The following chart outlines the levels of dental assistants allowed in each state, what the requirements are to reach each level, and the duties dental assistants are allowed or not allowed to perform. Below the chart is a list of duties that dental assistants are generally allowed to perform in most states. Dental assistants are allowed to perform these tasks, unless indicated that they are NOT allowed to permit certain functions outlined in the chart. Thank you to the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) for providing the task outline list. Where available, hyperlinks to state rules and guidelines for dental assistants have been provided. Keep in mind that dental assisting duties frequently change and that this list has not been approved by state boards, but instead is intended to give a general outline of duties a trained dental assistant is commonly allowed to perform. This information is provided for informational purposes only; it is not intended as a legal opinion regarding dental assistance requirements in any state. Because scope-of-practice rules for dental assistants are constantly changing, for up-to-date information, please visit the link to the state dental board where provided for in the chart, or go to the DANB web site: www.danb.org.

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<td>Remove calcareous deposits, accretions, and stains from the exposed surfaces of the teeth beginning at the epithelial attachment by scaling and polishing techniques; perform root planing and periodontal soft tissue curettage; diagnosing, treatment, planning, and writing prescriptions for drugs; writing authorizations for restorative, prosthetic, or orthodontic appliances; operative or surgical; procedures on hard or soft tissues; other procedures that require the professional competence and skill of a dentist or licensed dental hygienist.</td>
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<td>Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing procedures (Article 3.A.)</td>
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<td>Dental Assistant qualified in restorative functions (Article 3.A.)</td>
<td>To perform restorative functions in the state of Alaska under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold a certificate in restorative functions. To qualify, one must:</td>
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<td>A dental assistant in the state of Arkansas may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the personal supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
<td>A Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) in the state of Arkansas is an individual who holds a permit from the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to perform one or more of the expanded functions listed on the opposite page. To obtain RDA status, one must:</td>
<td>A dental assistant in the state of Arizona may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
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<td>OR Have legal authorization from another state or jurisdiction to perform restorative functions.</td>
<td>OR Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification AND Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program</td>
<td>OR Develop in coronal polishing procedures</td>
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<td>Scaling, root planing, and curettage; final placement of orthodontic brackets; placement, seating, or removal of any final or permanent restorations; diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue; prescription, injection, inhalation, and parenteral administration of drugs (except where permitted by the Arkansas Board); any procedure that contributes to or results in irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy; those functions relegated to a dental hygienist.</td>
<td>Taking final impressions for any activating orthodontic appliance, fixed or removable prosthesis; intraoral carvings of dental restorations or prostheses; a procedure which by law only licensed dentists, licensed dental hygienists, or certified denturists can perform; final jaw registrations; activating orthodontic appliances; an irreversible procedure</td>
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<td>AND Apply to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners Dental assistants who do not meet the above qualifications may still earn RDA status by completing the following requirements: Coronal polishing: Successfully complete an Arkansas board-approved course in coronal polishing, pass an Arkansas board-approved coronal polishing exam, and apply to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners Monitor nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia: Successfully complete an Arkansas board-approved nitrous oxide administration and monitoring course and submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners.</td>
<td>To qualify, one must: Pass the Arizona Coronal Polishing exam (administered by DANB) AND Submit an Arizona Coronal Polishing Clinical Skills Affidavit (completed by a</td>
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<td>AZ Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing procedures</td>
<td>To perform coronal polishing procedures in the state of Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Coronal Polishing Certificate. To qualify, one must:</td>
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<td>Dental Assistant with certificate in radiologic proficiency (Article 2, Sec. R4-11-204.)</td>
<td>To be eligible for <strong>dental assistant radiography certification by credential</strong>, an applicant shall have a current certificate or other form of approval for taking dental radiographs, issued by a professional licensing agency in another jurisdiction of the United States that required successful completion of written and clinical dental radiography examinations or a single dental radiography examination with written and clinical components.</td>
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<td>CA Unlicensed Dental Assistant</td>
<td>An <strong>unlicensed dental assistant</strong> in the state of California may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page). A dentist must ensure that dental assistants in continuous employment for 120 days or more have proof of completing all of the following within a year from date of employment: 1) A California Dental Board-approved course in the California Dental Practice Act 2) A California Dental Board-approved course in infection control 3) An AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support which includes hands-on simulated clinical scenarios All dental assistants must maintain BLS certification.</td>
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<td>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</td>
<td>To be licensed as a <strong>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</strong> in the state of California, one must: 1) Graduate from a California Board-approved RDA educational program 2) Complete 15 months of work experience as a dental assistant 3) Successfully complete California Board-approved courses in radiation safety and coronal polishing 4) Successfully complete California Board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control within 5 years prior to application for licensure 5) Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support 6) Pass a state written and practical exam</td>
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| Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) | To perform **expanded functions** under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of California, a dental assistant must be licensed as a **Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF)**. To register as an RDAEF, one must:  
- Hold a valid license as an RDA (see below)  
**OR**  
- Successfully complete the requirements for licensure as an RDA  
- Successfully complete a California Board-approved course for application of pit and fissure sealants  
- Successfully complete a California Board-approved extended functions educational program  
- Pass a California Board-approved written exam, and a state clinical or practical exam  
- Apply to the Dental Board of California for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions |
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| Orthodontic Assistant (OA) [effective 2010] | To hold an **Orthodontic Assistant permit** in the state of California, one must:  
- Complete at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant  
- Successfully complete California board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control  
- Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support, or any other course approved by the California board as equivalent  
- Successfully complete a California board-approved orthodontic assistant course (may begin after six months of work experience as a dental assistant)  
**AND THEN**  
- Pass a state written exam in orthodontic duties  
- Apply for Orthodontic Assistant permit to the Dental Board of California |
| Dental Sedation Assistant [effective | To hold a **Dental Sedation Assistant permit** in the state of California, one must:  
- Pass a state written exam in law and ethics  
- Apply for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant to the Dental Board of California  
- Apply for Orthodontic Assistant permit to the Dental Board of California |
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| CO    | Dental Assistant       | Complete at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant AND Successfully complete board-approved courses in the California Dental Practice Act and infection control AND Successfully complete an AHA or ARC-approved course in Basic Life Support AND Successfully complete a board-approved dental sedation assistant course (may begin after six months of work experience as a dental assistant) AND THEN Pass a state written exam in dental sedation duties AND Apply for Dental Sedation Assistant permit to the Dental Board of California | Co

A dental assistant in the state of Colorado may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.

Note: Dental assistants who render patient care services in a dental setting where anesthesia/sedation and/or nitrous oxide/oxygen is administered must have proof of current basic life support (BLS) knowledge and skills.

