



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: South Carolina



## 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><b>Education/Training/Credential Required</b></p> <p>To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function or Restorative Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate (see requirements to complete on page 10).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAMP.</li> <li>AND have the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE criteria, including the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form.</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul> <p>To perform general polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona General Polishing Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Dental Assisting General Polishing Certificate.</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate.</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Certificate.</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul> <p>There are no education/training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Title</b></p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Radiography Requirements</b></p> <p>In order to legally operate under a job requirement and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Restorative Certificate in radiography. To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and (RHS) exam.</li> <li>AND the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>AND be currently certified in another ASBDE Restorative Proficiency Certificate (ASBDE).</li> </ul> <p>Restorative Proficiency Certificate (ASBDE) is a certification program that requires dental assistants to use the Arizona Critical Radiographic Technique (ART) as a minimum for all radiographic procedures. The ASBDE Restorative Proficiency Certificate, which is issued by the ASBDE, is a certification program that requires dental assistants to use the Arizona Critical Radiographic Technique (ART) as a minimum for all radiographic procedures. The ASBDE Restorative Proficiency Certificate, which is issued by the ASBDE, is a certification program that requires dental assistants to use the Arizona Critical Radiographic Technique (ART) as a minimum for all radiographic procedures.</p>

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

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.

Arizona	
<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.C.)</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Allowable Functions</b></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 matches to DANB research.</p> <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>41. Place interim restoratives</li> <li>42. Perform coronal polishing in 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 restoratives or the placement and contouring of amalgamated crowns, inlays or veneers, as well as by a licensed dentist, the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist.</li> </ul> <p><b>Under General Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>31. Perform coronal polishing procedures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Under Direct Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Remove amalgam</li> <li>23. Apply dental cements and restorative and health materials</li> <li>43. Apply sealants</li> <li>44. Apply restorative cements</li> <li>45. Prepare a patient for retentive resin and complete diagnostic impressions with a dental</li> <li>46. Remove and temporize crown and interim restorations with hand</li> <li>47. Remove and temporize crown and interim restorations with hand</li> <li>48. 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 conditions</li> <li>3. Prepare or instruct patients in oral hygiene, restorative treatment procedures, dietary counseling for caries and periodontal, and provide oral and diagnostic radiographs relative to specific office treatment</li> </ul>

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 SC	Proposed Stan- dardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <b>NOT</b> Permitted by Dental Assistants in SC
<p>To perform <b>expanded functions</b> under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in South Carolina, a dental assistant must earn status as an <b>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)</b>.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program <b>OR</b> Complete two years of continuous full-time employment as a chairside dental assistant</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> In order to monitor nitrous oxide conscious sedation (analgesia), EDDAs must complete a course approved by the South Carolina Board of Dentistry, successfully complete the state board examination, submit proof of Board-approved CPR certification within the three years preceding application, and apply for state certification from the South Carolina Board of Dentistry.</p>	<p>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To legally place and expose radiographic films in a dental office, a dental assistant must hold a certificate documenting training acceptable to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Acceptable certificates include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Diploma from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program <b>OR</b> DANB CDA certification or the DANB RHS certificate of competency <b>OR</b> Certificate in radiation safety from the South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) <b>OR</b> Certificate documenting completion of a structured course of training in radiation safety (accepted courses include but are not limited to radiation safety training through a technical school)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: At its July 8, 2016 meeting, the South Carolina Board of Dentistry voted that ex-active duty military dental assistants entering the public sector be given a waiver for exemption from taking the radiography certification course, based on their documenting evidence of their military training and certification credentials.</i></p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish an IV line</li> <li>• Draw sedative drugs into a syringe</li> <li>• Deliver drugs in to an established IV line</li> <li>• Use lasers in performing bleaching procedures</li> </ul>
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in South Carolina 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 initial education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. It is the responsibility of all dentists to ensure that their auxiliary staff who may be exposed to blood and other body fluids require and provide two (2) hours biennially of continuing education on sterilization and infection control and maintain records of such training.</p> <p>In settings where sedation is administered, all dental staff who provide direct, hands-on patient care must be certified in CPR at the basic life support level by a board-approved training course, received within the last two years. The operating dentist must provide training for staff with hands-on patient care commensurate with the level and mode of sedation administered. This training must be documented and available for inspection by the department upon request.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <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> </div> <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>		

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Job Title  
According to  
State of SC

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)

Expanded  
Duty  
Dental  
Assistant  
(EDDA)

**Under Direct Supervision\***

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| 6. Place gingival retraction cord<br>9. Polish restorations and supragingival tooth structure<br>40. Application of pit and fissure sealant<br>44. Take impressions for study models | 47. Cement temporary crowns or bridges<br>50. Place temporary restorations<br>59. Monitor nitrous oxide conscious sedation/analgesia† (requires state certification – see requirements on previous page) | 61. Remove excess cement from restorations and/or appliances<br>63, 69. Place and remove socket dressing |
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† The Board has defined the term "Monitor" to mean carrying out the orders of the dentist, to include the initiation of the flow of the nitrous oxide component. The certified auxiliary may then maintain that flow or decrease the level of nitrous oxide component when oxygenating the patient, without the specific direction of the dentist. The dentist must determine the need and level of nitrous oxide sedation regarding a particular patient. The dentist must diagnose the need for a patient to receive nitrous oxide and may designate the certified auxiliary to place the mask and set the nitrous oxide component at a level specified for that patient.

**Under Direct Supervision\***

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| 2. Chart existing restorations, clinically missing teeth and appliances within the oral cavity<br>13. Remove sutures<br>15. Place and remove orthodontic ligatures | 22. Expose radiographs (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)<br>27. Place and remove rubber dam<br>30, 48. Assist in basic supportive chairside procedures<br>35, 62. Place and remove periodontal packs | 37. Take and record vital signs (blood pressure, pulse, respiration, etc.)<br>45. Place and remove matrix <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply topical drugs as prescribed by the dentist</li> </ul> |
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**Under Direction of the Department of Health and Environmental Control Public Health Dental Program**

- Perform oral screenings utilizing the Department of Health and Environmental Control approved screening system in school and public health settings
- Assist in the delivery of public health dental program services
- Perform other duties authorized by regulations of the State Board of Dentistry

Dental  
Assistant

\*Direct Supervision: A dentist is in the dental office, personally diagnoses the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedure, and, before the dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the auxiliary. This requirement does not mandate that a dentist be present at all times, but he or she must be on the premises actually involved in supervision and control.