



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Wisconsin



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>Education/Training/Credential Required</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"> Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate (see requirements to qualify). 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. AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAMP. AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE, unless the dentist and dentist assistant are both licensed dentists and have 20 direct restorations and three restorative procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment form. AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate. <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"> Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) for the Arizona Restorative Certificate. AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate. AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) General Polishing Certificate. <p>Functions in this state that require the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are indicated by the right arrow.</p>	<p>Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)</p> <p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>Expanded Restorative Dental Assistant (ERDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant (DA)</p> <p>General Polishing Dental Assistant (GPDA)</p> <p>Central Dental Assistant (CDA)</p>	<p>Proposed Restorative Job Titles</p> <p>Restorative Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>Radiography Requirements</p> <p>In order to legally operate under a job requirement and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must have a current approved certificate in radiography.</p> <p>To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and Safety (RHS) exam. AND the Arizona Radiology Proficiency Certificate, issued by DANB. AND be currently certified in another radiology certification program (i.e., successful completion of written and/or practical written radiography exam). <p>AND the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Functioning Certificate, issued by the ASBDE.</p> <p>AND 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 with a corresponding range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that require the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are indicated by the right arrow.</p> <p>Functions listed with numbers are part of the state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA.</p> <p>These states implement various dental practice acts to support a uniform dental practice for one set of dental assisting tasks, some and requirements, which will serve as a model center for dental assistants.</p>

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



Arizona	
<p>Job Title Assigned by State (A-Z)</p> <p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant (DA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant qualified in certain polishing procedures</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Allowable Functions</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 matches to DANB research.</p> <p>Under General Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Apply fluoride varnish 40. Apply sealants * Place interim restorations * Consultation under the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiography. <p>Level of Supervision Not Specified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations or the placement and contouring of amalgamated crowns, inlays or veneers; do not use a finished dental restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist. <p>Under Central Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Perform coronal polishing procedures. <p>Under Direct Supervision*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Remove sutures 23. Apply topical fluoride 35. Apply and remove dental dams and matrix bands 40. Apply sealants 47. DR restorations and temporary crowns 49. DR Restorations with temporary cement 52. DR Restorations with permanent cement 53. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 54. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 55. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 56. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 57. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 58. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 59. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 60. DR Restorations with permanent cement and interim restorations with hand curing 61. Remove excess cement from trays, crowns, bridges, and orthodontics 62. Remove pontical dressings with hand instruments 63. Prepare a patient for retentive socket and complete denture construction with a dental 64. Place dental material into a patient's mouth in response to a licensed dentist's instruction. * Choose the supragingival surface of the tooth in preparation for the placement of veneers, crowns, and restorations * The placement of veneers, crowns, and restorations * Dental care procedures * Acid etch procedures * Removal of dressings and packs



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.

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 WI	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in WI
<p>An unlicensed person in the state of Wisconsin may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>Any dentist who delegates any re-mediabile dental procedure or function to an unlicensed person must first provide training to the person in the procedure or function.</p>	<p>Unlicensed Person</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>There are no radiography requirements for dental assistants in the state of Wisconsin.</p> <p>All dental assistants may legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures.</p> <hr/> <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>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any procedure of a character which may cause damage to the patient's teeth or oral cavity which cannot be remedied without professional intervention • Any procedure of a character which may cause adverse or unintended general systemic reaction • Any procedures which are intended, interpreted or represented to be preliminary assessments, dental hygiene treatment planning, oral screenings, oral prophylaxes, scaling or root planing, or dental sealants, or any portion of an oral prophylaxis other than supragingival rubber cup and air polishing after calculus is removed if necessary <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 Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board. 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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Job Title According to State of WI	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)
Unlicensed Person	<p><u>Under Supervision*</u></p> <p>9. Supragingival rubber cup and air polishing after calculus is removed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove plaque and materia alba with a mechanical device, provided that the delegation of the procedure complies with all rules governing delegation of functions to and training of unlicensed persons • Any remediable dental procedure or function for which the unlicensed person has received training <p><u>DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions</u></p> <p>In the state of Wisconsin, all dental assistants may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expose, process and evaluate dental radiographs • Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures • Perform other duties not specified by this state's dental practice act <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>

* A dentist who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter may delegate to an individual who is not licensed under this chapter only the performance of any practice or remediable procedures, and only if all of the following conditions are met: (a) the unlicensed individual performs the remediable procedures in accordance with a treatment plan approved by the dentist; (b) the dentist is on the premises when the unlicensed individual performs the remediable procedures; and (c) the unlicensed individual's performance of the remediable procedures is subject to inspection by the dentist. The dentist is responsible for that individual's performance of that delegated practice or procedure.