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The placing, finishing, and adjustment of temporary or final restorations, capping materials, and cement bases; the taking of any impression of the teeth or jaws or the relationship of the teeth or jaws for the purpose of fabricating any appliance or prosthesis; diagnosis for procedures or treatment; prescribing of drugs or medications which require the written or oral order of a licensed dentist or physician;
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<td>DE</td>
<td>Dental Assistant</td>
<td>In the state of Delaware, competency of Dental Assistants in specific duties is determined by the supervising dentist. The dentist is given full responsibility in deciding the scope of work to be allocated to the dental assistant. Adequate training of dental assistants is solely the responsibility of the dentist. In summary, the Delaware Dental Board places full responsibility for the work done by dental assistants directly upon the dentist.</td>
<td>Administration of local, parenteral, inhalation or general anesthetic agents in connection with any dental operative procedure; the cutting or removal of any hard or soft tissue or suturing; practicing of dental hygiene as defined in the Connecticut Dental Practice Act.</td>
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<td>DC</td>
<td>Dental Auxiliary</td>
<td>A dental auxiliary in the District of Columbia may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
<td>Diagnosis and treatment planning; cutting of hard and/or soft tissues; any intra-oral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of an appliance and/or restoration which, when received by the patient, would come in direct contact with hard or soft tissue and which could result in tissue irritation or injury; those procedures allocated by the Dental Code to registered dental hygienists.</td>
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**Dental Auxiliary qualified in designated expanded functions**

To perform designated expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the District of Columbia, an auxiliary must:

- Satisfactorily complete training in a CERP-approved program
- OR
  - Satisfactorily complete a training program or course recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
- OR
  - Satisfactorily complete a training program or course recognized by DANB.

**Note:** A dentist may delegate designated expanded functions to an auxiliary who does not meet these requirements if the auxiliary had been performing the tasks for at least three (3) months prior to the effective date of these regulations, 1/9/09*, and has demonstrated competency to perform the tasks to the supervising dentist’s satisfaction.

The charting of cavities during preliminary examination, prophylaxis, or polishing; the intraoral polishing of a tooth or a restoration; placing, carving, or finishing of amalgam restorations; temporary wire ligation; the instruction of individuals or groups of individuals in oral health care, unless it is in the dental office and done as instructed by the dentist; final positioning of orthodontic bonds and bands; condensing, contouring or adjusting any final, fixed or removable prosthetic appliance or restoration in the mouth 33. Placing and finishing of composite resin/silicate restorations; application of cavity liners and bases; the application of pit and fissure sealants; placement of temporary restorations; administering or monitoring nitrous oxide; performing final diagnosis and treatment planning; performing surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue; prescribing or parenterally; administering drugs or medications; administering inhalants or inhalation conscious sedation agents; authorizing work orders for any appliance or prosthetic device or restoration to be inserted into a patient’s mouth; operating high speed rotary instruments in the mouth; performing pulp capping procedures; orthodontic arch wire activation with the exception of minor adjustments to eliminate pain or discomfort; taking impressions.

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*1/9/09* indicates the effective date of these regulations.
| FL | **Dental Assistant** | A dental assistant in the state of Florida may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. **Note:** On-the-job trained dental assistants in Florida must be trained in the dental office under the supervision of a licensed dentist who assumes full responsibility for assuring that the dental assistant so trained is competent to perform the tasks. | Gingival curettage and root planning; taking impressions for the purpose of fabricating any intraoral restorations or orthodontic appliance; initial access preparation |
| FL | **Expanded Functions Dental Assistant** | Dental assistants in the state of Florida must have formal training to perform the expanded functions listed on the opposite page. To earn status to perform expanded functions, one must: (i) Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program, provided that it included appropriate training in the function **OR** Successfully complete a Florida Board-approved expanded duties training program | |
| GA | **Dental Assistant (§ 43-11-9.)** | A dental assistant in the state of Georgia may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. | Utilize laser equipment and technology; utilize intraorally micro etching and/or air polishing equipment and technologies; any operations catalogued as dental hygiene treatments |
| GA | **Expanded Duty Dental Assistant** | To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Georgia, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA). To qualify as an EDDA, one must: (i) Hold a high school diploma or its equivalent **AND** (ii) Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification | |
Provide documentation of successful completion of a Georgia Board-approved course pertaining to the specific expanded duties outlined in that certificate. (A national DANB Certified Dental Assistant [CDA] Certification is one of the ways by which an assistant may qualify to enroll in a Georgia Board-approved course.)

A dental assistant in the state of Hawaii may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.

Placing of retractions, cords, or other devices for tissue displacement for crown and bridge impressions; coronal polishing with a rubber cup or brush; irrigation, medication, or drying of canals; reaming, filing, trying in cones, or filling of root canals; or establish length of tooth; placement, condensation, carving, finishing, or adjustment of final restorations; placement of pulp capping materials and cement bases; or any cementation procedures; any intra-oral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of any appliance or prosthesis which, when worn by the patient, would come in direct contact with hard or soft tissues; test pulp vitality; diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissues, or extraction of teeth; prescription or injection of drugs; administration of Injectable or general anesthesia and acupuncture; adjust or attempt to adjust any prosthodontic or correctional appliance to be worn in the mouth; cementation or bonding of any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance; use of ultrasonic equipment to remove cement or calculus; prophylaxis or removal of stains, accretions, or deposits from the teeth; polishing of restorations; any diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of human teeth or jaws or adjacent structure; intra-orally adjust occlusion of inlays, crowns, bridges, or any restoration; intra-orally finish margins of inlays, crowns, or bridges; cement or recement permanently any cast restoration or stainless steel crown; elevate soft-tissue flaps; establish occlusal vertical dimension for dentures; try-in of dentures set in wax; curette to sever epithelial attachment; insertion and post-
### ID

**Dental Assistant** (Rule 035)

A **dental assistant** in the state of Idaho may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.

| Insertion adjustments of dentures; suture; write a prescription for authorization to fabricate restorative prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances |

### Expanded Functions Dental Assistant

**Expanded Functions Dental Assistant** (Rule 035.03)

To perform **expanded functions** under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Idaho, a **dental assistant must** be Board-qualified in expanded functions.

To qualify, one must:

- Hold a current national DANB Certification

**OR**

Successfully complete an Idaho Board-approved course in the fundamentals of dental assisting

**AND**

Successfully complete an Idaho Board-approved competency exam in each of the expanded functions

### IL

**Dental Assistant**

A **dental assistant** in the state of Illinois may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.

| Removal of calculus from teeth; performing supragingival or subgingival scaling; placing and finishing composite restorations; applying cavity bases; taking of final impressions for the fabricating of prosthetic appliances, crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, or other restorative or replacement dentistry; performing pulp vitality tests; condensing or carving amalgam restorations; diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury or physical condition of the human teeth or jaws, or adjacent structures; removal of, restoration of, or addition to the hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity; any and all correction of malformation of teeth or of the jaws; administration of anesthetics except for topical anesthetics and monitoring of nitrous oxide, as specified; the operative procedure of dental hygiene consisting of oral prophylactic procedures except for coronal polishing, as specified; making denture adjustments; permanently cementing permanent crowns or bridges; permanently re-cementing permanent crowns or bridges that have come loose; |

**Dental Assistant qualified in expanded functions**

To perform **expanded functions** under the supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Illinois, a **dental assistant must** earn state qualification in each of the desired expanded functions.

