



# 2017 Allowable and Prohibited Duties for Dental Assistants: Wyoming



## How to Use the Following Charts

- View which job designations are used in your state.
- Be sure to follow the legal requirements to perform dental radiographic procedures.
- See which tasks are not permitted by state law.
- Review all the allowable tasks for each level of dental assisting as published in the state practice act.

View the education/training/credential required for each level of dental assisting.



Arizona			
<p><b>Education/Training/Credential Required</b></p> <p>To perform specified restorative functions in Arizona under the supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Registered Function or Restorative Certificate. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate (see requirements to candidates)</li> <li>Successfully complete an EFDA training course approved by the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) or a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited program</li> <li>AND DANB's AMP, TMP and TAMP</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform restorative procedures equivalent to the ASBDE (under the supervision of a licensed dentist, perform the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist and document these procedures on a Licensed Dental Employment Form</li> <li>AND the DANB for the Arizona Restorative Certificate</li> </ul> <p>To perform coronal polishing procedures in Arizona under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must hold an Arizona Coronal Polishing Certificate.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Dental Council of Public Health (DCPH) for the Arizona Restorative Certificate exam</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Coronal Polishing Certificate</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist or coronal polishing instructor/course instructor in DANB</li> <li>AND the Arizona Council on Dental Practice (ACDP) Restorative Functioning Certificate</li> <li>AND the supervision of a licensed dentist</li> </ul> <p>There are no education/training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.)</b></p> <p>Registered Function or Restorative Certificate</p> <p>Coronal Polishing Certificate</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Coronal Polishing Assistant</p>	<p><b>Proposed Restorative Job Title</b></p> <p>Restorative</p> <p>Coronal Polishing</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Coronal Polishing Assistant</p>	<p><b>Radiography Requirements</b></p> <p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in Arizona, a dental assistant must have a current approved certificate in radiography.</p> <p>To obtain a certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Safety and (RHS) exam</li> <li>AND the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Functioning Certificate, issued by the ASBDE</li> <li>AND be currently certified in another ASBDE Restorative Functioning Certificate, issued by the ASBDE</li> </ul> <p>Those who are not currently certified in radiography to use the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE) Restorative Functioning Certificate, issued by the ASBDE, must complete a course of instruction in radiography. The course must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of written and/or practical radiography examination</li> <li>Successful completion of a course of instruction in radiography</li> <li>Successful completion of a course of instruction in radiography</li> <li>Successful completion of a course of instruction in radiography</li> </ul> <p>The ADA/DANB Alliance on the Restorative Certificate Study conducted from 2002-2003.</p> <p>The same study offered a list of 70 restorative tasks that were categorized into a range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>Functions in this state that relate to the national DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study are supported by the right, state dental practice act. (The numbers correspond to the study's task numbering system.)</p> <p>Functions listed with numbers are part of the state's practice act but are not specific to the DANB/ADAA Core Competencies Study.</p> <p>These states implement restorative procedures to support a uniform dental practice act and to ensure that dental assistants, who are not currently certified in radiography, are able to perform radiographic procedures for dental assistants.</p>

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.

Arizona	
<p><b>Job Title Assigned by State (P.A.)</b></p> <p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p><b>Allowable Functions</b></p> <p>If functions with numbers relate specifically to Core Competency designations, functions with numbers are in the state's practice act but are not specific to DANB research.</p> <p><b>Under General Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Apply fluoride varnish</li> <li>40. Apply sealants</li> <li>41. Place interim restoratives</li> <li>42. Perform coronal polishing in the direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through radiography</li> </ul> <p><b>Level of Supervision Not Specified</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12, 23, 51, 70. Perform placement, contouring and finishing of direct restoratives or the placement and contouring of preformed indirect restoratives in the practice act, as long as a licensed dentist, the restorative materials used will be determined by the dentist.</li> </ul> <p><b>Under General Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Perform coronal polishing procedures</li> </ul> <p><b>Under Direct Supervision*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Remove sutures</li> <li>23. Apply topical fluoride</li> <li>24. Apply topical fluoride</li> <li>25. Apply fluoride</li> <li>26. Apply fluoride</li> <li>27. Apply fluoride</li> <li>28. Apply fluoride</li> <li>29. Apply fluoride</li> <li>30. Apply fluoride</li> <li>31. Apply fluoride</li> <li>32. Apply fluoride</li> <li>33. Apply fluoride</li> <li>34. Apply fluoride</li> <li>35. Apply fluoride</li> <li>36. Apply fluoride</li> <li>37. Apply fluoride</li> <li>38. Apply fluoride</li> <li>39. Apply fluoride</li> <li>43. 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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.

