



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Nevada



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). 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 a DANB's AMP, TMP and RMP. ASBDE's supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE's criteria and have 20 direct restorative and other restorative procedures, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form. ASBDE's DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate. <p>To perform certain polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold the Arizona's General Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the Dental Council of Practitioners (DCP) for Arizona Restorative Proficiency Certificate. ASBDE's Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate issued by DANB. ASBDE's Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate issued by DANB. <p>Dental Assistant General Polishing Procedures</p> <p>These tasks include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polishing of natural teeth. Polishing of stainless steel orthodontic appliances. Polishing of dental prostheses. Polishing of dental crowns, veneers, and bridges. Polishing of dental castings. Polishing of dental wax models. Polishing of dental wax patterns. Polishing of dental wax dies. Polishing of dental wax blocks. Polishing of dental wax slabs. Polishing of dental wax sheets. Polishing of dental wax plates. Polishing of dental wax sheets. Polishing of dental wax plates. 	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (P-C)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Proposed Restorative Titles</p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>Radiography Requirements</p> <p>In order to legally operate under a job requirement and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold a Restorative 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 (RHS) exam. ASBDE's Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by DANB. ASBDE's Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by DANB. <p>Functions NOT Permitted by State Law</p> <p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 46. Taking full impressions for any activating orthodontic appliances, fixed or removable prosthetics. 51. Internal curing of dental restorations or prostheses.* A procedure which by law only licensed dentists can perform. Adopting orthodontic appliances. Final job registrations. An irreversible procedure. Using a new Arizona law passed in the 2015 legislative session, a dental assistant who has met the requirements for an Expanded Function Dental Assistant later in the Act is permitted to perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations.

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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 NV	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in NV
<p>A dental assistant in the state of Nevada may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist or dental hygienist.</p> <p>A licensed dentist who owns a dental office or treatment facility must, on his or her application for license renewal, list the name and address of each dental assistant who assists in procedures for infection control, the date the dental assistant began to assist in infection control procedures, and a statement that each employee listed has received adequate instruction in infection control and is qualified to operate sterilization and other equipment, and to perform all other applicable activities, in compliance with CDC guidelines.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <hr/> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners does not license dental assistants in radiation health, safety, and administration. Rather, each licensed dentist must, with his or her application for license renewal, include a certified statement containing the name and position of each dental assistant who assists in radiographic procedures, the date each dental assistant began to assist in radiographic procedures, and a statement attesting that each such dental assistant is qualified to operate radiographic equipment and has received all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adequate instruction in radiographic procedures ■ AND ■ Training in CPR at least every two years while employed ■ AND ■ A minimum of four hours of continuing education in infection control every two years while employed ■ AND ■ Before commencing performance of radiographic procedures, a copy of the Nevada statutes and regulations governing dentistry <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>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The diagnosis, treatment planning, or prescribing of drugs or medicaments, or authorizing the use of restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances • Surgery on hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that may contribute to or result in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy • The administration of general anesthesia, conscious sedation, or deep sedation except as otherwise authorized by regulations adopted by the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners • The performance of a task outside the authorized scope of practice of the employee who is being assigned the task

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Job Title According to State of NV	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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Dental
Assistant

Under Supervision by a Dentist*, before the patient is examined by the dentist

- 22. Expose radiographs (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)
- 44. Take impressions for the preparation of diagnostic models

Under Supervision by a Dentist*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Retract gingival tissue if the retraction cord contains no medicaments that have potential systemic side effects 9. Remove soft plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces, utilizing an appropriate rotary instrument with a rubber cup or brush and a suitable polishing agent; a licensed dentist or dental hygienist shall determine that the teeth to be polished are free of calculus or other extraneous material 13. Remove sutures 15. Place and secure an orthodontic ligature 18. Administer a topical fluoride 24. Train and instruct persons in the techniques of oral hygiene and preventive procedures 27. Place or remove a rubber dam and accessories used for its placement 29. Fit orthodontic bands and prepare teeth for orthodontic bands if the bands are cemented or bonded, or both, into the patient's mouth by the dentist who authorized the dental assistant to perform this procedure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35, 62. Place and remove a periodontal pack 40. Apply pit and fissure sealant to the dentition for the prevention of decay. This procedure must be checked and approved by the supervising dentist before dismissal of the patient from the office of the dentist. 44. Take the following types of impressions: those used for the preparation of counter or opposing models; those used for the fabrication of temporary crowns or bridges; and those used for the fabrication of temporary removable appliances, provided no missing teeth are replaced by those appliances 47. Fabricate and place temporary crowns and bridges. This procedure must be checked and approved by the supervising dentist before dismissal of the patient from the office of the dentist 48. Retract a patient's cheek, tongue or other tissue during a dental operation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48. Remove the debris which normally accumulates during or after a cleaning or operation by the dentist by using mouthwash, water, compressed air or suction 56. Administer a topical anesthetic in any form except aerosol 61. Remove excess cement from cemented restorations and orthodontic appliances; a dental assistant may not use a rotary cutting instrument to remove excess cement from restorations or orthodontic appliances |
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Under Supervision by a Dental Hygienist with Public Health Dental Hygiene Endorsement

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18. Administer a topical fluoride 24. Train and instruct persons in the techniques of oral hygiene and preventive procedures 48. Retract a patient's cheek, tongue or other tissue during a dental operation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48. Remove the debris that normally accumulates during or after a cleaning or operation by the dental hygienist by using mouthwash, water, compressed air or suction |
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Note: A dental assistant may assist a dental hygienist performing these tasks if the hygienist has received Nevada Board approval to perform services without supervision or authorization of a licensed dentist in schools and certain health facilities.

*Supervision by a Dentist: A dentist is physically present in the office where the procedures to be supervised are being performed, while these procedures are being performed, and is capable of responding immediately if any emergency should arise.