To qualify, one must:

- Be at least 18 years of age

**AND**

- Complete 1,000 hours of clinical dental assisting experience

**OR**

- Complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program

**OR**

- Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification

**AND**

- Complete an approved course relative to the expanded function in question, subject to specific didactic and clinical requirements

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<td>A <strong>dental assistant</strong> in the state of Indiana may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting, except for Radiology Requirements.</td>
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<td>Diagnosis and treatment planning; cutting of hard or soft tissues; any intraoral impression which would lead to the fabrication of a final prosthetic appliance; removing calcific deposits or accretions from the surfaces of human teeth or cleaning or polishing such teeth (except coronal polishing, as permitted by meeting the requirements); applying and using within the patient’s mouth such antiseptic sprays, washes, or medicaments for the control or prevention of dental caries (except for applying medicaments, as permitted by meeting the requirements); treating gum disease; using impressions and x-ray photographs for treatment purposes; administering local dental anesthetics</td>
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| IA    | Dental Assistant Trainee | In order to work as a dental assistant in the state of Iowa, an individual **must be 17 years of age, be a high school graduate or equivalent, and be registered** with the Iowa Dental Board and have received a Certificate of Registration. To qualify as a **Dental Assistant Trainee** in Iowa, one must: 

- Successfully complete a board-approved course of study and exam in the areas of infection control (the DANB ICE Exam)/ hazardous materials and jurisprudence
- Apply to the Iowa Dental Board for registration as a Dental Assistant Trainee and receive a Certificate of Registration

**Note:** A Dental Assistant Trainee’s employer must notify the Iowa Dental Board in writing of such employment within seven days of the initial employment as a dental assistant. |
|       |             | Removal of any plaque, stain, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish, or removal of any calculus; placement of sealants; diagnosis, examination, treatment planning, or prescription, including prescription for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances; surgical procedures on hard and soft tissues within the oral cavity and any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration to the oral anatomy; administration of local anesthesia; procedures that require the professional judgement and skill of a dentist |
|       | Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) | To qualify as a **Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)** in Iowa, one must: 

- Work in a dental office for six months as a Dental Assistant Trainee (see requirements listed below).

**OR**

- Have had at least six months of prior dental assisting experience under a licensed dentist within the past two years |

A **Note:** In order to monitor patients while nitrous oxide is being administered, dental assistants must maintain current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.

**Note:** Placement of any chemotherapeutic agent for the management of periodontal disease; cementing bands and/or bonding brackets; air polishing
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<td>Successfully complete an Iowa board-approved course of study and exam in the areas of infection control (the DANB ICE Exam)/ hazardous materials and jurisprudence</td>
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<td>Apply to the Iowa Dental Board for registration as an RDA and receive a Certificate of Registration</td>
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| Registered Dental Assistant with expanded functions training | Dentists may delegate an expanded function duty (see listing on opposite page) to a Registered Dental Assistant (see below) if the assistant has completed Iowa board-approved training in that specific function. Documentation of training must be available, if requested. To qualify for expanded function training, a dental assistant must be DANB Certified or hold a minimum of two years of clinical dental assisting experience as an RDA. |

