



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Kentucky



## 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		State-approved 1/1/17	
<b>Education/Training/Credential</b>	<b>Job Title Assigned by State (JA)</b>	<b>Proposed Function Category (FC)</b>	<b>Radiography Requirements</b>
To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Expanded Function (EF) Restorative Certificate. To qualify, the applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate. To qualify, see requirements to complete this certificate.</li> <li>Substantially 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 (AND is AND's AMP, TMP and TAP) AND is a graduate of a 2-year restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist or a 24-month restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist and dentist and at least 20 direct restorative and other restorative procedures, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and a licensed dental employment form.</li> <li>AND is DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul>	Expanded Function Category (FC) Restorative	In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must have a current state-approved certificate in radiography. To obtain a certificate, one must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam.</li> <li>AND is a graduate of a 2-year restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist and dentist and at least 20 direct restorative and other restorative procedures, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and a licensed dental employment form.</li> <li>AND is DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul>	
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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.

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.

Arizona		State-approved 1/1/17	
<b>Job Title Assigned by State (JA)</b>	<b>Education/Training/Credential</b>	<b>Proposed Function Category (FC)</b>	<b>Allowable Functions</b>
Dental Assistant	To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Expanded Function (EF) Restorative Certificate. To qualify, the applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate. To qualify, see requirements to complete this certificate.</li> <li>Substantially 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 (AND is AND's AMP, TMP and TAP) AND is a graduate of a 2-year restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist or a 24-month restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist and dentist and at least 20 direct restorative and other restorative procedures, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and a licensed dental employment form.</li> <li>AND is DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul>	Expanded Function Category (FC) Restorative	Functions with numbers which correspond to Core Competency designations. Functions with letters are in the state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research.
Dental Assistant	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) General Polishing Certificate.</li> <li>AND is a graduate of a 2-year restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist or a 24-month restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist and dentist and at least 20 direct restorative and other restorative procedures, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and a licensed dental employment form.</li> <li>AND is DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul>	Expanded Function Category (FC) General Polishing	<b>Under General Supervision*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Apply fluoride varnish.</li> <li>40. Apply sealants.</li> <li>* Place interim restorative fabrications under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiography.</li> </ul>
Dental Assistant	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) General Polishing Certificate.</li> <li>AND is a graduate of a 2-year restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist or a 24-month restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist and dentist and at least 20 direct restorative and other restorative procedures, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and a licensed dental employment form.</li> <li>AND is DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul>	Dental Assistant	<b>Level of Supervision Not Specified</b> <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, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist. The restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist.</li> </ul>
Dental Assistant	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) General Polishing Certificate.</li> <li>AND is a graduate of a 2-year restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist or a 24-month restorative program supervised by a licensed dentist and dentist and at least 20 direct restorative and other restorative procedures, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and a licensed dental employment form.</li> <li>AND is DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul>	Dental Assistant	<b>Under General Supervision*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>61. Remove excess cement from trays.</li> <li>* Cleanse the supragingival surface of the tooth in preparation for the placement of dentin covers.</li> <li>62. Remove pontical dressings with hand instruments.</li> <li>63. Prepare a patient for retentive spots and complete denture impressions with a dental chair.</li> <li>64. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction.</li> </ul>

