



Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of NJ	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by Dental Assistants in NJ
<p>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of New Jersey, dental assistants must be licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).</p> <p>To register as an RDA, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete high school or its equivalent <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass DANB's national Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam (within 10 years prior to application) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduate from a New Jersey Board-approved CODA-accredited dental assisting program (within 10 years prior to application) <p>OR</p> <p>Obtain at least two years' work experience as a dental assistant (within five years prior to application), successfully complete a Board-approved program in expanded functions, and pass the New Jersey Expanded Duties - General Exam (NJXDG) administered by DANB</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Obtain at least two years' work experience as a dental assistant (within five years prior to application) and pass the New Jersey Expanded Duties - General Exam (NJXDG) administered by DANB</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry 	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or 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 New Jersey, a dental assistant must be licensed as a Dental Radiologic Technologist (DRT) by the New Jersey Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners. To obtain this license, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete high school or its equivalent <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be at least 18 years of age <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be of good moral character <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete a NJ state-approved dental radiography course or its equivalent within the 5 years prior to application <p>AND</p> <p>Pass the national DANB RHS exam within the 5 years prior to application</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successfully complete a NJ state-approved dental radiography course or its equivalent more than 5 years prior to application</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Pass the national DANB RHS exam within the 5 years prior to application</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Document competent work experience in performing dental radiography procedures within 5 years prior to application (<i>Note: It is illegal to obtain this work experience in New Jersey without the permission of the NJ Bureau of X-Ray Compliance.</i>)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Successfully complete a NJ state-approved dental radiography course or its equivalent</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Hold current DANB CDA certification</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for licensure to the State of New Jersey Bureau of X-Ray Compliance <p><i>Note: A licensed DRT is not permitted to perform conebeam CT procedures unless he or she has met the requirements in the 12/31/13 exemption. Please contact the Bureau of X-Ray Compliance at 609-984-5890 for details.</i></p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make any diagnosis or develop any treatment plan with respect to the dental condition or treatment of any living person Perform any surgical or irreversible procedure, including, but not limited to, the cutting of hard or soft tissue or the extraction of any tooth Either bill or submit a claim for any service rendered involving the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene Receive payment for the performance of dental or dental hygienist services from any source other than an employer authorized by law to practice dentistry in this State or any dental clinic, institution, or employment agency, that employs licensed dental hygienists to provide temporary dental hygiene services
<p>An unregistered dental assistant in the state of New Jersey 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>Unregistered 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>	

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Job Title
According to
State of NJ

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)

Under Direct Supervision*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Place and remove retraction cords and medicated pellets; this shall not include electrosurgery or the use of lasers for tissue retraction 12. Place amalgam, composite and gold foil in a tooth for condensation by the dentist 13. Remove sutures 18, 40. Provide prophylactic and preventive measures, such as the application of fluorides and pit and fissure sealants and other recognized topical agents for the prevention of oral disease or discomfort; this shall not include prophylaxis 27. Isolate the operative field, including the placement and removal of rubber dams 35, 62, 63, 69. Place and remove periodontal dressings and other surgical dressings 44. Take alginate impressions 45. Place and remove matrices and wedges 47. Fabricate and cement temporary crowns and bridges after preparation of tooth (teeth) by a dentist. This does not include intraoral occlusal adjustment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 54. Perform hand removal of crowns and bridges that have been temporarily cemented 54, 61. Remove excess cement from crowns or other restorations and orthodontic appliances 55. Perform hand removal of soft temporary restorations 59. Monitor a patient to whom the supervising dentist has administered nitrous oxide/oxygen inhalation analgesia, provided the RDA does not perform any other function while monitoring the patient (upon completion of a Board-approved course and with current Cardiac Life Support certification) and provided the patient is not taking any medication, whether prescribed by the dentist or by another licensed practitioner 64. Take impressions for and perform laboratory fabrication of athletic mouth guards. This shall not include insertion of the appliance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove arch wires and ligature wires • Perform bite registration procedures to determine occlusal relationships of diagnostic models only • Place temporary sedative restorations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etch teeth in preparation for bonding, sealing, or desensitizing agents • Place caries detecting agents • Use instruments for caries detection. Such instrument shall not include a laser capable of cutting, burning, or damaging hard or soft tissue • Prepare coronal surfaces for bonding and restoration with pumice and water only, not to include a prophylaxis • Demonstrate home-use bleaching systems and apply bleaching agents • Administer a topical treatment on a patient after a licensed dentist or licensed dental hygienist has performed a prophylaxis • Access the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) database, in accordance with PMP regulations**, on behalf of a dentist prescriber, if designated as a delegate • All duties designated to Unregistered Dental Assistants, under the same level of required supervision |
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** For more detailed information about regulations governing delegates who have been authorized to access the PMP database on a prescriber's behalf, see the New Jersey section of DANB's 2018 State Fact Booklet for regulation 13:45A-35 or contact the New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program (www.nj.gov/lps/ca2/pmp).

Unregistered
Dental
Assistant

Under Direct Supervision*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Provide a written work authorization for emergency repair of a dental prosthesis, provided that the prosthesis shall not require any intra-oral procedure and shall be thereafter inserted by a licensed dentist 22. Make radiographic exposures as permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Radiological Health (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page) 24. Provide oral health education including dietary analysis and clinical instruction in order to promote dental health 29, 43. Trial size (pre-select) orthodontic bands, wires, stainless steel crowns and temporary crowns on a diagnostic model only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37. Take and record vital signs 48. Retract patient's cheek, tongue or other tissue parts during a dental procedure 48. Remove such debris as is normally created in the course of treatment during or after dental procedures by vacuum devices, compressed air, mouthwashes and water 48. Isolate the operative field, not to include rubber dams 56. Apply topical anesthetic agents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a curing light for any dental procedure. Such curing lights shall not include a laser capable of cutting, burning, or damaging hard or soft tissue or for electrosurgery for tissue retraction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take dental photographs including the use of intraoral cameras • Select shades of prosthetic appliances • Assist a licensed dentist in the administration of nitrous oxide, provided the licensed dentist is physically present in the operatory at all times during the procedure • Hot and cold packs, ultrasound, electromagnetic stimulation, transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation ("T.E.N.S.") and phonophoresis. |
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*Direct Supervision: A licensed dentist is physically present in the office at all times during the performance of any act, and such acts are performed pursuant to the licensed dentist's order, control, and full professional responsibility.