



Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of NY	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in NY
<p>A dental assistant in the state of New York must be licensed in order to perform supportive services under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>To be licensed in the state of New York, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Be at least 17 years of age ■ Be a high school graduate or its equivalent ■ Successfully complete one of the two education options listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an approved one-year course of study in dental assisting in a degree-granting institution or a board of cooperative educational services program that includes at least 200 hours of clinical experience OR • an alternate course of study in dental assisting acceptable to the New York State Education Department that includes at least 1,000 hours of relevant work experience in accordance with the Commissioner's regulations. ■ Successfully complete one of the two exam pathways listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PATHWAY I: Pass all three components of the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Exam: Radiation Health and Safety (RHS), Infection Control (ICE), and General Chairside (GC) OR • PATHWAY II: Pass the New York Professional Dental Assisting (NYPDA) exam along with DANB's RHS and ICE component exams. ■ Apply for licensure from the New York State Education Department after completing all of the above requirements <p>Note: The NYSBD recognizes that state licensed "certified dental assistants" may use "RDA" after their names to identify that they are licensed and registered to practice as dental assistants in the State of New York, if they so desire.</p>	<p>NY State-Licensed "certified dental assistant"</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>There are no radiography requirements for dental assistants in the state of New York.</p> <p>All dental assistants may legally operate routine oral radiography and panoramic radiographic dental equipment under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>A dental assistant may operate cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) equipment under the direct supervision of a dentist after demonstrating satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Department of Health or provided by the manufacturer.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Charting caries and periodontal conditions as an aid to diagnosis by the dentist 9. Polishing teeth, including existing restorations 35. Placing periodontal dressings 40. Applying pit and fissure sealants 61. Removing excess cement from surfaces of the teeth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosing • Performing surgical procedures • Performing irreversible procedures • Performing procedures that would alter the hard or soft tissue of the oral and maxillofacial area • Removing calcareous deposits, accretions and stains, including scaling and planing of exposed root surfaces indicated for complete prophylaxis • Applying topical agents indicated for a complete dental prophylaxis • Applying a topical medication not related to a complete dental prophylaxis <p>Such dental supportive services that a NY State Licensed certified dental assistant would not reasonably be qualified to perform based upon meeting the New York requirements for certification as a NY State Licensed certified dental assistant and/or obtaining additional legally authorized experience in practicing as a NY State Licensed certified dental assistant.</p>
<p>A person who has met the first three eligibility requirements listed above may apply for a limited (one-year) permit prior to taking and passing the exam requirements. A limited permittee may perform all tasks designated to certified dental assistants, under the direct personal supervision of a licensed dentist. The permit expires after one year and may be renewed for an additional year.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant with a Limited Permit</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>	
<p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. (See note on the opposite page for information about a requirement affecting some unlicensed dental assistants.)</p>	<p>Unlicensed Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<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>	

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Job Title
According to
State of NY

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)

NY State-
Licensed
"certified
dental
assistant"

With Direct Personal Supervision*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Remove sutures placed by a licensed dentist 18. Apply topical anticariogenic agents to the teeth 24. Provide patient education 27. Place and remove rubber dams 29. Select and prefit orthodontic bands 37. Take preliminary medical histories and vital signs to be reviewed by the dentist 42. Place and remove temporary separating devices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44. Take impressions for study casts or diagnostic casts 44. Take impressions for space maintainers, orthodontic appliances and occlusal guards 45. Place and remove matrix bands 47. Select and prefit provisional crowns 54. Remove temporary cement (not including temporary fillings) 62. Remove periodontal dressings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply desensitizing agents to the teeth • Place orthodontic ligatures • Remove orthodontic arch wires and ligature ties • Other dental supportive services authorized by the licensed dentist while the certified dental assistant is under the direct personal supervision of the licensed dentist, provided that such other dental supportive services are not excluded |
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Dental
Assistant
with a
Limited
Permit

Dental assistants with a limited permit may perform all tasks designated to licensed certified dental assistants listed above, under the direct personal supervision of a licensed dentist. The permit expires after one year and may be renewed for an additional year.

Unlicensed
Dental
Assistant

DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions

In the state of New York, all dental assistants may:

- Expose, process, evaluate dental radiographs under the supervision of a licensed dentist
- Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures
- Perform other duties not specified in this state's dental practice act

At this time, DANB cannot list all allowable dental assisting functions for each state because some state's dental practice acts are prescriptive (outline very specific allowable functions) while others are restrictive (outline only those functions not allowed in the state; all others can be delegated) or dental assisting duties are minimally regulated, if at all.

*****Note on Sterilization Certification Requirement Affecting Some Dental Assistants*****

In its 2013 session, the New York State legislature passed a law requiring technicians who perform instrument sterilization in hospitals and in diagnostic and treatment centers offering ambulatory surgical services to hold one of two central services certifications – the Certified Registered Central Service Technician (CRCST) credential from the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM) or the Certified Sterile Processing and Distribution Technician (CSPDT) certification from the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD). Licensed healthcare professionals, including dental assistants, working within their scope of practice are exempt from this requirement, which became effective January 1, 2015. The New York State Dental Association has issued a memo to its members indicating that dental assistants who perform instrument sterilization in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center and who are not New York State Licensed "certified dental assistants" must earn one of the required certifications and complete annual continuing education requirements. The New York State Dental Association does not believe that dental assistants working in private dental offices are subject to these requirements.

*Direct Personal Supervision: Instructions are given by a licensed dentist, in the course of a procedure, who remains in the dental office where the supportive services are being performed, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures, and before dismissal of the patient, who remains the responsibility of the licensed dentist, evaluates the services performed by the dental assistant.