



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Utah



## 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 Expanded 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 the ACPD website).</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 AAMP, TAMP and RAMP.</li> <li>Hold the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE criteria, and have 20 direct restorations and other restorative procedures on the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dentist Employment Form.</li> <li>Hold the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate.</li> </ul> <p>To perform central polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold the Arizona Central Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Central Polishing Certificate for Arizona Restorative Procedures.</li> <li>Hold the Arizona Central Polishing Certificate (State Affidavit) issued by a licensed dentist or a central polishing educator/course instructor in DANB.</li> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Successfully complete the DANB Core Competency Study (see requirements to complete on the DANB website).</li> </ul> <p>A dental assistant in Arizona who performs these restorative procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist must have the education/training/credential requirements for that level of dental assisting.</p>	<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)</b></p> <p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Central Polishing Assistant (CPA)</p> <p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Central Polishing Assistant (CPA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Central Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Titles</b></p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant</p> <p>Central Polishing Assistant</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Central 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 have a 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 the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Hold the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Hold the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Proficiency Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</li> </ul> <p>Those who are not currently certified in radiography may apply for certification by completing a course of instruction in radiography.</p> <p>Those who are not currently certified in radiography may apply for certification by completing a course of instruction in radiography.</p> <p>Those who are not currently certified in radiography may apply for certification by completing a course of instruction in radiography.</p>	<p><b>Functions NOT Permitted by State (A-Z)</b></p> <p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>46. Taking full impressions for any activating orthodontic appliances, fixed or removable prosthetics.</li> <li>51. Introral carrying of dental radiographs or "filmholders".</li> <li>A procedure which by law only a licensed dentist can perform.</li> <li>Any procedure which requires the use of a dental procedure, including and including of other restorative procedures.</li> <li>Any procedure which requires the use of a dental procedure, including and including of other restorative procedures.</li> <li>Any procedure which requires the use of a dental procedure, including and including of other restorative procedures.</li> </ul>

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.

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 UT	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <b>NOT</b> Permitted by Dental Assistants in UT
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in the state of Utah may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>All dental assistants must have current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) certification.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <hr/> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Utah, a dental assistant <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete a dental assisting course from a CODA-accredited program</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete a radiology course and exam approved by the Utah Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensing Board that meet the criteria established by rule of the Board</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 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> <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>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <p>12, 47, 50, 51. Place, condense, carve, finish or polish restorative materials, or perform final cementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Render definitive treatment diagnosis</li> <li>• Cut hard or soft tissue or extract teeth</li> <li>• Remove stains, deposits or accretions (except as is incidental to polishing teeth coronally with a rubber cup)</li> <li>• Initially introduce nitrous oxide and oxygen to a patient for the purpose of establishing and recording a safe plane of analgesia for the patient (except under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist)</li> <li>• Remove bonded materials from the teeth with a rotary dental instrument or use any rotary dental instrument within the oral cavity (except to polish teeth coronally with a rubber cup)</li> <li>• Take jaw registrations or oral impressions for supplying artificial teeth as substitutes for natural teeth (except for diagnostic or opposing models for the fabrication of temporary or provisional restorations or appliances)</li> <li>• Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth, or make an adjustment that will result in the movement of teeth upon an appliance which is worn in the mouth</li> <li>• Perform sub-gingival instrumentation</li> <li>• Render decisions concerning the use of drugs, their dosage, or prescription</li> </ul>

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Job Title  
According to  
State of UT

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)

Dental  
Assistant

**Under Direct Supervision\***

- 59. Initially introduce nitrous oxide and oxygen to a patient for the purpose of establishing and recording a safe plane of analgesia for the patient

**Under Supervision\*\***

- 9. Polish teeth coronally with a rubber cup
- 44. Take impressions for diagnostic or opposing models for the fabrication of temporary or provisional restorations or appliances
  - Supervised\*\* acts and duties as defined by division rule made in collaboration with the Utah Dentist and Dental Hygienist Licensing Board

*\*\*Level of supervision not defined*

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

In the state of Utah, 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.

\*Direct supervision: The supervising dentist is present and available for face-to-face communication with the person being supervised when and where professional services are being provided.