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## How To Use The Following Charts

### Chart 1

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.

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

North Dakota		State approved 10/11 Revised by DANB 10/11
Education/Training/Credentialed Required	Job Title Assigned by State or ND	Proposed Radiographic Requirements
<p>To apply job and require evaluation in the state of North Dakota under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist, a dental assistant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) as defined in NDCC §14-02-01.</li> <li>Hold current national DANB Certification (CDA) with within two years of application or equivalent certification from a state or territory dental assisting program within one year of application or being approved under the RDA/ADAANB Alliance program within two years of application and 18 CE hours.</li> <li>Pass DANB RHE and ICE exams within one year of application.</li> <li>Apply to the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners.</li> </ul> <p>A dental assistant in the state of North Dakota may perform duties specified by the state dental practice act and those procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist.</p> <p>There are no education or training requirements for this level of dental assisting.</p>	<p>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of North Dakota, one must be a Registered Dental Assistant or meet the requirements to be an RDA.</p> <p>The following functions are not permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30. Scaling, root planning, or prophylaxis.</li> <li>33. E.T. tracing or contouring of a tooth, including contouring a crown which has not been finished.</li> <li>34. Mixing base or wax.</li> <li>40. Any job and function that have been listed in the Radiography Requirements section of this study.</li> <li>41. Administer or instill local anesthetic, nitrous oxide or general anesthesia drugs.</li> <li>42. Any invasive dental procedure or procedure which requires the use of a hand file, dental drill or a hand file, dental drill or any invasive procedure which would result in the fabrication of any appliance with the exception of training impressions for custom made removable partial dentures.</li> <li>43. Administer or instill local anesthetic, nitrous oxide or general anesthesia drugs.</li> <li>44. Any invasive dental procedure or procedure which requires the use of a hand file, dental drill or any invasive procedure which would result in the fabrication of any appliance with the exception of training impressions for custom made removable partial dentures.</li> <li>45. Administer or instill local anesthetic, nitrous oxide or general anesthesia drugs.</li> <li>46. Any invasive dental procedure or procedure which requires the use of a hand file, dental drill or any invasive procedure which would result in the fabrication of any appliance with the exception of training impressions for custom made removable partial dentures.</li> </ol>

### Chart 2

Review all the allowable tasks for each level of dental assisting as published in the state practice act.

North Dakota		State approved 10/11 Revised by DANB 10/11
Job Title Assigned by State or ND	Proposed Radiographic Requirements	Functions NOT Permitted by Dental Assistants in ND
<p>Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<p>The ADA/ADAANB Alliance program is a listing of volunteer RDA's who have been identified to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>It was determined that the RDA's who were identified to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies were identified to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.</p> <p>The numbers correspond to the 70 numbered tasks in the DANB/ADAA Core Competency Study.</p> <p>Functions listed with bullets are part of this study's function list 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"> <li>30. Scaling, root planning, or prophylaxis.</li> <li>33. E.T. tracing or contouring of a tooth, including contouring a crown which has not been finished.</li> <li>34. Mixing base or wax.</li> <li>40. Any job and function that have been listed in the Radiography Requirements section of this study.</li> <li>41. Administer or instill local anesthetic, nitrous oxide or general anesthesia drugs.</li> <li>42. Any invasive dental procedure or procedure which requires the use of a hand file, dental drill or a hand file, dental drill or any invasive procedure which would result in the fabrication of any appliance with the exception of training impressions for custom made removable partial dentures.</li> <li>43. Administer or instill local anesthetic, nitrous oxide or general anesthesia drugs.</li> <li>44. Any invasive dental procedure or procedure which requires the use of a hand file, dental drill or any invasive procedure which would result in the fabrication of any appliance with the exception of training impressions for custom made removable partial dentures.</li> <li>45. Administer or instill local anesthetic, nitrous oxide or general anesthesia drugs.</li> <li>46. Any invasive dental procedure or procedure which requires the use of a hand file, dental drill or any invasive procedure which would result in the fabrication of any appliance with the exception of training impressions for custom made removable partial dentures.</li> </ol>

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

If your state's dental practice act specifically defines levels of supervision, the state-specific definition is noted in the template.

The numbers next to each task correspond to the 70 numbered tasks that were identified and used in the DANB/ADAA Core Competency 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.

# Dental Assisting Functions List

*The following is a list of 70 dental assisting tasks developed by the ADAA/DANB Alliance in the course of its research. These selected tasks were determined to be representative of a broad range of dental assisting core competencies.*

Functions in each state that correspond to the national Core Competencies Study functions are **numbered** in the Career Ladder Template, using language directly from the state's dental practice act. Functions listed with **bullets** in the *Career Ladder Template* are part of the state's practice act but are not specific matches to DANB research.

