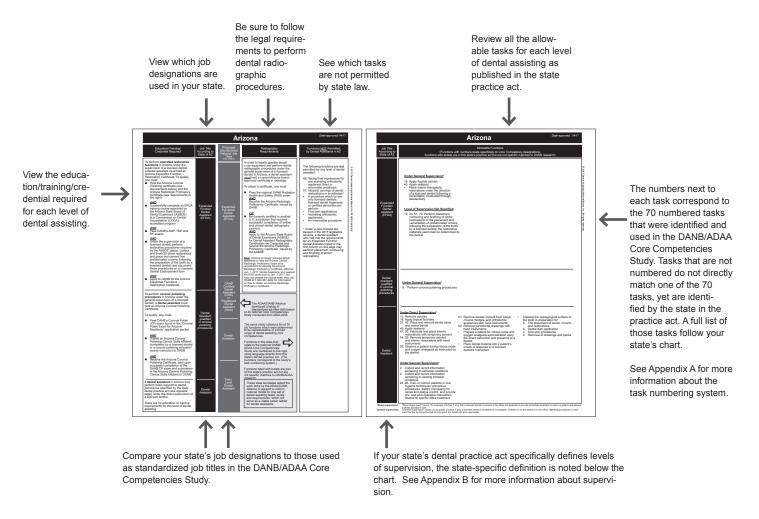


2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Texas

How to Use the Following Charts



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Texas

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Education/Training/ Credential Required

To perform expanded functions under the general or direct supervision of a licensed dentist in Texas. a dental assistant must complete the following:

Monitor the administration of nitrous oxide: ■ Completed a minimum of 8 hours

- of didactic education and testing in monitoring the administration of nitrous oxide taken through a CODAaccredited dental, dental hygiene or dental assisting program, approved by the TSBDE AND
- Complete a current course in Basic Life Support
- <u>AND</u>
- Apply to the TSBDE for a nitrous oxide monitoring certificate

Perform coronal polishing procedures: Work at least two years as a dental

assistant Complete a minimum of eight hours clinical and didactic education in a dental school, dental hygiene school or dental assisting program accredited by CODA and approved by the TSBDE

<u>OR</u> Earn DANB's Coronal Polish (CP) certificate of knowledge-based competence

OR

Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program approved by the TSBDE that includes clinical and didactic education in coronal polishing

Perform pit and fissure sealant

- <u>procedures:</u> Work at least two years as a dental assistant
- AND Complete a current course in Basic Life Support
- AND Complete a minimum of eight hours clinical and didactic education in pit and fissure sealants taken through a CODA-accredited dental, dental hygiene, or dental assistant program and approved by the TSBDE

A dental assistant in Texas can earn status as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) by formally registering with the TSBDE. To qualify, one must:

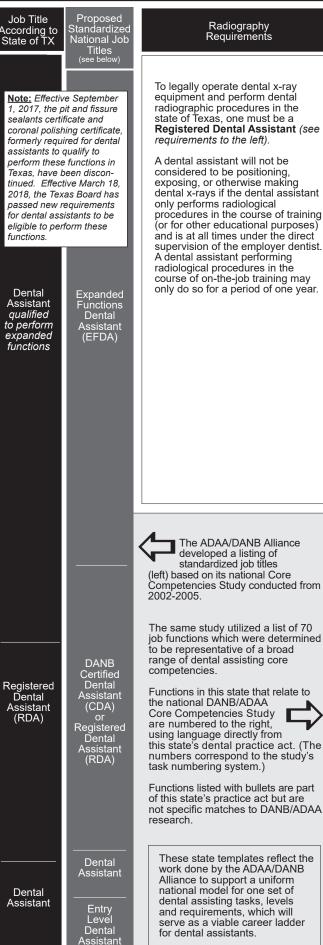
- Complete a current course in basic life support
- <u>AND</u> ' ' Complete a mandatory course of training specified by the TSBDE that includes procedures for positioning and exposing dental x-rays, jurisprudence and infection control OR Earn the national DANB CDA

certification <u>and</u> successfully complete the TSBDE jurisprudence assessment AND

Apply to the TSBDE for registration

A dental assistant in the state of Texas may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist (see opposite page).