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<td>Dental Assistant with expanded duties training</td>
<td>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Kansas, a dental assistant must become qualified as follows: <strong>Coronal polishing:</strong> The dental assistant must undergo appropriate training by a licensed dentist. <strong>Coronal scaling:</strong> The dental assistant must successfully complete a Kansas Board-approved course of instruction. <strong>Assisting in the administration and monitoring of nitrous oxide and/or oxygen:</strong> The dental assistant must successfully complete a Kansas Board-approved course of instruction which includes six hours of instruction at a CODA-accredited teaching program.</td>
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<td>KY</td>
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<td>Dentistry. A dental assistant in the state of Kentucky may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting Dental Assistant.</td>
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<td>Subgingival and supragingival scaling; the making of final impressions from which casts are made to construct any dental restoration; placement of final impressions; placement and removal of actisite; administering local anesthetic agents by infiltration or block; brush biopsy; diagnosis; general supervision; administering nitrous oxide analgesia;</td>
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<td>Dental Assistant qualified in coronal polishing</td>
<td>To perform coronal polishing procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Kentucky, a dental assistant must successfully complete an eight-hour course developed by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. Probing; root planning; place sutures; the practice of dental hygiene or the performance of the duties of a licensed dental hygienist that require the use of any instrumentation which may elicit the removal of calcareous deposits or accretions on the crowns and roots of teeth; treatment planning and prescription, including prescriptions for drugs or medicaments, or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances; surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues of the oral cavity, or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irreversible alteration of the oral anatomy.</td>
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| LA Dental Assistant (Ch. 5)                       | A dental assistant in the state of Louisiana may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.  
The removal of calculus, deposits, or accretions from the natural and restored surfaces of teeth or dental implants in the human mouth using hand, ultrasonic, sonic, or air polishing instruments; final placement of orthodontic bands or brackets except in indirect bonding procedures in which the dentist has either performed the final placement of the brackets on the model or when the dentist has written a detailed prescription to the laboratory for placement of the bracket; placement or finishing of any final restoration; the taking of an impression for a final fixed or removable restoration or prosthesis; periodontal screening and probing, or subgingival exploration for hard and soft deposits and sulcular irrigations; root planing or the smoothing and polishing of roughened root surfaces using hand, ultrasonic, or sonic instruments; placement and removal of antimicrobial agents; comprehensive examination or diagnosis and treatment planning; a surgical or cutting procedure on hard or soft tissue including laser and microabrasion reduction of tooth material; prescription of a drug, medication, or work authorization; final placement and intraoral adjustment of a fixed appliance; final placement and intraoral or extraoral adjustment of a removable appliance; making of any intraoral occlusal adjustment; performance of direct pulp capping or pulpotomy; administration of a local anesthetic, parenteral, Intravenous (IV), inhalation. |
| Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA) (Ch. 5)      | To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Louisiana, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA). To qualify, one must:  1. Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program, providing documentation that training was provided in all functions which EDDAs are allowed to perform. If a dental assistant’s training is deemed inadequate, the assistant must undergo remediation in a Louisiana board-approved program or complete an expanded duty dental assistant program approved by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. |
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|                                                   | **Notes:**  
|                                                   | - EDDA = Expanded Duty Dental Assistant  
|                                                   | - CODA = Commission on Dental Accreditation  
|                                                   | - IV = Intravenous
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<td>A <strong>dental assistant</strong> in the state of Maine may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
<td>Examination, diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures; prescribing drugs; performing pulp capping; placement and adjustment of prosthetic appliances; administration of anesthesia or sedation; use of power-driven handpieces/instruments to remove amalgam or composite material or for the equilibration of patient occlusion.</td>
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<td>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)</td>
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<td>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</td>
<td><strong>To perform expanded functions</strong> under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Maine, a dental assistant must earn status as an <strong>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</strong>. To qualify, one must:</td>
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<td>- Be at least 18 years of age</td>
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<td>- <strong>AND</strong> Be certified in CPR</td>
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<td>- <strong>AND</strong> Be a current DANB CDA <strong>OR</strong> be a current Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)</td>
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<td>- <strong>AND</strong> Successfully complete a Maine Board-approved course</td>
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<td>- <strong>AND</strong> Apply for state EFDA certification from the Maine Board of Dental Examiners</td>
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<td>Dental Assistant</td>
<td>A <strong>dental assistant</strong> in the state of Maryland may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</td>
<td>Oral prophylactic procedures, including scaling, root planing, and polishing teeth; placing or removing an arch wire; placing elastics or ligatures; preparing or fitting orthodontic bands; condensing, carving, or finishing any restoration; placing an initial surgical dressing; apply pit and fissure sealants; examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning; surgery on hard or soft tissues; administering injectable local anesthesia; initiation of treatment at any time for the correction of malocclusions and malformations of the teeth or jaws; adjusting occlusion of natural teeth, restorations, or appliances; registration of jaw relations; selecting headgear; adjusting prosthetic</td>
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<td>Dental Assistant Qualified in General Duties</td>
<td>To perform <strong>expanded functions</strong> in the state of Maryland, a dental assistant must register as a <strong>Dental Assistant Qualified in General Duties</strong>. To qualify, one must:</td>
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<td>- Complete a training program (minimum of 35 hours) approved by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners <strong>and</strong> pass the Maryland General Dental Assisting Expanded Functions (MDG) exam administered by DANB</td>
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<td>On-the-Job Trained Dental Assistant</td>
<td>Must be trained in the dental office under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</td>
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<td>MA</td>
<td>Formally Trained Dental Assistant</td>
<td>To perform expanded functions in the state of Massachusetts, a dental assistant must earn one of the following designations: Formally Trained Dental Assistant (FTA) or DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA). To qualify as an FTA, one must: successfully complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program that has included a course in radiological techniques and safeguards.</td>
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<td>To qualify as a DANB CDA, one must: hold a current national DANB CDA Certification.</td>
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<td>MA</td>
<td>DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA)</td>
<td>To perform orthodontic functions in the state of Massachusetts, a dental assistant must earn the national DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) Certification.</td>
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<td>MI</td>
<td>Dental Assistant</td>
<td>A dental assistant in the state of Michigan may perform basic supportive dental specified by the state dental practice act under the direct or general supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
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| Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) | To become licensed as a **Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)** in the state of Michigan, one must:  
**(1)** Receive a degree or certificate of dental assisting from an accredited program of dental assisting meeting Michigan board requirements  
**AND**  
**(2)** Pass the Michigan board comprehensive and clinical exam or pass an equivalent exam in another state (proof of out-of-state licensure required)  
**AND**  
**(3)** Apply for a license to the Michigan Board of Dentistry  
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<td><strong>Note:</strong></td>
<td>following: accretions, stains, or calculus deposits; deep scaling; root planning; any intra-oral restorative procedures; administration of any of the following: local anesthesia, nitrous oxide analgesia, or acupuncture; irrigation and medication of root canals, try-in of cones or points, filing, or filling of root canals; permanent cementation of any restoration or appliance</td>
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| Registered Dental Assistant qualified in expanded functions | To perform the **expanded functions** listed on the opposite page under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Michigan, a **Registered Dental Assistant** must be licensed by the Michigan Board of Dentistry.  
To obtain a license, one must:  
**1.** Be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (see below)  
**2.** Complete a course in the desired functions at a CODA-accredited dental assisting program meeting board requirements  
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| MN | **Dental Assistant**  
A **dental assistant** in the state of Minnesota may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.  
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| **Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)** | To earn status as a **Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)**, dental assistants in the state of Minnesota must:  
**(1)** Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program  
**OR**  
Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam  
**AND**  
**(2)** Complete a Board-approved course in expanded functions in Minnesota  
**AND**  
**(3)** Pass the Minnesota Registration exam within five years prior to application for registration  
**AND**  
**(4)** Pass the Minnesota Jurisprudence Exam  
**AND**  
**(5)** Apply for registration to the Minnesota Board of Dentistry  
**Note:** All regulated dental assistants must be current in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) at the Health Care Provider level.  
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| **Registered Dental Assistant qualified in expanded functions** | To perform **expanded functions** under the supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Minnesota, **Registered Dental Assistants** must complete a CODA-accredited course in each of the expanded functions listed on the opposite page.  
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| Missouri | **Certified Dental Assistants (CDAs)** who have graduated from accredited dental assisting programs in Missouri and are currently Certified by DANB may perform expanded functions.  
CDAs who were Certified prior to June 1, 1995, or who are graduating from programs outside of Missouri may perform expanded functions if they:  
- Complete a Missouri Board-approved expanded functions course  
- Pass an approved competency exam and can provide proof of competence |
| Montana | A dental auxiliary in the state of Montana may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by state laws under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.  
To qualify, one must:  
- Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program  
- Receive instruction and training by a licensed dentist  
- Receive instruction and training in a board-approved continuing education course |
| Nebraska | A dental assistant in the state of Nebraska may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.  
There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.  
**Note:** Dental assistants who monitor nitrous oxide analgesia must hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification. |
| Nebraska | To perform **coronal polishing procedures** under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Nebraska, a dental assistant must:  
- Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program which includes a coronal polishing course |

**DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)**

- **Certified Dental Assistants (CDAs)** who have graduated from accredited dental assisting programs in Missouri and are currently Certified by DANB may perform expanded functions.  
- CDAs who were Certified prior to June 1, 1995, or who are graduating from programs outside of Missouri may perform expanded functions if they:  
  - Complete a Missouri Board-approved expanded functions course  
  - Pass an approved competency exam and can provide proof of competence  

