



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Mississippi



## 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 1/6/17
Education/Training/Credential Required	Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)	Proposed Function Category (A-Z)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by State (A-Z)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 Exam.</li> <li>Successfully complete an EFDA training course approved by the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) or a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDEA) accredited program.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>AD 21-3</b> DANB's AMP-TMP and <b>AD 21-3</b> require the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE Clinical Exam and at least 20 direct restorations and other restorative procedures on a licensed dentist employment form.</li> <li><b>AD 21-3</b> DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dental Assistant</b></li> <li><b>Dental Assistant (Expanded Function)</b></li> <li><b>Dental Assistant (Restorative)</b></li> <li><b>Dental Assistant (EFDA)</b></li> <li><b>Dental Assistant (R)</b></li> <li><b>Dental Assistant (EF)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Restographic Certificate. To qualify, the applicant must:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and (RHS) exam.</li> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety (RHS) exam.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>AD 21-3</b> requires the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE Clinical Exam and at least 20 direct restorations and other restorative procedures on a licensed dentist employment form.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46. Taking full impressions for any activating orthodontic appliances, fixed or removable prosthetics.</li> <li>51. Introral carrying of dental radiographs or "ghosts"</li> <li>A procedure which by law only licensed dentists can perform.</li> <li>47. Final jaw registrations.</li> <li>48. Adjusting orthodontic appliances.</li> <li>An irreversible procedure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>* Under a new Arizona law passed in the 2015 legislative session, a dental assistant who has met the requirements for an Expanded Function (EF) Dental Assistant later in the dental practice on duty may perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations.</li> </ul>

Arizona		State-approved 1/6/17
Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)	Education/Training/Credential Required	Allowable Functions (If functions with numbers only, specifically to Core Competency designations, functions with numbers are in the state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research)
	<b>Dental Assistant (EFDA)</b>	<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 orthodontic appliances 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 prosthetics, as well as by a licensed dentist, the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dental Assistant qualified in certain polishing procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9: Perform coronal polishing procedures</li> </ul> <p><b>Under Direct Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13: Remove sulcus</li> <li>23: Apply topical fluorides and mouth rinses</li> <li>41: Place and remove dental dams and mouth shields</li> <li>42: Remove pontabond dressings with hand instruments</li> <li>47: 20: Prepare and place retentive and composite restorations on root surfaces</li> <li>49: Remove wax bur technique and interim restorations with hand instruments</li> <li>62: Remove wax bur technique and interim restorations with hand instruments</li> <li>63: Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction</li> <li>64: Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction</li> </ul> <p><b>Under General Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2: Collect and record information pertaining to dental condition</li> <li>3: Collect and record information pertaining to medical condition</li> <li>14: Help or instruct patients in oral hygiene techniques and preventive procedures, dietary counseling by giving patient printed and recorded information and oral hygiene instructions relative to specific office treatment</li> <li>16: Perform access correct from stipes, crown, bridges, and orthodontic appliances with hand instruments</li> <li>61: Remove excess cement from stipes, crown, bridges, and orthodontic appliances with hand instruments</li> <li>62: Remove pontabond dressings with hand instruments</li> <li>63: Prepare a patient for retentive restorations and complete diagnostic impressions with hand instruments</li> <li>64: Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction</li> <li>* Check the supragingival surface of the tooth in preparation for seal application</li> <li>* The placement of dentin covers, dental dam appliances</li> <li>* Acid etch procedures</li> <li>* Removal of dressing and packs</li> </ul>

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.

