



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



## 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 Certificate exam.</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>Hold DANB's AMP, TMP and RAMP certifications or a Licensed Dental Endorsement from the ASBDE.</li> <li>Hold a valid restorative certificate issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Hold a valid restorative certificate issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Hold a valid restorative certificate issued by the ASBDE.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (AZ)</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Title</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Radiography Requirements</b></p> <p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function or 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>Hold a valid restorative certificate issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Hold a valid restorative certificate issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Hold a valid restorative certificate issued by the ASBDE.</li> </ul>



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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.

These data are presented for informational purposes only and are not intended as a legal opinion regarding dental practice in any state. DANB confers with each state's dental board at least annually regarding the accuracy and currency of this information. To verify, or if you have any questions, please contact your state's dental board.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of SD	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by Dental Assistants in SD
<p>To perform <b>expanded functions</b> under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in South Dakota, a dental assistant must be registered as a <b>Registered Dental Assistant</b>. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR certification</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program or another dental assisting program or expanded functions course approved by the South Dakota State Board of Dentistry (SDSBD)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a certificate of competency from the SDSBD*</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Apply to the SDSBD for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant</li> </ul> <p><i>*Note: To earn a certificate of competency from the SDSBD, a candidate must pass a written exam on expanded functions administered by the SDSBD or DANB and present written documentation from a South Dakota dentist attesting to clinical proficiency after performing expanded functions under the dentist's personal supervision for at least 180 days.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Note:</b> See p. 128 for information about training and permit requirements for Registered Dental Assistants and dental assistants in South Dakota to perform functions related to analgesia, sedation, and anesthesia.</p> </div>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant</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 South Dakota, an individual must be registered as a <b>Dental Radiographer</b>. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Be at least 18 years of age</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete a 16-hour program or course of study in dental radiography approved by the South Dakota State Board of Dentistry (SDSBD) within six months of application</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete a 16-hour SDSBD-approved program or course of study in dental radiography and hold current registration as a dental radiographer from a dental licensing board in a different state</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Apply to the SDSBD for Dental Radiography Licensure</li> </ul>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12, 33. Placing, finishing and adjusting of final restorations</li> <li>• Cutting of hard or soft tissue</li> <li>• Intraoral procedures that will be used directly in the fabrication of a dental prosthesis</li> <li>• Irreversible procedures</li> <li>• Injection of medication, other than as permitted for dental assistants qualified in injection of medications (see p. 128 for requirements)</li> <li>• Administration of nitrous oxide analgesia, other than as permitted for Registered Dental Assistants holding a permit to perform this function (see p. 128 for requirements)</li> <li>• Preliminary examination of the oral cavity and surrounding structures, including periodontal screening</li> <li>• Complete prophylaxis</li> <li>• Those procedures allocated to dental hygienists, with the exception of placement of sealants and coronal polishing following a prophylaxis by a dentist or dental hygienist</li> </ul>
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in South Dakota must hold a high school diploma or its equivalent and must be at least 18 years of age. An assistant who meets these requirements may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>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> <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>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>†DANB has not received confirmation that this Career Ladder Template has been reviewed and approved by the South Dakota State Board of Dentistry. All of the templates in this volume reflect DANB's interpretation of each state's dental practice act and administrative rules and regulations related to dental assisting. For authoritative information regarding requirements, please contact the relevant dental board. Specific contact information can be found in this DANB publication.</p> </div>

Job Title  
According to  
State of SD

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

**Under Direct Supervision\***

- Perform expanded functions (*list not available*)
- All duties designated to Dental Assistants, under the same level of supervision required to perform those tasks

*Note: See next page for information about training and permit requirements for Registered Dental Assistants and dental assistants in South Dakota to perform functions related to analgesia, sedation, and anesthesia.*

Dental  
Assistant

**Under Direct or Indirect Supervision By the Dentist OR Personal Supervision of a Licensed Dental Hygienist\***

9. Coronal polishing following a prophylaxis by a dentist or dental hygienist
40. Placement of sealants
  - Duties and procedures incidental to patient treatment

**DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions**

In the state of South Dakota, all dental assistants may:

- 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.