**Note:** Dental assistants who monitor nitrous oxide analgesia must hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification.
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<td>Dental Assistant</td>
<td>A dental assistant in the state of Nevada may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist or dental hygienist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
<td>Periodontal fibers; placing dentinal bonding agents; applying enamel/dentin etching agents; cementing permanent restorations; atraumatic restorative therapy (ART); adjustments to dentures and/or partials; applying bleaching products; performing denture adjustments.</td>
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<td>NH</td>
<td>Dental Assistant (Part 401)</td>
<td>A dental assistant in the state of New Hampshire may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct or general supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
<td>The diagnosis, treatment planning, or prescribing of drugs or medicaments, or authorizing the use of restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances; surgery on hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that may contribute to or result in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy; the administration of general anesthesia, conscious sedation, or deep sedation except as otherwise authorized by regulations adopted by the Nevada Board; the performance of a task outside the authorized scope of practice of the employee who is being assigned the task.</td>
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<td>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) (Part 401)</td>
<td>Dental assistants who hold the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification are qualified in the state of New Hampshire to perform the functions listed on the opposite page. *Dental assistants in the state of New Hampshire can earn status as a Graduate Dental Assistant by graduating from a CODA-accredited program of dental assisting.</td>
<td>Diagnosis, treatment planning, and prescriptions (including prescriptions for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances); surgical procedures on hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity; or any other intra-oral procedure that contributes to, or results in, an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy.</td>
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<td>Graduate Dental Assistant (GDA) qualified to perform expanded functions</td>
<td>To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of New Hampshire, a dental assistant must be qualified as follows: Coronal polishing; Dental sealants; In-office tooth whitening; Monitor nitrous oxide administration; Orthodontic Duties; Preliminary inspection of the oral cavity; Provisional crown and bridge restorations.</td>
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<td>NJ</td>
<td>Unregistered Dental Assistant (Pg. 8)</td>
<td>An unregistered dental assistant in the state of New Jersey may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
<td>None specified</td>
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| Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) | To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of New Jersey, dental assistants must be licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA).  To register as an RDA, one must:  
- Successfully complete high school or its equivalent  
- Pass DANB’s national Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam (within 10 years prior to application)  
- Graduate from a New Jersey Board-approved CODA-accredited dental assisting program (within 10 years prior to application)  
- Obtain at least two years’ work experience as a dental assistant (within five years prior to application), successfully complete a Board-approved program in expanded functions, and pass the New Jersey Expanded Duties - General Exam (administered by DANB)  
- Obtain at least two years’ work experience as a dental assistant (within five years prior to application) and pass the New Jersey Expanded Duties - General Exam (administered by DANB)  
- Apply for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry |
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<td>NM Dental Assistant</td>
<td>A dental assistant in the state of New Mexico is an individual who may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist (see notes on opposite page). There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assistant.</td>
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| Dental Assistant with state certification in expanded functions | To perform expanded functions under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of New Mexico, a dental assistant must earn state certification. To qualify, one must:  
- Rubber cup coronal polishing:  
  - Successfully complete a Board-approved training program  
  - assist with/observe five cases of rubber cup coronal polishing  
- Final impressions for restorations or prosthetic appliances; removal of, or addition to, the hard or soft tissue of the oral cavity; diagnosis and treatment planning; fitting and adaptation of prostheses; final fitting, adaptation, seating and cementation of any fixed or removable dental appliance or restoration, including but not limited to inlays, crowns, space maintainers, habit devices or splints; irrigation and medication of canals, cone try-in, reaming, filing or filling of root canals; other services defined as the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene |
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<th>Unlicensed Dental Assistant</th>
<th>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</th>
<th>Diagnosing; performing surgical procedures; performing irreversible procedures; performing procedures that would alter the hard or soft tissue of the oral and maxillofacial area; removing calcareous deposits, accretions and stains, including scaling and planing of exposed root surfaces indicated for complete prophylaxis; applying topical agents indicated for a complete dental prophylaxis; removing excess cement from surfaces of the teeth; providing patient education; polishing teeth, including existing restorations; charting caries and periodontal conditions as an aid to diagnosis by the dentist; applying pit and fissure sealants; applying a topical medication not related to a complete dental prophylaxis.</th>
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<td>NY</td>
<td>Dental Assistant with a Limited Permit</td>
<td>A person who has met the first three eligibility requirements listed below (under state licensed requirements) may apply for a <strong>limited (one-year) permit</strong> prior to taking and passing the exam requirements. A limited permittee may perform all tasks designated to certified dental assistants, under the direct personal supervision of a licensed dentist. The permit expires after one year and may be renewed for an additional year.</td>
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<td>NY</td>
<td>NY state licensed certified dental assistant</td>
<td>A dental assistant in the state of New York must be licensed in order to perform supportive services under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. To be licensed in the state of New York, one must:</td>
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- Perform rubber cup coronal polishing (under Board-approved supervision) in five cases **and**
- Pass the state take-home jurisprudence exam **and**
- Apply for state certification in coronal polishing to the New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care (NMBDHC)

**Pit and Fissure Sealants:**
- Have 2,080 hours of dental assisting chairside experience in the two years prior to application **and**
- Successfully complete a Board-approved training program **and**
- Assist with/observe twelve cases of application of pit and fissure sealants **and**
- Pass DANB’s written exam on pit and fissure sealants **and then**
- Apply pit and fissure sealants (under Board-approved supervision) in five cases **and**
- Pass the state take-home jurisprudence exam **and**
- Apply for state certification in pit and fissure sealants to the NMBDHC

**Topical Fluoride:**
- Successfully complete a Board-approved training program **and**
- Assist with/observe five cases of application of topical fluoride **and**
- Pass DANB’s written exam on topical fluoride **and then**
- Apply topical fluoride (under Board-approved supervision) in five cases **and**
- Pass the state take-home jurisprudence exam **and**
- Apply for state certification in topical fluoride to the NMBDHC
• an approved one-year course of study in dental assisting in a degree-granting institution or a board of cooperative educational services program that includes at least 200 hours of clinical experience OR
• an alternate course of study in dental assisting acceptable to the New York State Education Department that includes at least 1,000 hours of relevant work experience in accordance with the Commissioner’s regulations.

Successfully complete one of the two exam pathways listed below:

• PATHWAY I:
  Pass all three components of the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Exam: Radiation Health & Safety (RHS), Infection Control (ICE), and General Chairside (GC)
  OR
• PATHWAY II:
  Pass the New York Professional Dental Assisting (NYPDA) exam along with DANB’s RHS and ICE component exams.

Apply for licensure from the New York State Education Department after completing all of the above requirements.

| NC | Dental Assistant I (DA I) | A Dental Assistant I (DA I) is an individual who may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist, To qualify to monitor patients under nitrous oxide, a DA I must: Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven-hour course in nitrous oxide-oxygen conscious sedation | Placement or cementation of final restorations; taking of impressions for final fixed or removable restorations or prostheses; prophylaxis; periodontal screening; periodontal probing; subgingival exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits; subgingival debridement or debridement of plaque; comprehensive examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissues, including laser, air abrasion, or micro-abrasion procedures; placement or removal of sulcular nonresorbable agents; the issuance of prescription drugs, medications, or work authorizations; final placement or intraoral adjustment of a fixed or removable appliance; intraoral occlusal adjustments which affect function, fit, or occlusion of any temporary or permanent restoration or appliance; extra-oral occlusal adjustments which

| Dental Assistant II in training (DA II in Training) | A Dental Assistant II in Training (DA II in Training) is an individual who has two years of the preceding five (3,000 hours) of full-time employment and experience as a chairside assistant, during which period the assistant may be trained and allowed to perform the functions of a Dental Assistant II under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist. To qualify to monitor patients under nitrous oxide, a DA II in Training must Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven-hour course in nitrous oxide-oxygen conscious sedation | |

| Dental Assistant II (DA II) | To perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of North Carolina, one must be classified as a Dental Assistant II (DA II). | |
| ND | Dental Assistant | A **dental assistant** in the state of North Dakota may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. | Scaling, root planing, or gingival curettage; placing or contouring of a final restoration, excluding a crown which has not been cemented by a dentist; placing bases or cavity liners; apply pit and fissure sealants (unless requirements have been met); diagnosis and treatment planning; surgery on hard or soft tissue; administering of local or general anesthetics; any irreversible dental procedure or procedures which require the professional judgment and skill of a licensed dentist; any intraoral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of any appliance, with the exception of taking impressions for passive post treatment orthodontic retainers which do not replace missing teeth. Dental assistants may take impressions for athletic mouth guards, splints, bleaching trays, or rapid palatal expanders; activating any type of orthodontic appliance; cementing or bonding orthodontic bands or brackets that have not been placed by a dentist; |
| ND | Qualified Dental Assistant (QDA) | To earn status as a **Qualified Dental Assistant (QDA)** in the state of North Dakota, one must:  
- Complete a North Dakota board-approved infection control seminar and pass the national DANB Radiation Health & Safety (RHS) and Infection Control (ICE) exams and  
- Have been employed and trained as a dental assistant for at least six months (working at least 24 hours per week) and have received at least 650 hours of dental assisting instruction, including on-the-job training and  
- Maintain current CPR certification and  
- Apply to the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners |  |
| ND | Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) | To earn status as a **Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)** in the state of North Dakota, one must:  
- Hold current national DANB Certification or complete a course in dental assisting from a CODA-accredited  |