These data are presented for informational purposes only and are not intended as a legal opinion regarding dental practice in any state. DANB confers with each state's dental board at least annually regarding the accuracy and currency of this information. To verify, or if you have any questions, please contact your state's dental board.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of WY	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in WY
<p>To perform <b>placement of pit and fissure sealants</b> under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist in Wyoming, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a Wyoming Board of Dental Examiners (WBDE)-approved pit and fissure sealants course meeting specified didactic and clinical requirements* <b>OR</b> Complete a CODA-accredited dental hygiene or dental assisting program</li> <li><b>AND</b> Submit an application for a Pit and Fissure Sealant Certificate and completed checklist demonstration competency and completion of course to the WBDE.</li> </ul> <p><i>*The WBDE also accepts successful performance on DANB's Sealants (SE) exam to meet requirements to earn the Wyoming Pit and Fissure Sealants certificate.</i></p>	<p>Dental Assistant <i>qualified in placement of pit and fissure sealants</i></p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Wyoming, a dental assistant <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a course or examination** in dental radiography approved by the Wyoming Board of Dental Examiners (WBDE)</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to the WBDE for a dental radiography permit.</li> </ul> <p><i>**DANB's Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam meets the examination requirement.</i></p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <p>46. Take final impressions either digital or conventional or deliver a permanent prosthesis of any type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove tooth structure</li> <li>Diagnose for treatment</li> <li>Remove chemically bonded attachments</li> <li>Any procedure billed as a prophylaxis</li> <li>Perform whitening by irreversible procedures such as etching and sandblasting</li> </ul>
<p>A <b>dental assistant</b> in Wyoming may perform basic supportive dental procedures specified by the state dental practice act (see opposite page) under the supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>Dental assistants may be trained by their employer or by an accredited or WBDE-approved program for dental assistants.</p> <p>In settings where nitrous oxide anxiolysis, sedation and/or anesthesia are administered, all dental personnel shall be certified in administering Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers. A dentist, operating dentist or sedation/anesthesia permit holder may delegate patient monitoring to <u>qualified</u> dental personnel.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level 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>Functions listed with bullets are part of this state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB/ADAA research.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>These state templates reflect the work done by the ADAA/DANB Alliance to support a uniform national model for one set of dental assisting tasks, levels and requirements, which will serve as a viable career ladder for dental assistants.</p> </div>	

Job Title According to State of WY	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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Dental Assistant qualified in placement of pit and fissure sealants

**Under Direct Supervision\***

40. Place pit and fissure sealants (*Board certificate required, see requirements on previous page*)

Dental Assistant

**Under Direct Supervision\***

<p>9. Polish the surfaces of the teeth, rubber cup only (procedure may not be billed as a prophylaxis)</p> <p>13. Remove sutures</p> <p>27. Place and remove rubber dams</p> <p>35, 62. Prepare and remove periodontal packs</p> <p>44. Take impressions for retainers and removable appliances</p> <p>45. Place and remove matrices</p>	<p>48, 58. Assist the dentist in all operative and surgical procedures</p> <p>61. Remove excess cement from the coronal surfaces of the teeth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform whitening procedures not to include irreversible procedures such as etching and sandblasting</li> <li>• Place and remove orthodontic wires and/or appliances that have been activated by the dentist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove direct bond attachments and bands</li> </ul>
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**Under Indirect Supervision\***

<p>15. Insert arch wires that have been adjusted by the dentist into the brackets or attachments and secured in place</p> <p>18, 56. Apply topical medications, excluding pit and fissure sealants</p> <p>21. Mix dental materials to be used by the dentist</p>	<p>22. Place and expose x-ray image receptors (either digital or film) (<i>see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page</i>)</p> <p>44. Take impressions, other than final or master impressions and/or digital scan impressions</p>
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**Under General Supervision\***

<p>24. Instruct patients in proper dental health care</p> <p>37. Take vital statistics and health histories</p> <p>42. Place and remove orthodontic separators</p> <p>47. Fabricate and cement temporary crowns</p> <p>52. Process radiographs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace ligature wires and/or place elastic ties.</li> <li>• Remove ligature wire and/or elastic ties.</li> <li>• Remove broken bands, brackets, wires and appliances in emergency situations or as needed for operative or prophylactic purposes</li> </ul>
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**In settings where nitrous oxide anxiolysis, sedation and/or anesthesia are administered**

59. Patient monitoring

**\*Direct Supervision:** A dentist is physically present in the dental office, has diagnosed the condition to be treated, has authorized the procedure to be performed, and, before dismissal of the patient, has approved the work performed by the auxiliary.  
**Indirect Supervision:** A dentist is physically present in the dental office, has diagnosed the condition to be treated, and has authorized the procedure to be performed.  
**General Supervision:** A dentist has diagnosed and authorized the procedures which are being carried out; however, a dentist need not be present when the authorized procedures are being 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 ADA/DANB Alliance did not address the question of supervision, the ADA/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 ADA/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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