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\*Direct supervision: A dentist diagnoses the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedure to be performed, remains in the dental clinic while the procedure is performed, and before dismissal of the patient, approves the work performed by the dental hygienist or registered dental assistant.  
 Indirect supervision: A dentist authorizes the procedures and is in the dental clinic while the procedures are performed by the registered dental assistant.  
 Personal supervision: A dentist or dental hygienist is personally treating a patient and authorizes the dental assistant to aid the treatment by concurrently performing a supportive procedure.

**South Dakota (Analgesia, Sedation and Anesthesia Assisting)**

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of SD	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)
<p>A Registered Dental Assistant may apply for a permit to <b>administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia</b> under the direct supervision of a dentist. To qualify, a Registered Dental Assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Be certified in administering basic life support by the American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider or the American Red Cross for the Professional Rescuer program</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Have completed a SDSBD-approved educational course meeting specified requirements within 13 months of application</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Have completed a SDSBD-approved educational course more than 13 months prior to application <b>and</b> have legally administered nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia for a period of time during the 3 years preceding application <b>and</b> provide written documentation from an employing/supervising dentist attesting to clinical proficiency</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant with a permit to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia</p>	<p><b>Under Direct Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia</li> </ul>
<p><b>Injection of Medication:</b> A dentist holding a permit to administer general anesthesia/deep sedation or moderate sedation may authorize a Registered Dental Assistant or dental assistant, under the personal and direct visual supervision of the dentist and upon the dentist's verbal command, to inject medication that the supervising dentist has drawn up through an intravenous (IV) site if the following requirements have been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The assistant holds a permit to monitor patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation or moderate sedation</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The assistant has passed the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination (DAANCE) administered by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and is currently DAANCE-certified</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The supervising dentist holds a permit to administer general anesthesia and deep sedation or moderate sedation</li> </ul>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant or Dental Assistant qualified in injection of medication</p>	<p><b>Under Personal* and Direct Visual Supervision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inject medication through an intravenous site**</li> </ul> <p><i>**Note: In addition to the training and credentialing requirements in the left column, the following requirements must be met:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The supervising dentist draws up the medications that will be utilized during the procedure</li> <li>(2) The Registered Dental Assistant or dental assistant is operating under the personal supervision of the supervising dentist and the supervising dentist maintains direct visual supervision during the injection of the medication through an intravenous site</li> <li>(3) The supervising dentist authorizes the procedure by verbal command, clearly articulating the specific medication and the amount of the medication to be administered and the dental hygienist, registered dental assistant, or dental assistant repeats the verbal command back to the supervising dentist before injecting medication through an intravenous site.</li> </ol>
<p>Registered Dental Assistants and dental assistants may apply for a permit to <b>monitor patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation or moderate sedation</b>. To qualify, an assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Be certified in administering basic life support by the American Heart Association for the Healthcare Provider or the American Red Cross for the Professional Rescuer program</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Have completed a SDSBD-approved educational course in anesthetic assisting of at least eight hours within 13 months of application</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Have complete a SDSBD-approved educational course in anesthetic assisting (min. 8 hours) more than 13 months prior to application <b>and</b> have legally monitored patients receiving analgesic or anesthetic agents for a period of time during the 2 years preceding application <b>and</b> provide written documentation from an employing/supervising dentist attesting to clinical proficiency</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant or Dental Assistant with a permit to monitor patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation or moderate sedation</p>	<p><b>Under Direct Supervision* of a dentist who holds a permit to administer general anesthesia and deep sedation or moderate sedation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation, or moderate sedation</li> </ul>
<p>Registered Dental Assistants and dental assistants may start an intravenous line if they have taken a board-approved anesthesia assisting course and received intravenous line training.</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant or Dental Assistant with training in starting intravenous lines</p>	<p><b>Under Direct Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start an intravenous line</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="1193 1690 1518 1942" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>†DANB has not received confirmation that this Career Ladder Template has been reviewed and approved by the South Dakota State Board of Dentistry. All of the templates in this volume reflect DANB's interpretation of each state's dental practice act and administrative rules and regulations related to dental assisting. For authoritative information regarding requirements, please contact the relevant dental board. Specific contact information can be found in this DANB publication.</p> </div>

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**Personal supervision:** A dentist or dental hygienist is personally treating a patient and authorizes the dental assistant to aid the treatment by concurrently performing a supportive procedure.