To qualify as a **DA II**, one must:

- Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification **AND**
- Successfully complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program or one academic year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program **OR**
- Complete two years (3,000 hours) of full-time employment and experience as a chairside assistant, radiography training as required by law, and a three-hour course in dental office emergencies and a three-hour course in sterilization and infection control **OR**
- Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam

To qualify to perform coronal polishing, a **DA II** must:

- Successfully complete a seven-hour (three hours of didactic and four hours of clinical) coronal polishing course

To qualify to monitor patients under nitrous oxide, a **DA II** must:

- Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven-hour course in nitrous oxide-oxygen conscious sedation

To earn status as a **DA II**, one must:

- Successfully complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program **OR**
- Complete one academic year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program **OR**
- Complete two years (3,000 hours) of full-time employment and experience as a chairside assistant, radiography training as required by law, and a three-hour course in dental office emergencies and a three-hour course in sterilization and infection control **OR**
- Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam

To qualify to perform coronal polishing, a **DA II** must:

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To qualify to monitor patients under nitrous oxide, a **DA II** must:

- Successfully complete a North Carolina Board-approved seven-hour course in nitrous oxide-oxygen conscious sedation

- Perform performance of direct pulp capping or pulpotomy; placement of sutures; final placement or cementation of orthodontic bands or brackets; administration of any anesthetic except the administration of topically-applied agents intended to anesthetize only cutaneous tissue; intraoral use of a high speed handpiece

- Perform placement or contouring of a final restoration, excluding a crown which has not been cemented by a dentist; placing bases or cavity liners; apply pit and fissure sealants (unless requirements have been met); diagnosis and treatment planning; surgery on hard or soft tissue; administering of local or general anesthetics; any irreversible dental procedure or procedures which require the professional judgment and skill of a licensed dentist; any intraoral procedure which would lead to the fabrication of any appliance, with the exception of taking impressions for passive post treatment orthodontic retainers which do not replace missing teeth. Dental assistants may take impressions for athletic mouth guards, splints, bleaching trays, or rapid palatal expanders; activating any type of orthodontic appliance; cementing or bonding orthodontic bands or brackets that have not been placed by a dentist;
| Registered Dental Assistant qualified to apply pit and fissure sealants | To **apply pit and fissure sealants** in the state of North Dakota under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must:
- Be a Registered Dental Assistant (see requirements below) and
- Provide documentation of a successful completion of a North Dakota board-approved sealant class. | Measuring the gingival sulcus with a periodontal probe |
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<td><strong>Basic Qualified Personnel</strong> must be trained directly via an employer/dentist, via a planned sequence of instruction in an educational institution or via in-office training.</td>
<td>Retraction of the gingival sulcus prior to the direct or indirect impression technique; final impressions of any tissue-bearing area upon which a prosthetic restoration is to be placed (not including the taking of impressions for athletic mouthguards or similar appliances); definitive diagnosis and treatment planning; final placement of any fixed or removable appliances; final removal of any fixed appliance; therapeutic intra-oral adjustment of any fixed or removable appliance; cutting procedures utilized in the preparation of the coronal or root portion of the tooth; cutting procedures involving the supportive structures of the tooth; placement of the final root canal filling; occlusal registration procedures for any prosthetic restoration; final placement of pre-fabricated or cast restorations or crowns; diagnosis; treatment planning and prescription, including prescription for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances.</td>
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| DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Ohio certified dental assistant | Dental assistants who hold the national **DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification** can also earn Ohio state certification. To qualify as an Ohio certified dental assistant, one must:
- Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification **OR**
- Pass the exam administered by the Ohio Commission on Dental Assistant Certification (OCDAC)  
*Coronal Polishing:* In order to receive a certificate from the OSDB permitting the dental assistant to perform coronal polishing procedures, the DANB CDA or OCDAC certified dental assistant must successfully complete an OSDB-approved training program and successfully pass standardized testing immediately following successful completion of a skills assessment component of an approved training program.  
*Pit and Fissure Sealants:* DANB CDAs or OCDAC certified dental assistants may perform pit and fissure sealants upon successfully completing a course containing a minimum of two hours of didactic instruction and six hours of clinical instruction. In addition, the supervising dentist must observe the assistant successfully apply at least six sealants. |  |
| Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) | To perform **expanded functions** under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Ohio, a dental assistant must qualify as an **Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA).** To qualify as an EFDA, one must:
- Complete a state Board-approved EFDA training course (course may require proof of DANB CDA Certification for entry) **AND**
- Pass the EFDA exam administered by the Commission on Dental Testing in Ohio (CODT) |  |
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<th>Placement or removal of restorative materials in a human oral cavity; removal of fully hardened cement; diagnosis; treatment planning; prescription of medications; final placement or removal of orthodontic brackets and bands; surgery or the cutting or severance of hard and soft tissue; placement or adjustment of any removable or fixed prosthesis; administration of injectable local anesthesia; administration of general anesthesia; any procedure that may contribute to or result in an irreversible alteration of the human oral anatomy; those projects allocated exclusively to dental hygienists.</th>
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<td>Dental Assistant To perform <strong>expanded functions</strong> under the supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant <strong>must</strong> earn status as an <strong>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</strong>. To qualify, one must: 1. Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiological Proficiency (see requirements to the right) <strong>AND</strong> 2. Complete <strong>either</strong> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for the Oregon Board of Dentistry’s (OBD’s) EFDA state certification: (1) Complete a course of instruction in a CODA-accredited program <strong>or</strong> (2) Complete <strong>all</strong> of the following requirements: • Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam <strong>or</strong> the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam, <strong>and</strong> the Oregon EFDA exam* (all of which are administered by DANB) • Provide certification from a licensed dentist stating</td>
<td>Place any type of cord subgingivally; condense and carve permanent restorative material, except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095; place periodontal packs; take jaw registrations or oral impressions for supplying artificial teeth as substitutes for natural teeth, except diagnostic or opposing models or for the fabrication of temporary or provisional restorations or appliances; diagnose or plan treatment; cut hard or soft tissue; adjust or attempt to adjust any orthodontic wire, fixed or removable appliance or other structure while it is in the patient’s mouth; administer or dispense any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, or drugs*; prescribe any drug; start nitrous oxide; use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intraorally; use lasers, except laser curing lights; use air abrasion or air polishing; remove teeth or parts of</td>
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that the applicant has completed clinical requirements

**OR**

Complete one of the following requirements and apply to the OBD for EFDA state certification by credential:

- Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon’s requirements **or**
- Be certified by an employer dentist that the assistant has been employed for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant (in a state other than Oregon) and is competent to perform the expanded functions

**Note:** An EFDA may apply pit and fissure sealants and temporary soft relines to full dentures upon successful completion of a course of instruction (in the desired expanded function) in a CODA-accredited program or other course of instruction approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

**Note:** Dental assistants who have completed specific Board-training and examination can apply to receive a **Restorative Function Endorsement** to perform the functions listed on the next page.

