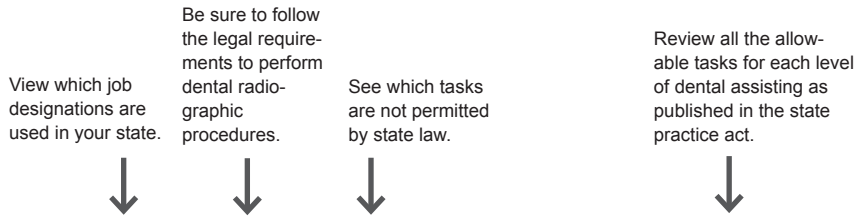




2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Louisiana



How to Use the Following Charts



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. Hold DANB's AMP, TRMP and RMP. Under the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE certificate and have 20 direct restorations and other restorations completed, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form. <p>ASBDE is DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</p> <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"> Pass the Dental Council on Dental Practice (DCDP) exam for the Arizona General Polishing Certificate. Hold an Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate or an Arizona General Polishing Certificate. Hold DANB's AMP and TRMP. Successfully complete the DANB Core Competency Study (CCS) for the Arizona General Polishing Certificate. <p>Dental Assistant (General Polishing)</p> <p>Dental Assistant (Restorative)</p>	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (AZ)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Proposed Function/Job Title</p> <p>Dental 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. Pass the Arizona Radiology Proficiency Certificate, issued by ASBDE. Be currently certified in another ASBDE dental procedure (restorative or endodontic). <p>ASBDE is DANB for the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Radiology Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</p> <p>ASBDE issues a single national dental radiology exam to use the Arizona Central Radiology Proficiency Exam as a requirement for RMP, TRMP, and RMP. The same study offered a list of 70 ASBDE 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 supported by the right, state dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the state's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with numbers are part of the state's practice act but are not specific to DANB/ADAA.</p> <p>These tasks replicate restorative procedures used by the state dental practice act to ensure consistency in the dental assisting field and requirements, which will serve as a model order 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>Education/Training/Credential Required</p> <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"> Pass the Dental Council on Dental Practice (DCDP) exam for the Arizona General Polishing Certificate. Hold an Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate or an Arizona General Polishing Certificate. Hold DANB's AMP and TRMP. Successfully complete the DANB Core Competency Study (CCS) for the Arizona General Polishing Certificate. <p>Dental Assistant (General Polishing)</p>	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (AZ)</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 to DANB research.</p>	
<p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Apply fluoride varnish 40. Apply sealants 61. Place interim orthodontic appliances under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiology. 	
<p>Level of Supervision Not Specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, containing and finishing of direct restorations or the placement and completion of amalgamated crowns, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist; the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist. 	
<p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Perform coronal polishing procedures. 	
<p>Under Direct Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Remove amalgam 23. Apply topical fluoride 24. Apply dental sealants and matrix bands 40. Apply sealants 47. DR restorative and temporary cement 49. DR Restorative and temporary cement 52. DR restorative and temporary cement 53. DR restorative and temporary cement 61. Remove excess cement from slabs, crowns, bridges, and orthodontic appliances with hand instruments 62. Remove pontical dressings with hand instruments 63. Prepare a patient for retentive resin and complete denture impressions with hand instruments 64. DR Restorative and temporary cement 65. DR Restorative and temporary cement 66. DR Restorative and temporary cement 67. DR Restorative and temporary cement 68. DR Restorative and temporary cement 69. DR Restorative and temporary cement 70. DR Restorative and temporary cement 71. DR Restorative and temporary cement 72. DR Restorative and temporary cement 73. DR Restorative and temporary cement 74. DR Restorative and temporary cement 75. DR Restorative and temporary cement 76. DR Restorative and temporary cement 77. DR Restorative and temporary cement 78. DR Restorative and temporary cement 79. DR Restorative and temporary cement 80. DR Restorative and temporary cement 81. DR Restorative and temporary cement 82. DR Restorative and temporary cement 83. DR Restorative and temporary cement 84. DR Restorative and temporary cement 85. DR Restorative and temporary cement 86. DR Restorative and temporary cement 87. DR Restorative and temporary cement 88. DR Restorative and temporary cement 89. DR Restorative and temporary cement 90. DR Restorative and temporary cement 91. DR Restorative and temporary cement 92. DR Restorative and temporary cement 93. DR Restorative and temporary cement 94. DR Restorative and temporary cement 95. DR Restorative and temporary cement 96. DR Restorative and temporary cement 97. DR Restorative and temporary cement 98. DR Restorative and temporary cement 99. DR Restorative and temporary cement 100. DR Restorative and temporary cement 	

