



2018 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Oregon



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.



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

The numbers next to each task correspond to the 70 numbered tasks that were identified and used in the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study. Tasks that are not numbered do not directly match one of the 70 tasks, yet are identified by the state in the practice act. A full list of those tasks follow your state's chart.

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

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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 OR	Proposed Standard- ized National Job Titles	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by dental assistants in OR
<p>To perform the restorative functions listed on the next page in Oregon, an EFDA must hold a Restorative Functions certificate. To qualify, an EFDA must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD)-approved restorative functions curriculum from a CODA-accredited program AND Pass the WREB Restorative Exam (or another OBD-approved exam) within five years of application AND Apply for the Oregon Restorative Functions certificate (administered by DANB) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If applicant passed the WREB Restorative Exam more than five years prior to application, submit verification from another state or jurisdiction where the applicant is legally authorized to perform restorative functions and verification from the supervising dentist of successful completion of at least 25 restorative procedures within the prior five years AND Apply for the Oregon Restorative Functions certificate (administered by DANB) 	<p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) with Restorative Functions Certificate</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures under general supervision** in Oregon, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete all of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a course approved by the OBD**, or submit evidence of equivalent training recognized by the Oregon Health Authority, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services and Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or CDA exam* and Pass the Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency exam* administered by DANB (Radiographs must be submitted for grading within six months after they are taken) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency by credential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's or Obtain verification from 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 take radiographs 	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place any type of cord subgingivally, except as permitted for EFDA's with additional training (see p. 111) 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 any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, over the counter medications per package instructions, drugs administered as allowed under anesthesia permit rules and drugs administered as expressly permitted for Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistants - see pp. 116-117 Prescribe any drug Start nitrous oxide Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally Use lasers, except laser curing lights Use air abrasion or air polishing Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient Use ultrasonic equipment intraorally, except those functions expressly permitted for Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistants (EFODAs) - see pp. 112-113 Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - see pp. 112-113 Cement or bond any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance, including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices, or orthopedic appliances, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - see pp. 112-113 Apply denture relines, except those functions expressly permitted for EFDA's Remove stains or deposits, excluding EFDA functions expressly permitted Perform periodontal probing Place or remove healing caps or abutments, except under direct supervision Place implant impression copings, except under direct supervision
<p>To perform expanded functions in Oregon under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must earn an Oregon Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (see requirements to the right) AND Successfully complete a CODA-accredited dental assisting program AND Apply for the Oregon EFDA certificate (administered by DANB) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (see requirements to the right) AND Pass the DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam* or the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam* (administered by DANB) AND Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting Exam* (administered by DANB) AND Provide endorsement from an Oregon licensed dentist stating that the applicant has completed clinical requirements AND Apply for the Oregon EFDA certificate (administered by DANB) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's requirements or obtain verification from a licensed dentist of having been employed (in a state other than Oregon) for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant performing expanded functions AND Apply for the Oregon EFDA certificate by credential (administered by DANB) 	<p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>**The DALE Foundation's DANB RHS® Review course is approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry and meets the course requirement to earn the Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate.</p> <p>†Note: A dentist or dental hygienist may authorize a dental assistant who has completed course and written exam requirements to perform radiographic procedures under the indirect supervision of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who holds an Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate. The dental assistant must successfully complete the clinical examination within six months of the dentist authorizing the assistant to take radiographs.</p>	
<p>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 OBD.</p> <p>A dental assistant in Oregon may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see next page) under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<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>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Functions listed with bullets are part of this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA research.</p>	

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* The Oregon state dental practice act specifies that, in addition to the exams, courses, and programs listed on this page, a dental assistant may complete any successor or otherwise Board-approved exams, courses, or programs. For more information, please contact the Oregon Board of Dentistry at 971-673-3200 or www.oregon.gov/dentistry.