### Anesthesia Assistant

A dental assistant in the state of Oregon must hold state certification as an **Anesthesia Assistant** in order to perform the functions listed on the opposite page.

To qualify, one must:

- Hold a current Health Care Provider BLS/CPR certification

**AND**

- Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Anesthesia Assistants Program* conducted by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

**OR**

- Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants Course* conducted by the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

**OR**

- Have passed the national DANB Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) exam*

**AND**

- Apply to the Oregon Board of Dentistry for state certification

### Expanded Functions Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)

To perform **expanded orthodontic functions** in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant must earn status as an **Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)**.
To qualify, one must:

1. Complete a course of instruction in a CODA-accredited dental assisting program
   OR

   Complete all of the following requirements:
   - Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam or DANB’s national Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exams* (all administered by DANB) and
     - Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assisting exam* (administered by DANB) and
     - Provide certification from a licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully completed the clinical requirements

   AND

2. Apply to DANB for state certification as an EFODA

OR

1. Complete one of the following requirements:
   - Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon’s or
   - Be certified by an employer dentist that the assistant has been employed for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant
   (in a state other than Oregon and that the assistant is competent to perform the expanded functions

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<th>A <strong>dental assistant</strong> in the state of Pennsylvania may perform basic supportive dental procedures (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assistant.</th>
<th>Take impressions other than for study models or diagnostic casts; examine, diagnose, or plan treatment; cut hard or soft tissue; prescribe drugs, medicaments, or lab authorizations; approve the final occlusion; perform pulp capping, pulpotomy, and other endodontic procedures; perform final placement/ cementation of fixed and removable prosthetic appliances; administer local anesthesia, parenteral or inhalational sedation, nitrous oxide analgesia, or general anesthesia</th>
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| DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) | To perform **expanded functions** in the state of Pennsylvania under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold a state certification as an **Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)**. To obtain this state certification, one must:
   - Graduate from an expanded function dental assisting program at a two-year college or other state board-approved program which offers an Associate Degree OR
   - Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental hygiene school, which requires the |
<p>| RI | <strong>Dental Assistant</strong> (Part IV) | A <em>dental assistant</em> in the state of Rhode Island may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. | Placement or removal of bonded orthodontic attachments and/or cementation or removal of orthodontic bands; condensing and carving restorative materials in teeth, except temporary restoratives; taking impressions for models upon which full or partial dentures, or permanent crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, posts, and cores will be fabricated; diagnosis and treatment planning; surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue; prescribing medications; administering injectable local anesthetics; administering parenteral conscious sedation and/or general anesthesia/deep sedation; administering inhalants or inhalation conscious sedation agents; adjusting occlusion of fixed and removable prosthodontic appliances; final cementation of permanent crowns, bridges, inlays, onlays, and posts and cores; and insertion of final prosthesis; placement of sutures; perform direct pulp capping procedures; orthodontic arch wire activation with the exception of minor adjustments to eliminate pain or discomfort; flush root canal; temporary wire ligation; use of a rotary instrument in the oral cavity unless licensed or certified; oral prophylaxis |
| RI | <strong>Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)</strong> | To perform <em>expanded functions</em> in the state of Rhode Island under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification. <strong>Note:</strong> Individuals who have passed the CDA exam but have not renewed are <em>no longer</em> CDAs. In Rhode Island, CDAs may perform the expanded functions listed on the next page provided that they have received academic training in these procedures or completed academic clinical training to clinical competence. |
| SC | <strong>Dental Assistant</strong> | A <em>dental assistant</em> in the state of South Carolina may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. | None specified |</p>
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| **Advanced Dental Assistant** | To perform **expanded functions** under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of South Carolina, a dental assistant must earn status as an **Expanded Duty Dental Assistant (EDDA)**.  
To qualify, one must:  
1. Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program  
2. Complete two years of continuous full-time employment as a chairside dental assistant  
**Note:** In order to monitor nitrous oxide conscious sedation, EDDAs must complete a course approved by the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry and receive certification by the South Carolina Board. | Placing, finishing, and adjusting of final restorations; cutting of hard or soft tissue; intraoral procedures that will be used directly in the fabrication of a dental prosthesis; irreversible procedures; injection of medication |
| **SD Practical Dental Assistant** | **Note:** Advanced Dental Assistants may apply for a permit to administer nitrous oxide analgesia under the direct supervision of a dentist. To qualify, an assistant must be trained in the administration of basic life support and complete a Board-approved educational course.  
Advanced Dental Assistants who wish to monitor nitrous oxide must complete an eight-hour course in anesthetic assisting and obtain a license from the South Dakota Board of Dentistry. |                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| **Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)** | To perform **expanded functions** under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of South Dakota, a dental assistant must earn status as an **Advanced Dental Assistant**.  
To qualify, one must:  
1. Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification  
2. Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program  
3. Pass the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam or another exam approved by the South Dakota Board of Dentistry  
4. Hold current certification in another state, if deemed equivalent by the South Dakota Board  
**Note:** Advanced Dental Assistants may apply for a permit to administer nitrous oxide analgesia under the direct supervision of a dentist. To qualify, an assistant must be trained in the administration of basic life support and complete a Board-approved educational course.  
Advanced Dental Assistants who wish to monitor nitrous oxide must complete an eight-hour course in anesthetic assisting and obtain a license from the |
| TN | Registered Dental Assistant qualified to perform expanded functions | To perform expanded functions in the state of Tennessee, Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) must earn state certification by completing the requirements for each of the desired expanded functions listed below: Perform coronal polishing procedures:  
- Successfully complete a Board-approved coronal polishing course (to qualify, an individual must be an RDA and have been employed as a full-time dental assistant for a minimum of one year prior to applying for the course, or be a current DANB CDA) and  
- Hold a current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification and  
- Pass both the written and clinical exams and  
- Receive a certificate in coronal polishing from the Tennessee Board of Dentistry  
Apply sealants:  
- Successfully complete a Board-approved course in sealant application (to qualify, one must be a current RDA) or be enrolled in a CODA-accredited or TN Board-approved program which offers such a course and  
- Receive a certificate in sealant application from the Board  
Monitor nitrous oxide:  
- Successfully complete a Board-approved nitrous oxide monitoring course (to qualify, one must be a current RDA) or be enrolled in a CODA-accredited or TN Board-approved program which offers such a course and  
- Receive a certificate in monitoring nitrous oxide from the Board  
Perform restorative and/or prosthetic functions:  
- Have a minimum of two years of continuous, full-time registered dental assisting employment and  
- Complete a Board-approved certification course and  
- Receive a certificate in restorative and/or prosthetic functions from the Board  
Note: RDAs who have successfully completed a comparable training program in expanded functions in another state may be eligible to apply directly to the Board for an expanded functions certificate without additional training. For details see DANB’s State Fact Booklet or contact the Tennessee Board of Dentistry. | Examination, diagnosis, and treatment planning; surgical or cutting procedures on hard or soft tissue, including laser, air abrasion, or micro-abrasion procedures, including curettage or root planning; fitting, adjusting, and placement of prostheses; issuance of prescription medications, medications not authorized by T.C.A., or work authorizations; performance of direct pulp capping, pulpotomy, and other endodontic procedures not authorized by T.C.A.; approve the final occlusion; placement of sutures; administration of local anesthesia, nitrous oxide, conscious sedation, or general anesthesia; use of a high-speed handpiece intraorally; utilization of laser equipment and technology; diagnosing the need for restorations; preparation/cutting of the tooth or soft tissue; modifying existing structure; removal of caries, bases and liners; diagnosing need for any prosthetic appliance; establishing vertical dimension of occlusion and interocclusal records; delivering and/or adjusting appliance; expose radiographs without certification |
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| TX    | Dental Assistant qualified to perform expanded functions | To perform **expanded functions** under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Texas, a **dental assistant** must successfully complete the requirements listed below:  
- **Apply pit and fissure sealants:**  
- Work at least two years as a dental assistant  
- Complete a current course in basic life support  
- Complete a minimum of 16 hours of Texas Board-approved clinical and didactic education in pit and fissure sealants  
- Register with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE)  
  - Monitor the administration of nitrous oxide:  
  - Pass a TSBDE-approved nitrous oxide monitoring course  
  - Register with the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE)  
| UT    | Dental Assistant | A **dental assistant** in the state of Utah may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. | Place, condense, carve, finish, or polish restorative materials, or perform final cementation; render definitive treatment diagnosis; cut hard or soft tissue or extract teeth; remove stains, deposits, or accretions (except as is incidental to polishing teeth coronally with a rubber cup); 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). |
| VT | **Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)** (Part 7.10) | To perform **expanded functions** in the state of Vermont under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must earn status as an **Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)**.  
To qualify, one must:  
1. Hold a current national DANB Certification  
2. Be employed by a Vermont licensed dentist  
3. Successfully complete a formal program in each of the desired expanded functions at a CODA-accredited program of dental assisting  
4. Apply to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners for registration  

