



# 2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Vermont



## 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 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 AAMP, TAMP and RAMP.</li> <li>Under the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE, CODA, and ACDP procedures on a licensed dentist's premises. These procedures on a Licensed Dentist Employment form.</li> <li>Hold the DANB for 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 the Arizona General Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) exam for the General Polishing Certificate.</li> <li>Hold the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate or a Licensed Dentist Employment form.</li> <li>Hold the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate or a Licensed Dentist Employment form.</li> <li>Hold the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate or a Licensed Dentist Employment form.</li> </ul> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this 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>General Polishing Dental Assistant (GPDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Dentist Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Titles</b></p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Polishing Dental Assistant</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>General Dentist 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 Restorative Certificate in radiology. To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam.</li> <li>Hold the Arizona Restorative Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</li> <li>Be currently certified in another health care profession or occupation in Arizona.</li> </ul> <p>Those who are not currently certified in another health care profession or occupation in Arizona may apply for the certificate by completing a course of instruction in radiology safety and procedures. The course must be approved by the ASBDE.</p> <p>Those who are not currently certified in another health care profession or occupation in Arizona may apply for the certificate by completing a course of instruction in radiology safety and procedures. The course must be approved by the ASBDE.</p> <p>The ADA/DANB Alliance on the Restorative Certificate Study conducted from 2002-2003.</p> <p>The same study offered a list of 70 restorative tasks that were categorized into a range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are supported by the right, state dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the state's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with numbers are part of the state's practice act but are not specific to the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p> <p>Those tasks complete reflect the state's dental practice act and are not specific to the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p>

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

Arizona	
<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)</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 letters are in the state's practice act but are not specific 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 orthodontic consultations under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiology.</li> </ul> <p><b>Level of Supervision Not Specified</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, containing and finishing of direct restoratives or the placement and temporary placement of indirect restoratives in the mouth 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>3. 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 topical fluoride</li> <li>24. Apply fluoride gels</li> <li>25. Apply fluoride varnish</li> <li>26. Apply sealants</li> <li>27. DO restoratives and glass ionomers</li> <li>28. Remove orthodontic cement</li> <li>29. Remove orthodontic brackets and retainers</li> <li>30. Remove orthodontic arch wires and ligatures</li> <li>31. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction.</li> <li>32. Check the supragingival surface of the teeth in preparation for the placement of orthodontic appliances</li> <li>33. The placement of orthodontic appliances</li> <li>34. Check each procedure</li> <li>35. Removal of orthodontic wax</li> <li>36. Remove orthodontic wax</li> <li>37. Prepare a patient for retentive orthodontic appliances</li> <li>38. Prepare orthodontic appliances</li> <li>39. 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>1. Collect and record information pertaining to dental conditions</li> <li>2. Collect and record information pertaining to existing restorations</li> <li>3. Take or instruct patients in oral hygiene</li> <li>4. Perform restorative procedures, delivery concerning the design and preparation, and provide oral and orthodontic radiology 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.

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.

See Appendix A for more information about the task numbering system.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of VT	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> Permitted by Dental Assistants in VT
<p>To perform <b>expanded functions</b> in the state of Vermont under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must earn status as an <b>Expanded Function Dental Assistant</b>.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a current national DANB CDA certification <b>AND</b> Be employed by a Vermont licensed dentist</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b> Be a licensed dental hygienist</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Successfully complete a formal program in each of the desired expanded functions at a CODA-accredited program of dental assisting</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Apply to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners for registration</li> </ul>	<p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Vermont, a dental assistant must be an <b>Expanded Function Dental Assistant</b> or a <b>DANB Certified Dental Assistant</b> (see requirements to the left).</p> <p><b>Traditional Dental Assistants</b> can earn a special endorsement to perform dental radiographic procedures by completing the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Be at least 18 years of age <b>AND</b> Successfully complete a CODA-accredited radiology course within 10 years of application for endorsement <b>AND</b> Work for at least six months as a dental assistant</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a radiography endorsement equivalent to that required in Vermont</li> </ul> <p><b>AND ALL MUST THEN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Apply to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners for endorsement</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>• Diagnosis, treatment planning and prescription, including prescription for drugs and medications or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances</li> <li>• Surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy</li> <li>• Oral prophylaxis</li> <li>• Oral debridement</li> <li>• Periodontal descriptions and charting, including periodontal probing</li> <li>• Placement of subgingival chemotherapeutic agents</li> </ul>
<p>Dental assistants who hold the national <b>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)</b> certification can also earn Vermont state certification. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) certification</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Be employed by a Vermont licensed dentist</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Apply to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners for registration</li> </ul>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) with state certification</p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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>Dental assistants in the state of Vermont can earn status as a <b>Traditional Dental Assistant</b> by becoming employed as a traditional dental assistant in a dental office and registering with the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners within 30 days of being hired.</p> <p>All dental assistants shall complete emergency office procedures training within six months of their date of hire.</p>	<p>Traditional Dental Assistant (TDA)</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>		

Job Title According to State of VT	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 Function Dental Assistant	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any expanded duty for which the Expanded Function Dental Assistant has been trained, within the limits of Vermont rules</li> </ul>
DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) <i>with state certification</i>	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></b></p> <p>59. Monitor nitrous oxide analgesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All duties for which the assistant has received formal training in a CODA-accredited dental assisting program and for which the assistant has been DANB certified</li> </ul>
Traditional Dental Assistant	<p><b><u>Under Direct Supervision*</u></b></p> <p>9. Perform coronal polishing** 22. Take radiographs under a special endorsement (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page) 40. Apply dental sealants**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform extraoral duties assigned by the dentist</li> <li>Assist the dentist or clinical staff in intraoral procedures as assigned by the dentist</li> </ul> <p><b><u>DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions</u></b></p> <p>In the state of Vermont, all dental assistants may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures</li> <li>Perform other duties not specified by this state's dental practice act</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p><b>**To perform this function, a traditional dental assistant must be a graduate of a CODA-accredited dental assisting program or must have worked as a traditional dental assistant for at least six consecutive months.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> A dental therapist may supervise dental assistants directly to the extent permitted in the collaborative agreement between the dental therapist and the dentist; a dental therapist may have under his or her direct supervision no more than a total of two auxiliaries (any combination of assistants and hygienists) in any one practice setting.</p>

\*Direct Supervision: A licensed dentist agrees to the procedure or treatment and is readily available at the dental facility for consultation or intervention.