Job Title According to State of OR	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)
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Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) with Restorative Functions Certificate	<p><u>Under Indirect Supervision*</u></p> <p>12, 33, 51. Perform the placement and finishing of direct alloy or direct composite restorations after the supervising dentist has prepared the tooth (teeth) for restoration(s).</p>												
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Dental Assistant	<p>Note: A dental assistant may be supervised by a dental hygienist who works under general supervision in the dental office if the assistant is rendering assistance to the hygienist in providing dental hygiene services and the dentist is not in the office to provide indirect supervision. A dental hygienist with an Expanded Practice Permit may hire and supervise a dental assistant who will render assistance to the dental hygienist in providing dental hygiene services.</p>												

*Direct Supervision: A dentist must diagnose the condition to be treated, authorize the procedure to be performed, and remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.
 Indirect Supervision: A dentist must authorize the procedures and be on the premises while the procedures are being performed. Unless otherwise specified, dental assistants work under indirect supervision in the dental office.
 General Supervision: A dentist must authorize the procedures, but need not be present when the authorized procedures are being performed. The authorized procedures may be performed at a place other than the usual place of practice of the dentist.

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<p>To perform expanded orthodontic functions in Oregon under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA).</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete a course of instruction in a CODA-accredited dental assisting program AND Apply for Oregon EFODA certification (administered by DANB) OR ■ Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam or DANB's national Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam or Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exam* (all administered by DANB) AND Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions—Orthodontic Assisting exam* (administered by DANB) AND Provide endorsement from an Oregon licensed dentist stating that the applicant has successfully completed the clinical requirements AND Apply for the Oregon EFODA certificate (administered by DANB) OR ■ Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's requirements or obtain verification from a licensed dentist of having been employed (in a state other than Oregon) for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant performing expanded orthodontic functions AND Apply for the Oregon EFODA certificate by credential (administered by DANB) 	<p>Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant (EFODA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) or Registered Orthodontic Assistant (ROA)</p> <hr/> <p>Orthodontic Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Orthodontic Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assistant (EFOA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) or Registered Orthodontic Assistant (ROA)</p> <hr/> <p>Orthodontic Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Orthodontic Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures under general supervision** in Oregon, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete all of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a course approved by the OBD**, or submit evidence of equivalent training recognized by the Oregon Health Authority, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services and • Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or CDA exam* and • Pass the Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency exam[†] administered by DANB (Radiographs must be submitted for grading within six months after they are taken) OR ■ Complete one of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency by credential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's or • Obtain verification from 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 take radiographs <p>**The DALE Foundation's DANB RHS® Review course is approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry and meets the course requirement to earn the Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate.</p> <p>†Note: A dentist or dental hygienist may authorize a dental assistant who has completed course and written exam requirements to perform radiographic procedures under the indirect supervision of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who holds an Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate. 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The 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>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Place any type of cord subgingivally, except as permitted for EFDAs with additional training (see p. 111) 33, 51. Condense and carve permanent restorative material, except as permitted by an EFDA with a Restorative Functions Certificate 35. Place periodontal packs 46. 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 any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, over the counter medications per package instructions, drugs administered as allowed under anesthesia permit rules and drugs administered as expressly permitted for Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistants - see pp. 116-117 • Prescribe any drug • Start nitrous oxide • Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally • Use lasers, except laser curing lights • Use air abrasion or air polishing • Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure • Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient • Use ultrasonic equipment intraorally, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs • Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs • Cement or bond any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance, including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices, or orthopedic appliances, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs • Apply denture relines, except those functions expressly permitted for EFDAs - see pp. 110-111 • Remove stains or deposits, except those functions expressly permitted for EFDAs - see pp. 110-111 • Perform periodontal probing • Place or remove healing caps or abutments, except under direct supervision • Place implant impression copings, except under direct supervision

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Job Title
According to
State of OR

Allowable functions
(Functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designation, functions with bullets are not a specific match to the list.)

Expanded
Function
Orthodontic
Dental
Assistant
(EFODA)

Under Indirect Supervision*

- 15. Place and ligate archwires
- 29. Select or try for the fit of orthodontic bands
- 42. Place and remove orthodontic separators
- 44. Take impressions for study models or temporary oral devices such as, but not limited to, space maintainers, orthodontic retainers and occlusal guards
 - Remove orthodontic bands and brackets and attachments with removal of the bonding material and cement. An ultrasonic scaler, hand scaler or slow speed handpiece may be used. Use of a high speed handpiece is prohibited.
 - Recement loose orthodontic bands
- Prepare teeth for bonding or placement of orthodontic appliances and select, pre-position and cure orthodontic brackets, attachments and/or retainers after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist
- Fit and adjust headgear
- Remove fixed orthodontic appliances
- Remove and replace orthodontic wires
- Place elastic ligatures or chains as directed
- Cut arch wires