**Diagnosis, treatment planning, and prescription**, including prescription for drugs and medicaments or authorization for restorative, prosthodontic, or orthodontic appliances; **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 |
| Dental Assistant (part 7) | Dental assistants who hold the national **DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)** Certification can also earn Vermont state certification. To qualify, one must:  
1. Hold a current national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) Certification  
2. Be employed by a Vermont licensed dentist  
3. Apply to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners for registration  |
| VA | **Dental Assistant qualified in anesthesia administration** | A **dental assistant** in the state of Virginia who assists in the administration and monitoring of any form of conscious sedation or deep sedation/general anesthesia must meet one of the following requirements:  
1. Minimal training resulting in current certification in basic resuscitation techniques, such as Basic Cardiac Life Support or an approved, clinically oriented course devoted primarily to responding to  

**Performing an initial examination of teeth and surrounding tissues including the charting of carious lesions, periodontal pockets or other abnormal conditions for assisting the dentist in the diagnosis; placement of retraction cord; scaling and root planing of natural and restored teeth using hand instruments, rotary instruments and ultrasonic** |
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| Dental Assistant | Clinical emergencies offered by an approved provider of continuing education **OR** Current certification as a certified anesthesia assistant by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons or the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology | **Dental Assistant** in the state of Virginia may perform basic supportive dental procedures (see opposite page) under the direction of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. | Every **dental assistant** in the state of Washington must be registered. To be eligible for registration as a dental assistant, one must:  
- Provide a completed application on forms provided by the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission  
- Pay applicable fees  
- Provide evidence of completion of seven clock hours of AIDS education and training as required by chapter 246-12 WAC, Part 8  
- Provide any other information determined by the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission  
The dental assistant registration must be renewed annually on or before the dental assistant’s birthday. | Scaling procedures; removal of or addition to the hard or soft natural tissue of the oral cavity (except for placing and carving direct restorations by an EFDA); diagnosis of or prescription for treatment of disease, pain, deformity, deficiency, injury, or physical condition of the human teeth or jaws, or adjacent structure; administration of general or local anesthetic, including intravenous sedation; oral prophylaxis [except coronal polishing as part of oral prophylaxis as defined in WAC 246-817-510 and 246-817-520(8)]; intra-orally adjust occlusal of inlays, crowns, and bridges; intra-orally finish margins of inlays, crowns, and bridges; cement or recement, permanently, any cast restoration or
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<td>A registered dental assistant in the state of Washington may earn an endorsement in sealant/fluoride varnish solely for the purpose of treating children in school-based programs. For information about requirements visit <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov">www.doh.wa.gov</a>.</td>
<td>To become an Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) in Washington, a dental assistant must: &lt;br&gt; ☑️ Graduate from a CODA-accredited dental assisting program &lt;br&gt; OR &lt;br&gt; Be DANB CDA Certified through CDA/GC pathway II; in addition to DANB’s requirements, the candidate must take an additional dental assisting review course &lt;br&gt; AND &lt;br&gt; Complete an EFDA course approved by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) &lt;br&gt; AND &lt;br&gt; Pass the Washington State Restorative Exam (WARE) administered by DANB &lt;br&gt; AND &lt;br&gt; Pass the clinical exam administered by the Western Regional Examining Board &lt;br&gt; AND &lt;br&gt; Apply to DQAC for an EFDA license.</td>
<td>Stainless steel crown; incise gingiva or other soft tissue; elevate soft tissue flap; luxate teeth; curette to sever epithelial attachment; suture; establish occlusal vertical dimension for dentures; try-in of dentures set in wax; insertion and post-insertion adjustments of dentures; endodontic treatment (open, extirpate pulp, ream and file canals, establish length of tooth, fill root canal); use of any light or electronic device for invasive procedures; intra-oral air abrasion or mechanical etching devices; place direct pulp caps; fit and adjust occlusal guards. In addition to the functions listed above, the following functions are not permitted by a registered dental assistant: &lt;br&gt; Placing of permanent or semi-permanent restorations in natural teeth; taking impressions of the teeth or jaws for the purpose of fabricating any intra-oral restoration, appliances, or prosthesis.</td>
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<td>A dental assistant in the state of West Virginia may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</td>
<td>Diagnosis, treatment planning and prescription (including prescriptions for drugs and medicaments or authorizations for restorative, prosthodontic or orthodontic appliances); surgical procedures on hard and soft tissue within the oral cavity or any other intraoral procedure that contributes to or results in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy.</td>
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| WI    | A dental assistant in the state of Wisconsin may perform basic supportive dental procedures under the supervision of a licensed dentist. There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting. | 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
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<td>Removal of tooth structure for the placement of orthodontic appliances; activate an orthodontic appliance; diagnosis for orthodontic treatment; remove direct bond attachments; any procedure billed as a prophylaxis</td>
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