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



## 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 four levels of supervision for dental auxiliaries, including dental assistants, which it defines in its “Comprehensive Policy Statement on Allied Dental Personnel,” (2006: 307) which is part of its *Current Policies*, last updated in 2007. Note that “allied dental personnel” refers to dental assistants, dental hygienists and dental laboratory technicians.

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

**Personal supervision:** A 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 dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnoses 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, before dismissal of the patient, evaluates the performance of the allied dental personnel.

**Indirect supervision:** A dentist is in the dental office or treatment facility, has personally diagnosed 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 dentist is not required to be in the dental office or treatment facility when procedures are being performed by the allied dental personnel, but has personally diagnosed the condition to be treated, has personally authorized the procedures and will evaluate the performance of the allied dental personnel.

Furthermore, the ADA’s Comprehensive Policy Statement on Allied Dental Personnel stipulates that intraoral expanded functions should be performed by allied dental personnel “only under the direct 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 this volume, if a state’s dental practice act specifically defines levels of supervision, the state-specific definition is noted in the template.**



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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 perform <b>expanded functions</b> under the supervision of a licensed dentist in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant <i>must</i> earn status as an <b>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</b>. To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hold an Oregon Certificate of Radiological Proficiency (see requirements to the right)</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete <i>either</i> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for the Oregon Board of Dentistry's (OBD's) EFDA state certification:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Complete a course of instruction in a CODA-accredited program <b>or</b></li> <li>(2) Complete <i>all</i> of the following requirements:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam <b>or</b> the national DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exam, <b>and</b> the Oregon EFDA exam* (all of which are administered by DANB)</li> <li>• Provide certification from a licensed dentist stating that the applicant has completed clinical requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Complete <i>one</i> of the following requirements and apply to the OBD for EFDA state certification by credential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's requirements <b>or</b></li> <li>• 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</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> An EFDA may apply pit and fissure sealants and temporary soft relines 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.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Dental assistants who have completed specific Board-training and examination can apply to receive a <b>Restorative Function Endorsement</b> to perform the functions listed on the next page.</p>	<p>Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant <i>must</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete <i>all</i> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiological proficiency:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a course approved by the Oregon Dept. of Human Services, Health Services, Radiation Protection Services Section or the OBD, or submit evidence of equivalent training <b>and</b></li> <li>• Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or CDA exam* <b>and</b></li> <li>• Pass the Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency exam* administered by DANB (Radiographs must be submitted for grading within six months after they are taken)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Complete <i>one</i> of the following requirements and apply to the OBD for a state certificate of radiological proficiency by credential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's <b>or</b></li> <li>• 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 take radiographs</li> </ul> <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>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Place any type of cord subgingivally</li> <li>33, 51. Condense and carve permanent restorative material, except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095</li> <li>35. Place periodontal packs</li> <li>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</li> <li>• Diagnose or plan treatment</li> <li>• Cut hard or soft tissue</li> <li>• Adjust or attempt to adjust any orthodontic wire, fixed or removable appliance or other structure while it is in the patient's mouth</li> <li>• Administer or dispense any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents, or drugs*</li> <li>• Prescribe any drug</li> <li>• Start nitrous oxide</li> <li>• Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally</li> <li>• Use lasers, except laser curing lights</li> <li>• Use air abrasion or air polishing</li> <li>• Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure</li> <li>• Apply denture relines</li> <li>• Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient</li> <li>• Use ultrasonic equipment intraorally, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>• Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth or take any action related to the movement of teeth, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>• Cement or bond any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance, including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices, or orthopedic appliances, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>• Apply denture relines excluding those functions expressly permitted</li> <li>• Remove stains or deposits</li> <li>• Perform periodontal probing</li> </ol>
<p>A dental assistant in the state of 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>DANB Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) or Registered Dental Assistant (RDA)</p> <p>Dental Assistant</p> <p>Entry Level Dental Assistant</p>	<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>	

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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)

Expanded  
Function  
Dental  
Assistant  
(EFDA)

### Under Indirect Supervision\*

9. Polish the coronal surfaces of teeth with a brush or rubber cup as part of oral prophylaxis to remove stains if a licensed dentist or dental hygienist has determined the teeth are free of calculus
45. Place and remove matrix retainers for alloy and composite restorations
47. Fabricate temporary crowns, and temporarily cement the temporary crown. Cemented crown must be examined and approved by the dentist prior to the patient being released
50. Place temporary restorative material (i.e. zinc oxide eugenol based material) in teeth providing that the patient is checked by a dentist before and after the procedure is performed
54. Remove temporary crowns for final cementation and clean teeth for final cementation

61. Remove excess supragingival cement from crowns, bridges, bands or brackets with hand instruments providing that the patient is checked by a dentist after the procedure is performed
  - Preliminarily fit crowns to check contacts or to adjust occlusion outside the mouth
  - Polish amalgam restorations with a slow-speed handpiece
  - Perform all aspects of teeth whitening procedures

An EFDA may perform the following procedures after successful completion of a CODA-accredited program or other course approved by the Oregon Board:

40. Apply pit and fissure sealants providing the patient is examined before the sealants are placed. Sealants must be placed within 45 days of the procedure being authorized by a dentist
  - Apply temporary soft relines to full dentures

Dental assistants who have completed specific Board-training and examination can apply to receive a **Restorative Function Endorsement** and are allowed to:

- perform the placement and finishing of direct alloy or direct anterior composite restorations, under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, after the supervising dentist has prepared the tooth (teeth) for restoration(s).