Under General Supervision*

- Remove any portion of an orthodontic appliance causing a patient discomfort and, in the process, replace ligatures and/or separators if the dentist is not available, providing that the patient is rescheduled for follow-up care by a licensed dentist as soon as is reasonably appropriate
- Recement orthodontic bands if the dentist is not available and the patient is in discomfort, providing that the patient is rescheduled for follow-up care by a licensed dentist as soon as is reasonably appropriate

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Indirect Supervision: The dentist must authorize the procedures and be on the premises while the procedures are being performed.

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of OR	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> permitted by dental assistants in OR
<p>To perform expanded preventive functions in Oregon under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must earn status as an Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistant (EFPDA).</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (<i>see requirements to the right</i>) AND Successfully complete a course of instruction in a program accredited by CODA AND Apply for the Oregon EFPDA certificate (administered by DANB) OR ■ Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiologic Proficiency (<i>see requirements to the right</i>) AND Pass the DANB Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) exam* or the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam* (administered by DANB) AND Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions—General Dental Assisting Exam* (administered by DANB) AND Provide endorsement from an Oregon licensed dentist stating that the applicant has completed clinical requirements AND Apply for the Oregon EFPDA certificate (administered by DANB) OR ■ Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's requirements or obtain verification from a licensed dentist of having been employed (in a state other than Oregon) for at least 1,000 hours in the past two years as a dental assistant performing the permitted expanded preventive functions AND Apply for the Oregon EFPDA certificate by credential (administered by DANB) 	<p>Expanded Function Preventive Dental Assistant (EFPDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures under <u>general supervision</u>** in Oregon, a dental assistant <u>must</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete <u>all</u> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a course approved by the OBD**, or submit evidence of equivalent training recognized by the Oregon Health Authority, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services and • Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or CDA exam* and • Pass the Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency exam[†] administered by DANB (Radiographs must be submitted for grading within six months after they are taken) OR ■ Complete <u>one</u> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency by credential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's or • Obtain verification from 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 take radiographs <p><i>**The DALE Foundation's DANB RHS® Review course is approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry and meets the course requirement to earn the Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate.</i></p> <p>†Note: A dentist or dental hygienist may authorize a dental assistant who has completed course and written exam requirements to perform radiographic procedures under the <u>indirect supervision</u> of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who holds an Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate. The dental assistant must successfully complete the clinical examination within six months of the dentist authorizing the assistant to take radiographs.</p>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Place any type of cord subgingivally, except as permitted for EFDA's with additional training (<i>see p. 111</i>) 33, 51. Condense and carve permanent restorative material, except as permitted by an EFDA with a Restorative Functions Certificate 35. Place periodontal packs 46. 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 any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, over the counter medications per package instructions, drugs administered as allowed under anesthesia permit rules and drugs administered as expressly permitted for Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistants - <i>see pp. 116-117</i> • Prescribe any drug • Start nitrous oxide • Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally • Use lasers, except laser curing lights • Use air abrasion or air polishing • Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure • Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient • Use ultrasonic equipment intraorally, except those functions expressly permitted for Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistants (EFODAs) - <i>see pp. 112-113</i> • Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - <i>see pp. 112-113</i> • Cement or bond any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance, including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices, or orthopedic appliances, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - <i>see pp. 112-113</i> • Apply denture relines, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - <i>see pp. 110-111</i> • Remove stains or deposits, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - <i>see pp. 110-111</i> • Perform periodontal probing • Place or remove healing caps or abutments, except under direct supervision • Place implant impression copings, except under direct supervision
		<p>The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005, for <u>general</u> chairside assistants only.</p> <p>Some functions in the general chairside Core Competencies Study are also preventive functions. The 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>	

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Job Title
According to
State of OR

Allowable functions
(Functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designation, functions with bullets are not a specific match to the list.)

