID	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in ID
<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in Idaho, a dental assistant may be considered Idaho Board qualified in expanded functions. To earn qualification, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Satisfactorily complete training in the fundamentals of dental assisting, evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current national DANB certification • OR • Successful completion of an Idaho Board-approved curriculum in the fundamentals of dental assisting • OR • Successfully challenging the fundamentals course <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Satisfactorily complete an Idaho Board-approved training in each of the expanded functions <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Successfully complete an Idaho Board approved competency exam in each of the expanded functions. <p>Dental assistants who have completed out-of-state expanded functions training may apply to the Idaho State Board of Dentistry to obtain approval of the course(s) and a certificate of registration.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant Board-qualified in expanded functions</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; margin: 10px 0;"/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; margin: 10px 0;"/> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; margin: 10px 0;"/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>There are no radiography requirements for dental assistants in the state of Idaho.</p> <p>All dental assistants may legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures.</p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <p>33, 51. Intraoral placement or carving of permanent restorative materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitive diagnosis or treatment planning • Any irreversible procedure using lasers • Administration of any general or local injectable anesthetic • Any oral prophylaxis (removal of stains and plaque biofilm and if present, supragingival and/or subgingival calculus) • Use of an air polisher
<p>A dental assistant in Idaho may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) 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>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>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
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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
Board-
qualified in
expanded
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Under Direct Supervision*

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| <p>9. Coronal polishing (removal of plaque biofilm and stains from the teeth using an abrasive agent with a rubber cup or brush)</p> <p>40. Application of pit and fissure sealants</p> <p>47. Fabrication and placement of temporary crowns</p> | <p>59. Initiating, regulating and monitoring the administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen to a patient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform the mechanical polishing of restorations • Use of a high-speed handpiece only for the removal of orthodontic cement or resin |
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Under Direct Supervision*

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| <p>2. Recording the oral cavity (existing restorations, missing and decayed teeth)</p> <p>6. Placement and removal of gingival retraction cord</p> <p>13. Removal of sutures</p> <p>15. Placement and removal of arch wire</p> <p>18. Application of topical fluoride agents</p> <p>22, 52. Expose and process radiographs</p> <p>24. Provide patient education and instruction in oral hygiene and preventive services</p> <p>27. Placement and removal of rubber dam</p> <p>34. Application of cavity liners and bases</p> <p>35, 62. Placement and removal of periodontal pack</p> <p>42. Placement and removal of orthodontic separators</p> | <p>44. Take impressions for preparation of diagnostic models, bleach trays, fabrication of night guards, temporary appliances, temporary crowns or bridges</p> <p>45. Placement and removal of matrices</p> <p>48. Placement of cotton pellets and temporary restorative materials into endodontic access openings</p> <p>56. Placement of topical anesthetic agents (prior to administration of a local anesthetic by a dentist or dental hygienist)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of excess bonding material from temporary and permanent restorations and orthodontic appliances (using hand instruments or contra-angle handpieces with disks or polishing wheels only) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record diagnostic bite registration • Record bite registration for fabrication of restorations • Placement and removal of ligature ties • Cutting arch wires • Removal of loose orthodontic brackets and bands to provide palliative treatment • Adjust arch wires • Etching of teeth prior to placement of restorative materials • Etching of enamel prior to placement of orthodontic brackets or appliances by a dentist |
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Dental
Assistant

*Direct Supervision: A dentist must diagnose the condition to be treated, authorize the procedure to be performed, remain in the dental office while the procedure is performed, and, before dismissal of the patient, approves the work performed.