



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Missouri



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			
<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 Expanded Function or Restorative Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate (see requirements to complete on page 10). 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, TMP and RMP certificates. Hold a license as a supervisor of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE Clinical, Restorative and Basic 20 direct restorations and other restorative procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment form. Hold the DANB for Arizona Restorative Certificate. <p>To perform general polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold the Arizona General Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) for Arizona Restorative Proficiency Certificate. Hold the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate as required by DANB. Successfully complete the DANB of Arizona General Polishing Clinical Skills Affidavit (see requirements to complete on page 10). <p>A dental assistant in Arizona who performs restorative dental procedures under the state dental practice act has extensive responsibilities. The direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education/training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)</p>	<p>Proposed Restorative Job Titles</p> <p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>Expanded Restorative Dental Assistant (ERDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing Dental Assistant (GPDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing 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 have a current approved certificate in radiography.</p> <p>To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam. Hold a current Radiology Proficiency Certificate, issued by DANB. Be currently certified in another U.S. state with a Radiology Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE. <p>Those who have never received dental radiography training to use the Arizona Clinical Radiography Proficiency Certificate, which is the national standard for dental radiography certification, may not perform dental radiography procedures in Arizona.</p> <p>The ADA/DANB Alliance has issued a list of 70 core competencies for dental assistants. The same study offered a list of 70 restorative tasks with 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 study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with numbers are part of the state's practice act but are not specific to Missouri's DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p> <p>Those tasks complete reflect the state dental practice act and are not specific to Missouri's DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p>

Arizona	
<p>Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)</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 Missouri's DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p> <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Apply fluoride varnish 40. Apply sealants 41. Place interim restoratives 42. Perform direct filling of a restoration under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiography. <p>Level of Supervision Not Specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restoratives or the placement and contouring of amalgamated crowns, bridges or prosthetics, as well as the placement of a bonded dental restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist. <p>Dental Assistant qualified in certain polishing procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Perform general polishing procedures. <p>Under Direct Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Remove sutures 23. Apply topical fluoride 24. Apply fluoride gels 25. Apply fluoride varnish 26. Apply sealants 27. DO restorative and general restorative procedures with hand instruments 28. Remove and temporize crown and interim restorations with hand instruments 29. Remove and temporize crown and interim restorations with hand instruments 30. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction. <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Collect and record information pertaining to general conditions pertaining to existing restoral 14. Take or instruct patients in oral hygiene techniques 15. Perform radiographic procedures, delivery concerning the patient and proper contact, and provide oral and dental hygiene instructions relative to specific office treatment

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 MO	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in MO
<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Missouri, an expanded-functions dental assistant must hold an expanded functions permit. To earn this permit, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification and graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program in which competency testing in the appropriate expanded functions category was completed OR Hold DANB CDA certification and complete a Missouri Dental Board-approved expanded functions training course OR Pass the Missouri Test of Basic Dental Assisting Skills (i.e., the Missouri Basic exam administered by DANB or another exam approved by the Missouri Dental Board) and complete a Board-approved expanded functions training course <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold current certification in the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BLS), or an equivalent certification approved by the Missouri Dental Board <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit proof of meeting requirements, along with application form and established fee, to the Missouri Dental Board <p><i>Expanded functions permits are issued in five categories: Restorative I, Restorative II, Orthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics, and Removable Prosthodontics.</i></p> <p>A dental assistant in the state of Missouri 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 assistants may assist in the administration of and monitor nitrous oxide analgesia under direct supervision if they meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete formal certified training in a course approved by the Missouri Dental Board AND Pass an approved competency test regarding clinical and didactic training OR Submit proof to the Missouri Dental Board of having been certified in these functions in another state subsequent to equivalent training and testing AND Obtain a permit from the Missouri Dental Board 	<p>Expanded- Functions Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>There are no radiography requirements for dental assistants in Missouri.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Scaling of teeth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis, including interpretation of dental radiographs and treatment planning • Cutting of tooth structure • Surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissues • Prescription, injection and parenteral administration of drugs • Final bending of archwire prior to ligation • Administration of nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia
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Job Title According to State of MO	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)
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Expanded-
Functions
Dental
Assistant

Under Direct Supervision*

With Restorative I Permit:

- 12, 51. Placing, condensing, and carving amalgam for Class I, V, and VI restorations
- 33. Placing composite for Class I, V, and VI restorations
- 43, 70. Sizing and cementing of prefabricated crowns
- Minor palliative care of dental emergencies (place sedative filling)

With Restorative II Permit:

- 12, 51. Placing, condensing, carving, and finishing amalgam for Class I, II, III, IV, V, and VI restorations
- 33. Placing and finishing composite for Class I, II, III, IV, V, and VI restorations
- 43, 70. Sizing and cementing of prefabricated crowns
- Minor palliative care of dental emergencies (place sedative filling)

With Orthodontic Permit:

- 46. Making impressions for the fabrication of any removable or fixed prosthesis/appliance
- Preliminary bending of archwire
- Removal of orthodontic bands and bonds
- Final cementation of any permanent appliance or prosthesis
- Placement and cementation of orthodontic brackets and/or bands

With Fixed Prosthodontics Permit:

- 6. Place retraction cord in preparation for fixed prosthodontic impressions
- 46. Making impressions for the fabrication of any removable or fixed prosthesis/appliance
- Extra-oral adjustments of fixed prosthesis
- Extra-oral adjustments of removable prosthesis during and after insertion
- Final cementation of any permanent appliance or prosthesis

With Removable Prosthodontics Permit:

- 46. Making impressions for the fabrication of any removable or fixed prosthesis/appliance
- Placement of temporary soft liners in a removable prosthesis
- Extra-oral adjustments of removable prosthesis during and after insertion
- Minor palliative care of dental emergencies (place sedative filling)

Dental
Assistant

DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions

In the state of Missouri, all dental assistants may:

- 9. Polishing the coronal surfaces of teeth (air polisher)
- 18. Application of topical fluoride
- 40. Placement of pit or fissure sealants
- 59. Assist in the administration of and monitor nitrous oxide analgesia (see requirements on previous page)
 - Expose, process and evaluate dental radiographs
 - 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: The dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility; has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated; has personally authorized the procedures; remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the dental auxiliary; and evaluates the performance of the dental auxiliary before the dismissal of the patient.