Expanded
Function
Preventive
Dental
Assistant
(EFPDA)

Under Indirect Supervision*

9. Polish the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains providing the patient is checked by a dentist or dental hygienist after the procedure is performed, prior to discharge

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Oregon (Anesthesia)

State-approved 11/27/17

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of OR	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by dental assistants in OR
<p>To initiate intravenous (IV) lines in Oregon for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation or general anesthesia under the indirect supervision of a dentist holding the appropriate anesthesia permit, an Anesthesia Dental Assistant must earn an additional endorsement. To qualify, an Anesthesia Dental Assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a course in intravenous access or phlebotomy approved by the OBD <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for the Anesthesia Dental Assistant with IV Therapy certificate (administered by DANB) 	<p>Anesthesia Dental Assistant with IV Therapy Certificate</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures under <u>general supervision</u>** in Oregon, a dental assistant <u>must</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete <u>all</u> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete a course approved by the OBD**, or submit evidence of equivalent training recognized by the Oregon Health Authority, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services <u>and</u> Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or CDA exam* <u>and</u> Pass the Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency exam⁺ administered by DANB (Radiographs must be submitted for grading within six months after they are taken) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete <u>one</u> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiologic proficiency by credential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's <u>or</u> Obtain verification from 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 take radiographs 	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place any type of cord subgingivally, except as permitted for EFDA's with additional training (see p. 111) Condense and carve permanent restorative material, except as permitted by an EFDA with a Restorative Functions Certificate 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 any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, over the counter medications per package instructions, drugs administered as allowed under anesthesia permit rules and drugs administered as expressly permitted for Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistants Prescribe any drug Start nitrous oxide Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally Use lasers, except laser curing lights Use air abrasion or air polishing Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure The behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient Use ultrasonic equipment intraorally, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - see pp. 112-113 Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth, excluding those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - see pp. 112-113 Cement or bond any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance, including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices, or orthopedic appliances, except those functions expressly permitted for EFODAs - see pp. 112-113 Apply denture relines, except those functions expressly permitted for EFDA's - see pp. 110-111 Remove stains or deposits, except those functions expressly permitted for EFDA's - see pp. 110-111 Perform periodontal probing Place or remove healing caps or abutments, except under direct supervision Place implant impression copings, except under direct supervision
<p>A dental assistant in Oregon must hold state certification as an Anesthesia Dental Assistant in order to perform the functions listed on the opposite page.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a current Health Care Provider BLS/CPR certification or equivalent 	<p>Anesthesia Dental Assistant</p>	<p>DANB Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) or Registered Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (ROMSA)</p>	<p>**The DALE Foundation's DANB RHS® Review course is approved by the Oregon Board of Dentistry and meets the course requirement to earn the Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate.</p> <p>†Note: A dentist or dental hygienist may authorize a dental assistant who has completed course and written exam requirements to perform radiographic procedures under the <u>indirect supervision</u> of a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental assistant who holds an Oregon Radiologic Proficiency Certificate. The dental assistant must successfully complete the clinical examination within six months of the dentist authorizing the assistant to take radiographs.</p>	
<p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Anesthesia Assistants Program* conducted by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons <p>OR</p> <p>Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants Course* conducted by the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons</p>	<p>Anesthesia Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p>	<p>The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005, for <u>general</u> chairside assistants only.</p> <p>If the ADAA/DANB Alliance were to attempt to replicate the general chairside assistant Core Competencies Study for anesthesia assistants, the templates would contain the proposed standardized job titles that appear at left.</p>	
<p>OR</p> <p>Have passed the national DANB Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) exam* (prior to discontinuation of the COMSA exam in 2000)</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for the Oregon Anesthesia Dental Assistant certificate (administered by DANB) 	<p>Anesthesia Monitor</p>	<p>Entry Level Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p>	<p>Some functions in the general chairside Core Competencies Study are also appropriate for these assistants. The 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>	
<p>To perform the duties of an Anesthesia Monitor, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive training in monitoring patients under sedation and be capable of assisting with procedures, problems and emergency incidents that may occur as a result of the sedation or secondary to an unexpected medical complication <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain current certification in Health Care Provider BLS/CPR training or equivalent <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive training in monitoring vital signs <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be competent in the use of monitoring and emergency equipment appropriate for the level of sedation utilized 	<p>Anesthesia Monitor</p>	<p>Entry Level Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p>	<p>Functions listed with bullets are part of this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA research.</p>	

