



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Michigan



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 approval 1/6/17	
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Compare your state's job designations to those used as standardized job titles in the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.



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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.

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.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of MI	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in MI
<p>To become licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of Michigan, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a degree or certificate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program or a school of dental assisting meeting Michigan Board of Dentistry requirements, which includes required instruction in Michigan expanded functions (<i>Note: Individuals who earned the RDA credential prior to March 22, 2004 must complete additional expanded functions training courses before performing the functions marked with ** or † on the opposite page.</i>) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Michigan board comprehensive and clinical exam or pass an equivalent exam in another state (proof of out-of-state licensure required) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the fingerprinting/criminal background check process <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for a license to the Michigan Board of Dentistry 	<p>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</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 Michigan, a dental assistant must successfully complete a course in dental radiography that is substantially equivalent to a course taught in a CODA-accredited program.</p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted to be delegated or assigned to any level of dental assistant:</p> <p>46. Taking impressions for any purpose other than study or opposing models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnosing, or prescribing for, any of the following: disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition Cutting of hard and soft tissue Removal of any of the following: accretions, stains, or calculus deposits Deep scaling Root planing Any intra-oral restorative procedures Administration of any of the following: local anesthesia, nitrous oxide analgesia, or acupuncture Irrigation and medication of root canals, try-in of cones or points, filling, or filling of root canals Permanent cementation of any restoration or appliance
<p>A dental assistant in the state of Michigan may perform basic supportive dental procedures (see opposite page) specified by the state dental practice act under the direct or general 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> <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>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>†DANB has not received confirmation that this Career Ladder Template has been reviewed and approved by the Michigan 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> </div>

Job Title According to State of MI	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 (RDA)	<p><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></p> <p>12, 51. Placing, condensing and carving amalgam restorations† 13. Removing sutures 29, 47, 54. Temporarily cementing and removing temporary crowns and bands 29. Cementing orthodontic bands or initial placement of orthodontic brackets 33. Placing Class I resin bonded restorations, occlusal adjustment, finishing and polishing with non-tissue cutting rotary hand pieces 35, 62. Placing and removing periodontal dressings</p> <p>46. Taking final impressions for indirect restorations† 59. Assisting and monitoring of the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia by the dentist or dental hygienist**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removing orthodontic adhesive from teeth, supragingivally, after removing brackets with non-tissue cutting instruments Applying in-office bleaching <p>†RDA's must first complete an approved course followed by a comprehensive clinical experience of sufficient duration that validates clinical competence through a criterion-based assessment instrument before performing these functions</p>		
	<p><u>Under General Supervision*</u></p> <p>6. Placing and removing nonepinephrine retraction cords** 6. Placing and removing of retraction materials 14. Drying endodontic canals with absorbent points** 29. Sizing of temporary crowns and bands 34. Applying cavity liners and bases** 44. Taking an impression for orthodontic appliances, mouth guards, bite splints and bleaching trays** 45. Placing and removing matrices and wedges**</p> <p>49. Performing pulp vitality testing** 50, 54. Placing and removing a nonmetallic temporary restoration with non-tissue cutting instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying desensitizing agents** Etching and placing adhesives prior to placement of orthodontic brackets** All duties that may be performed by Dental Assistants under General Supervision <p>**RDA's must first complete an approved course before performing these functions</p>		
	<p><u>Under Assignment*</u></p> <p>1, 2. Inspecting and charting the oral cavity using a mouth mirror and radiographs 18, 40. Applying anticariogenic agents including, but not limited to, sealants, fluoride varnish, and fluoride applications 22. Operating of dental radiographic equipment (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page) 27. Placing and removing a rubber dam 44. Making impressions for study and opposing models 47. Replacing existing temporary restorations and existing temporary crowns and temporary bridges</p> <p>61. Removing excess cement from supragingival surfaces of a tooth with non-tissue cutting instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polishing specific teeth with a slow-speed rotary handpiece immediately before procedures that require acid etching, for placement of sealants, placement of resin-bonded orthodontic appliances, and placement of direct restorations by the dentist Polishing and contouring of sealants with a slow-speed rotary hand piece immediately following the procedure for the purpose of occlusal adjustment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removing orthodontic elastics, ligatures and elastic or wire separators Replacing elastic or wire separators Classifying occlusion Providing nutritional counseling for oral health and maintenance Applying commonly accepted emergency procedures 		
Dental Assistant	<p><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></p> <p>15. Placement and removal of orthodontic separators 15. Placement and removal of orthodontic elastics, ligatures and arch wires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispensing aligners 		
	<p><u>Under General Supervision*</u></p> <p>22. Operating dental radiographic equipment (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page) 26. Instructing in the use and care of dental appliances</p> <p>29. Trial sizing of orthodontic bands 44. Making impressions for study and opposing models</p> <p>56. Applying of topical anesthetic solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding the matrix for anterior resin restorations 		

*Assignment:

A dentist has designated a patient of record upon whom services are to be performed and describes the procedures to be performed. The dentist need not be physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed

Direct Supervision:

A dentist complies with all of the following: designates a patient of record upon whom the procedures are to be performed and describes the procedures to be performed; examines the patient before prescribing the procedures to be performed and upon completion of the procedures; and is physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed.

General Supervision:

A dentist complies with both of the following: designates a patient of record upon whom services are to be performed; and is physically present in the office at the time the procedures are being performed.