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

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 MS	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <b>NOT</b> Permitted by Dental Assistants in MS
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in the state of Mississippi 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>All dental assistants involved in direct patient care must be certified in CPR (within 180 days of employment). There are no other education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Mississippi, a dental assistant <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>Successfully complete a Mississippi board-approved radiology seminar and exam within 90 days prior to application</li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program within 12 months prior to application</li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program more than 12 months prior to application for permit <b>and</b> provide sworn statements related to employment and administration of radiographs within the five-year period preceding application</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners for a radiology permit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1,2. Inspecting the oral cavity (including charting carious lesions, existing restorations and missing teeth)</li> <li>6. Placement of any subgingival medicated cords</li> <li>20. Performing supragingival and coronal scaling</li> <li>33. Placing and finishing composite resin restorations</li> <li>34. Applying cavity liners and bases</li> <li>46. The taking of any impression of the human mouth or oral structure that will be used in the restoration, repair or replacement of any natural or artificial teeth or for the fabrication or repair of any dental appliance</li> <li>49. Performing pulp vitality testing</li> <li>51. Carve and pack amalgams                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodontal screening and probing, or subgingival explorations for hard or soft deposits and sulcular irrigations</li> <li>• Use of ultrasonic and/or sonic instruments</li> <li>• Placement, cementation or final torquing of inlays, permanent crowns, fixed bridges, removable bridges, partial dentures, full dentures or implant abutments</li> <li>• Equilibration or adjustment of occlusion on natural or artificial dentition, restoration or sealants</li> <li>• Activation or adjustments of orthodontic appliances</li> <li>• Injections of drugs, medication or anesthetics</li> <li>• Performing pulp capping, pulpotomy, and other endodontic therapy</li> <li>• Intraoral restorative procedures</li> <li>• Removal of calcareous deposits with an instrument</li> <li>• Brush biopsies</li> <li>• Remove facial hair with lasers</li> <li>• Administer Oraqix</li> <li>• Perform sulcular debridement of periodontal pockets using a Diode dental laser</li> <li>• Condensing amalgam restorations</li> <li>• Polishing amalgam restorations</li> <li>• Bending archwires</li> <li>• Placing local antimicrobial agents</li> <li>• Procedures that require the professional judgment and skill of a licensed dentist such as diagnosis, treatment planning, surgical procedures involving hard or soft tissue, or any intra-oral procedure of an irreversible nature that could result in injury to the patient</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
		<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</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>
		<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>

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Job Title  
According to  
State of MS

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

**Under Direct Supervision\***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Place and pack retraction cords, excluding subgingival medicated cords</li> <li>9. Coronal polishing</li> <li>12. Placing amalgam restorations for condensation by the dentist</li> <li>13. Removing sutures</li> <li>18. Applying topical fluoride gels, rinses and varnishes</li> <li>22. Exposing radiographs</li> <li>27. Placing and removing rubber dams</li> <li>35, 62. Placing and removing periodontal dressings</li> <li>40. Apply pit and fissure sealants</li> <li>44. Taking impressions for study models and opposing models</li> <li>45. Place and remove matrix bands</li> <li>47. Construction, adjustment and cementation of temporary crowns (temporary means crowns placed while permanent restoration is being fabricated)</li> <li>47. Fabricating temporary/interim restorations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>47,50. Placing temporary/interim restorations</li> <li>54,55. Removing temporary/interim restorations</li> <li>56. Apply topical anesthetic agents</li> <li>59. Placement and monitoring of nitrous-oxide inhalation anxiolysis</li> <li>61. Removing excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth</li> <li>64. Fabricating trays for in-office bleaching procedures                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform in-office bleaching procedures</li> <li>• Adjust the gingival side of complete or partial dentures</li> <li>• Detect possible caries using the KaVo DIAGNOdent</li> <li>• Applying desensitizing agents</li> <li>• Monitoring minimally sedated patients</li> <li>• Monitoring moderately sedated patients</li> <li>• Make the Essix vacuum permanent retainer</li> <li>• Perform face bow procedures</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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*Note: Some functions listed above as allowed and some functions listed on the previous page as prohibited do not appear in Mississippi statutes or regulations; rather, the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners has made a determination at a meeting as to whether these functions may be delegated to dental assistants and reported the determination on its website.*

**DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions**

In the state of Mississippi, all dental assistants may:

- Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures
- Perform other duties not specified by this state's dental practice act

At this time, DANB cannot list all allowable dental assisting functions for each state because some states' dental practice acts outline very specific allowable functions, while others outline only prohibited functions and some contain minimal or no regulation of dental assisting duties.

\*Direct Supervision: A dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the auxiliary, and will evaluate the performance of the dental auxiliary.