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Job Title According to State of OR	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)												
Anesthesia Dental Assistant with IV Therapy Certificate	<p><u>Under Indirect Supervision*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate an IV infusion line for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation or general anesthesia 												
Anesthesia Dental Assistant	<table border="0"> <tr> <td> <p><u>Under Direct Visual Supervision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer medications into an existing intravenous (IV) line of a patient under sedation or anesthesia Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the licensee in an emergent situation </td> <td> <p><u>Under Direct Visual Supervision of a Dentist Holding a Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer oral sedative agents calculated by a dentist permit holder </td> <td> <p><u>Under Direct Visual Supervision of a Dentist Holding a General Anesthesia Permit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce additional anesthetic agents to an infusion line </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <p><u>Under Direct Supervision of a Dentist Holding a Moderate Sedation Permit</u></p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce additional anesthetic agents to an infusion line </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <p><u>Under Indirect Supervision*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispense oral medications that have been prepared by the dentist and given to the surgery assistant by the supervising dentist for oral administration to a patient All duties designated to Dental Assistants, under the same required levels of supervision (see pp. 110-111) </td> </tr> </table>	<p><u>Under Direct Visual Supervision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer medications into an existing intravenous (IV) line of a patient under sedation or anesthesia Administer emergency medications to a patient in order to assist the licensee in an emergent situation 	<p><u>Under Direct Visual Supervision of a Dentist Holding a Deep Sedation or General Anesthesia Permit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer oral sedative agents calculated by a dentist permit holder 	<p><u>Under Direct Visual Supervision of a Dentist Holding a General Anesthesia Permit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce additional anesthetic agents to an infusion line 	<p><u>Under Direct Supervision of a Dentist Holding a Moderate Sedation Permit</u></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce additional anesthetic agents to an infusion line 			<p><u>Under Indirect Supervision*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispense oral medications that have been prepared by the dentist and given to the surgery assistant by the supervising dentist for oral administration to a patient All duties designated to Dental Assistants, under the same required levels of supervision (see pp. 110-111) 		
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Anesthesia Monitor	<p><u>Under Indirect Supervision*</u></p> <p>59. Visually monitor a patient under nitrous oxide sedation and record the patient's condition,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visually monitor and record condition of patients being treated under minimal sedation, moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia 												

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Direct Supervision: A dentist must diagnose the condition to be treated, authorize the procedure to be performed, and remain in the dental treatment room while the procedures are performed.

Appendix A: Numbering System for Dental Assisting Functions

The following list of 70 dental assisting tasks was developed by the ADAA/DANB Alliance as part of a study of dental assisting core competencies conducted between 2002 and 2005. These selected tasks were determined to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.

The **numbered functions** listed in the preceding state charts correspond to functions that were included in the DANB/ADAA core competencies study and use language directly from the state's dental practice act. The numbers are provided to facilitate comparison between and among states. Functions listed with **bullets** in the preceding charts are part of the state's practice act but are not specific matches to the functions that were included in the 2002-2005 study.