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 LA	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in LA
<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Louisiana, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA).</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete an expanded duty dental assisting program approved by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry OR Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program, providing documentation that training was provided in all functions which EDDAs are allowed to perform (<i>If a dental assistant's training is deemed inadequate, the assistant must undergo remediation in a Louisiana board-approved program.</i>) AND Complete a Louisiana State Board of Dentistry-approved radiography course (see "Radiography Requirements" to the right) AND Hold current approved BLS certification AND Apply to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry for confirmation of EDDA certification. <p><i>The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry only recognizes the Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA) Certificate earned through the EDDA course taught at the Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Dentistry, the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM), and Southern University at Shreveport.</i></p> <p>Note: A dental assistant who has been employed by a licensed, practicing dentist and has worked as a dental assistant prior to July 30, 1992, may continue performing the following expanded duties (under the direct, on-premises supervision of the dentist) without registering as an EDDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place and remove retraction cords Apply cavity liners, excluding capping of exposed pulpal tissue Place and remove periodontal dressings Place, wedge or remove matrices for restoration by the dentist <p>A dental assistant in the state of Louisiana 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>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Louisiana, a dental assistant must complete a course in x-ray function and safety approved by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry within six months after employment by a licensed dentist and shall perform dental x-ray functions solely under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist who is on the premises of the dental office at the time.</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> <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>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The removal of calculus, deposits or accretions from the natural and restored surfaces of teeth or dental implants in the human mouth using hand, ultrasonic, sonic or air polishing instruments Final placement of orthodontic bands or brackets except in indirect bonding procedures in which the dentist has either performed the final placement of the brackets on the model or when the dentist has written a detailed prescription to the laboratory for placement of the bracket 33, 51. Placement or finishing of any final restoration The taking of an impression for a final fixed or removable restoration or prosthesis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodontal screening and probing, or subgingival exploration for hard and soft deposits and sulcular irrigations Root planing or the smoothing and polishing of roughened root surfaces using hand, ultrasonic or sonic instruments Placement and removal of antimicrobial agents Comprehensive examination or diagnosis and treatment planning A surgical or cutting procedure on hard or soft tissue including laser and micro abrasion reduction of tooth material Prescription of a drug, medication or work authorization Final placement and intraoral adjustment of a fixed appliance Final placement and intraoral or extraoral adjustment of a removable appliance Making of any intraoral occlusal adjustment Performance of direct pulp capping or pulpotomy Administration of a local anesthetic, parenteral, Intravenous (IV), inhalation sedative agent or any general anesthetic agent Administration of Botox and dermal fillers Utilizing air abrasion units

Job Title
According to
State of LA

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*

- Any chairside dental act that a licensed dentist deems reasonable, using sound professional judgement. Such act must be performed properly and safely on the patient and must be reversible in nature.

Dental
Assistant

With Direct, On-Premises Supervision*

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| <p>1, 2. Chart existing restorations and missing teeth, floss teeth and make preliminary inspections of the mouth and teeth with a mouth mirror and floss only</p> <p>13, 69. Remove sutures, post-extraction dressing and surgical ligature ties</p> <p>15. Place or remove ligatures, cut and tuck ligatures, remove tension devices and any loose or broken bands or arch wires</p> <p>18. Apply topical fluorides following prophylaxis by a dentist or dental hygienist</p> <p>22, 52. Take and develop dental radiographs and intraoral photographs (See "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)</p> | <p>24. Give intraoral instructions and demonstrations on oral hygiene procedures</p> <p>27. Apply and remove rubber dams</p> <p>30. Serve as the dentist's chair side assistant</p> <p>37. Take and record pulse, blood pressure and temperature</p> <p>39. Receive removable prostheses for cleaning or repair work</p> <p>42. Place or remove temporary orthodontic separating devices</p> <p>43. Place or remove preformed crowns or bands for determining size only when recommended by the dentist and only under his or her supervision</p> <p>44. Make preliminary study model and opposing model impressions</p> | <p>47, 54. Fabricate and remove interim crowns or bridges (interim meaning temporary while permanent restoration is being fabricated)</p> <p>54, 61. Remove cement from dental restorations and appliances, with hand instruments, limited to the clinical crown</p> <p>56. Apply non-aerosol topical anesthetics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply desensitizing agents • Apply non-endodontic oxygenating agents • Make dental plaque smears • Place a removable retaining device in the mouth of a patient • Remove final impressions • Condition teeth prior to placement or orthodontics bands or brackets |
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*Direct Supervision: A licensed dentist personally diagnoses the condition to be treated; personally authorizes the procedures; is in the dental office or treatment facility during the performance of the authorized procedures; and, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the dental assistant, expanded duty dental assistant, or dental hygienist.