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of KY	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in KY
<p>To perform <b>coronal polishing procedures</b> under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Kentucky, a <b>registered dental assistant</b> must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Successfully complete an eight-hour course at a CODA-accredited institution</li> <li>■ Obtain a certificate of completion from the authorized institution, which the employer dentist shall retain in the employee's personnel file</li> </ul> <p>To perform <b>starting intravenous (IV) access lines</b> under the direct supervision of a dentist holding a sedation or anesthesia permit, a <b>registered dental assistant</b> must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Successfully complete a board-approved course in starting IV lines</li> <li>■ Submit documentation of course completion to the supervising dentist, who shall retain such documentation in the employee's personnel file</li> </ul>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant <i>qualified in coronal polishing/Registered Dental Assistant qualified in IV placement</i></p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Kentucky, a dental assistant <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Successfully complete a CODA-approved course in radiation safety and technique</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete a six-hour Kentucky Board-approved course in dental radiography safety* <b>and</b> complete one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A minimum of four hours of instruction in dental radiography technique while under the employment and supervision of the dentist in the office</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>or</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A four-hour course in radiography technique approved by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry</li> </ul> <p><i>*Note: The DALE Foundation's DANB RHS Review course meets the six-hour radiography safety course requirement.</i></p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <p>46. The making of final impressions from which casts are made to construct any dental restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis</li> <li>• The practice of dental hygiene or the performance of the duties of a licensed dental hygienist that require the use of any instrumentation which may elicit the removal of calcareous deposits or accretions on the crowns and roots of teeth</li> <li>• Treatment planning and prescription, including prescriptions for drugs or medicaments, or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances</li> <li>• Surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity, or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy</li> <li>• Administration of injectable medication or anesthesia unless otherwise authorized by law</li> <li>• Cutting of hard or soft tissues</li> <li>• Any intraoral procedure which will be used directly in the fabrication of an appliance which, when worn by the patient, would come into direct contact with hard or soft tissue</li> </ul>
<p>To be recognized as a <b>registered dental assistant</b> in Kentucky, a dental assistant must have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that meets or exceeds the guidelines of the American Heart Association (AHA). In addition, the dental assistant's employer dentist must do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ register the dental assistant on his or her Application for Renewal of Dental Licensure</li> <li>■ maintain a personnel file for the registered dental assistant containing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a copy of proof of having current CPR certification</li> <li>• a copy of the certificates of completion of the Coronal Polishing, Radiation Safety, Radiation Techniques Course, and Starting IV Access Lines courses, if the dental assistant has completed these courses</li> <li>• the licensee's statement attesting to the competency of the dental assistant in the procedures delegated the assistant from the Delegated Duty List</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Registered 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>A <b>dental auxiliary</b> in the state of Kentucky 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 Auxiliary</p>	<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</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>	<p>†DANB has not received confirmation that this Career Ladder Template has been reviewed and approved by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. All of the templates in this volume reflect DANB's interpretation of each state's dental practice act and administrative rules and regulations related to dental assisting. For authoritative information regarding requirements, please contact the relevant dental board. Specific contact information can be found in this DANB publication.</p>

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Job Title According to State of KY	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 <i>qualified in coronal polishing/ Registered Dental Assistant qualified in IV placement</i>	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></b></p> <p>9. Perform coronal polishing procedures (see requirements on previous page)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting intravenous (IV) access lines (see requirements on previous page)</li> </ul>
Registered Dental Assistant	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></b></p> <p>22. Expose radiographs (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)</p> <p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision* and Dentist's Direct Orders</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver nitrous oxide at the rate specified by the dentist</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision* of Minimal Pediatric Sedation, Moderate Enteral Sedation, Moderate Parenteral Sedation, Moderate Pediatric Sedation, Moderate Enteral Sedation and Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit Holders</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist in the management of emergencies</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision* of a Sedation Permit Holder</u></b></p> <p>37. Record vital sign measurements in the sedation record</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply noninvasive monitors</li> <li>Perform continuous observation of patients and noninvasive monitors appropriate to the level of sedation</li> <li>Report monitoring parameters to the operating dentist on a periodic basis or when changes occur</li> <li>Remove IV lines (Moderate Parenteral Sedation, Moderate Pediatric Sedation and Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit holders only)</li> </ul>
Registered Dental Assistant	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision* of Moderate Parenteral Sedation, Moderate Pediatric Sedation and Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit Holders</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administer medications into an existing IV line upon the verbal order of permit holder</li> </ul>
Dental Auxiliary	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those procedures that do not require the professional competence of a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist</li> </ul>

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\*Direct Supervision: The dentist is physically present in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedures to be performed, remains in the office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed, and evaluates the performance of the individual supervised.