

Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of DE	Proposed Stan- dardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in DE
<p>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.</p> <p>Adequate training of dental assistants is solely the responsibility of the dentist.</p> <p>In summary, the Delaware Dental Board places full responsibility for the work done by dental assistants directly upon the dentist.</p>	<p>Dental Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <hr/> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>In order to legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Delaware, a dental assistant <i>must</i> hold a state certificate as a Dental Radiation Technician from the Delaware Division of Public Health/ Office of Radiation Control (Delaware ORC).</p> <p>To obtain this certificate, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FIRST Pass the DANB-administered DDRT exam OR Pass the DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam ■ AND THEN Submit a completed state certificate application (Form R-16) to the Delaware ORC. <p>Currently, the State of Delaware has no provisions for recognizing certificates issued by other states.</p> <hr/> <p>← The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles (left) based on its national Core Competency Study conducted from 2002-05.</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 Competency 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 being done by the ADAA/DANB Alliance to support a uniform national model for one set of dental assisting tasks, levels, and requirements, which will serve as a viable career ladder for dental assistants.</p> </div>	<p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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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)

Dental
Assistant

Under Direct Supervision*

- 22, 52. Take and develop x-rays (placing an x-ray film in the patient's mouth and exposing that film) (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)
- 24, 26. Give and demonstrate home-care procedures to the patient, including those procedures the patient is expected to carry out in preventive care
- 27. Placing a rubber dam
- 44. Taking impressions for study models
- 48. Placing cotton rolls
- 54. Removal of excess cements from dental restorations and appliances with hand instruments only
- 62, 63. Removal of temporary medicinal fillings or packs under direct orders of the dentist
 - Other duties as delegated by the supervising dentist

*Direct Supervision: The dentist is present in the office, personally examines the patient, and specifically authorizes the work to be performed. The dentist checks the work before the patient leaves the office.