1. Perform mouth mirror inspection of the oral cavity
2. Chart existing restorations or conditions
3. Phone in prescriptions at the direction of the dentist
4. Receive and prepare patients for treatment, including seating, positioning chair, and placing napkin
5. Complete laboratory authorization forms
6. Place and remove retraction cord
7. Perform routine maintenance of dental equipment
8. Monitor and respond to post-surgical bleeding
9. Perform coronal polishing procedures
10. Apply effective communication techniques with a variety of patients
11. Transfer dental instruments
12. Place amalgam for condensation by the dentist
13. Remove sutures
14. Dry canals
15. Tie in archwires
16. Demonstrate knowledge of ethics/jurisprudence/patient confidentiality
17. Identify features of rotary instruments
18. Apply topical fluoride
19. Select and manipulate gypsums and waxes
20. Perform supragingival scaling
21. Mix dental materials
22. Expose radiographs
23. Evaluate radiographs for diagnostic quality
24. Provide patient preventive education and oral hygiene instruction
25. Perform sterilization and disinfection procedures
26. Provide pre- and post-operative instructions
27. Place and remove dental dam
28. Pour, trim, and evaluate the quality of diagnostic casts
29. Size and place orthodontic bands and brackets
30. Using the concepts of four-handed dentistry, assist with basic restorative procedures, including prosthodontics and restorative dentistry
31. Identify intraoral anatomy
32. Demonstrate understanding of the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard
33. Place, cure and finish composite resin restorations
34. Place liners and bases
35. Place periodontal dressings
36. Demonstrate understanding of the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard
37. Take and record vital signs
38. Monitor vital signs
39. Clean and polish removable appliances and prostheses
40. Apply pit and fissure sealants
41. Prepare procedural trays/armamentaria set-ups
42. Place orthodontic separators
43. Size and fit stainless steel crowns
44. Take preliminary impressions
45. Place and remove matrix bands
46. Take final impressions
47. Fabricate and place temporary crowns
48. Maintain field of operation during dental procedures through the use of retraction, suction, irrigation, drying, placing and removing cotton rolls, etc.
49. Perform vitality tests
50. Place temporary fillings
51. Carve amalgams
52. Process dental radiographs
53. Mount and label dental radiographs
54. Remove temporary crowns and cements
55. Remove temporary fillings
56. Apply topical anesthetic to the injection site
57. Demonstrate understanding of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines
58. Using the concepts of four-handed dentistry, assist with basic intraoral surgical procedures, including extractions, periodontics, endodontics, and implants
59. Monitor nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia
60. Maintain emergency kit
61. Remove permanent cement from supragingival surfaces
62. Remove periodontal dressings
63. Place post-extraction dressings
64. Fabricate custom trays, to include impression and bleaching trays, and athletic mouthguards
65. Recognize basic medical emergencies
66. Recognize basic dental emergencies
67. Respond to basic medical emergencies
68. Respond to basic dental emergencies
69. Remove post-extraction dressings
70. Place stainless steel crown

Appendix B: Levels of Supervision

An important consideration in the discussion of the delegation of tasks to dental assistants is that of supervision of dental assistants by their dentist-employers. The American Dental Association (ADA) has identified five levels of supervision for dental auxiliaries, including dental assistants, which it defines in its “Comprehensive Policy Statement on Allied Dental Personnel,” (2010: 505) which is part of its *Current Policies*, last updated in 2015. Note that “allied dental personnel” refers to dental assistants, dental hygienists, community dental health coordinators and dental laboratory technicians.

The five levels of supervision defined by the ADA are as follows:

Personal supervision: A type of supervision in which the dentist is personally operating on a patient and authorizes the allied dental personnel to aid treatment by concurrently performing a supportive procedure.

Direct supervision: A type of supervision in which a dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses and treatment plans the condition to be treated, personally authorizes the procedures and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel and evaluates their performance before dismissal of the patient.

Indirect supervision: A type of supervision in which a dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed and treatment planned the condition to be treated, authorizes the procedures, and remains in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel, and will evaluate the performance of the allied dental personnel.

General supervision: A type of supervision in which a dentist is not required to be in the dental office or treatment facility when procedures are provided, but has personally diagnosed and treatment planned the condition to be treated, has personally authorized the procedures, and will evaluate the performance of the allied dental personnel.

Public Health Supervision: A type of supervision in which a licensed dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services, as specified by state law or regulations, when such services are provided as part of an organized community program in various public health settings, as designated by state law, and with general oversight of such programs by a licensed dentist designated by the state.

Furthermore, the ADA’s “Comprehensive Policy Statement on Allied Dental Personnel” stipulates that intraoral expanded functions should be performed by allied dental personnel “under the supervision of a dentist.”

Because the study of dental assisting core competencies undertaken by the ADAA/DANB Alliance did not address the question of supervision, the ADAA/DANB Alliance does not make any recommendations as to the levels of supervision that should be necessary for the delegation of the tasks included in the study to dental assistants. However, the ADAA/DANB Alliance believes it is important to call attention to the fact that, while the ADA has defined supervision levels in the aforementioned policy statement, which governs the ADA’s own activities and the activities of its members, these definitions have not been uniformly adopted by the dental boards of every U.S. state or district.

For the purposes of the attached charts, if a state’s dental practice act specifically defines levels of supervision, the state-specific definition is noted in the footer of the second page of the state chart.



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