There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.



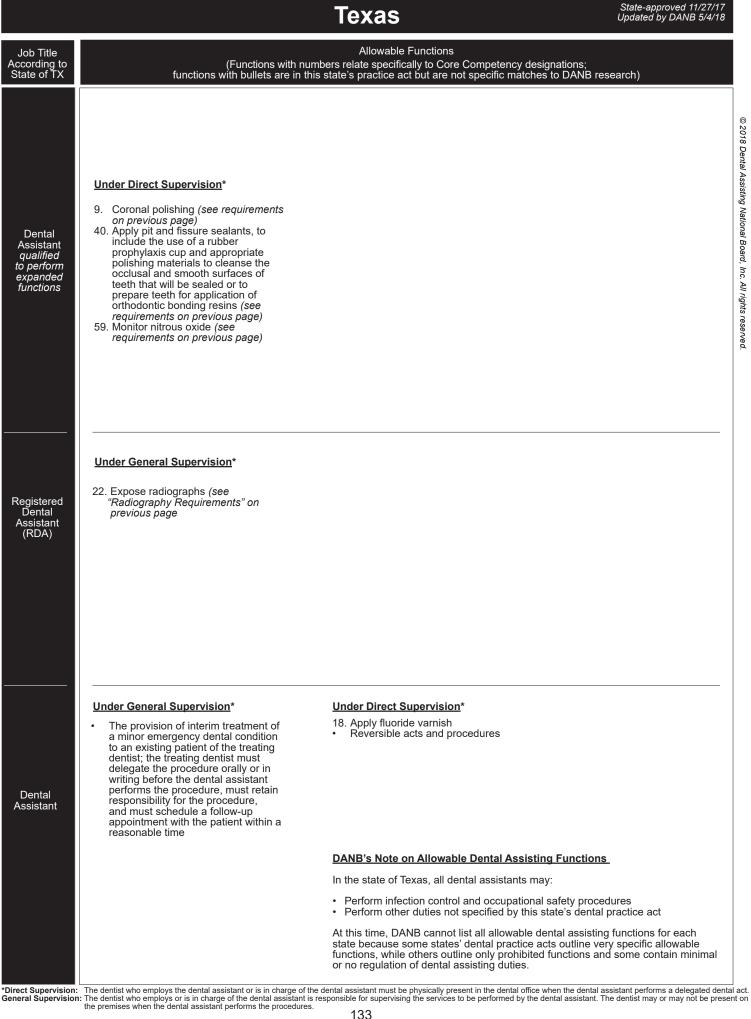
not permitted by any level of dental assistant: 20. The removal of calculus, deposits or accretions from the natural and restored surfaces of exposed human teeth and restorations in the human mouth 33. The placement of any final restoration 46. The taking of an impression for a final

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Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by Dental Assistants in TX

The following functions are

- restoration, appliance or prosthesis Root planing or the
- smoothing and polishing of roughened root surfaces or exposed human teeth Comprehensive
- examination or diagnosis and treatment planning Surgical or cutting
- procedure on hard or soft tissue
- The prescription of a drug, medication or work authorization
- The making of an intraoral occlusal adjustment
- Direct pulp capping, pulpotomy or any other endodontic procedure
- The final placement and intraoral adjustment of a fixed or removable appliance
- The authority to an individual to administer a local anesthetic agent, inhalation sedative agent, parenteral sedative agent or general anesthetic agent
- Diagnosis, treatment planning, prescription of therapeutic measures and reevaluation
- Placement of site-specific subgingival medicaments
- Any other act the delegation of which is prohibited by board rule



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