### Under General Supervision\*

47. When the dentist is not available and the patient is in discomfort, an EFDA may recement a temporary crown or recement a permanent crown with temporary cement for a patient of record providing that the patient is rescheduled for follow-up care by a licensed dentist as soon as is reasonably appropriate

**Note:** This state allows dental assistants to perform a separate set of orthodontic and anesthesia functions, which are specified by state in a section at the end of this booklet. Any functions specific to orthodontic assisting included on this page will also be reflected in the orthodontic assisting duties section of this booklet.

### Under Indirect Supervision\*

No specific allowable functions are noted in this state's dental practice act.

Unless otherwise specified, dental assistants work under indirect supervision in the dental office.

### Under General Supervision\*

22. Take radiographs (see "Radiography Requirements" on previous page)
  - Dental assistants who are in compliance with written training and screening protocols adopted by the state may perform oral health screening

**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.

### DANB's Note on Allowable Dental Assisting Functions

In the state of Oregon, all dental assistants may:

- Perform infection control and occupational safety procedures
- Perform other duties not specified by this state's dental practice act

At this time, DANB cannot list all allowable dental assisting functions for each state because some states' dental practice acts outline very specific allowable functions, while others outline only prohibited functions and some contain minimal or no regulation of dental assisting duties.

\***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.

**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.

# Oregon (Orthodontic)

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Education/Training/ Credential Required?	Job Title According to State of OR	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <u>NOT</u> permitted by orthodontic assistants in OR
<p>To perform <b>expanded orthodontic functions</b> in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant must earn status as an <b>Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)</b>.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a course of instruction in a CODA-accredited dental assisting program <b>OR</b> Complete <b>all</b> of the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the Oregon Basic Dental Assisting exam <b>or</b> DANB's national Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) <b>or</b> Certified Orthodontic Assistant (COA) exams* (all administered by DANB) <b>and</b></li> <li>Pass the Oregon Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assisting exam* (administered by DANB) <b>and</b></li> <li>Provide certification from a licensed dentist that the applicant has successfully completed the clinical requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b> (2) Apply to DANB for state certification as an EFODA</p> <p><b>OR</b> (1) Complete <b>one</b> of the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's <b>or</b></li> <li>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)</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>AND</b> (2) Apply to the OBD for state certification by credential as an EFODA</p>	<p>Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Orthodontic Assistant (EFOA)</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete <b>all</b> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiological proficiency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a course approved by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, Radiation Protection Services Section or the OBD, or submit evidence of equivalent training</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or CDA exam* <b>and</b></li> <li>Pass the Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency exam* administered by DANB (Radiographs must be submitted for grading within six months after they are taken)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b> Complete <b>one</b> of the following requirements and apply to the OBD for a state certificate of radiological proficiency by credential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's <b>or</b></li> <li>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 take radiographs</li> </ul> </p>	<p>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of orthodontic assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place periodontal packs</li> <li>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</li> <li>Condense and carve permanent restorative material, except as provided in OAR 818-042-0095</li> <li>Diagnose or plan treatment</li> <li>Cut hard or soft tissue</li> <li>Adjust or attempt to adjust any orthodontic wire, fixed or removable appliance or other structure while it is in the patient's mouth</li> <li>Administer or dispense any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic and desensitizing agents</li> <li>Prescribe any drug</li> <li>Start nitrous oxide</li> <li>Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intraorally</li> <li>Use lasers, except laser curing lights</li> <li>Use air abrasion or air polishing</li> <li>Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure</li> <li>Place any type of cord subgingivally</li> <li>Apply denture relines</li> <li>Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient</li> <li>Remove stains or deposits</li> <li>Use ultrasonic equipment intraorally, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth or take any action related to the movement of teeth, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Cement or bond any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance, including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices or orthopedic appliances, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Apply denture relines excluding those functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Perform periodontal probing</li> </ol>
<p>There are no specified education or training requirements in the state of Oregon for any level of orthodontic assisting other than Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Orthodontic Assistant</p>	<p>The ADA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005, for <b>general</b> chairside assistants only.</p> <p>Currently, only four states (MD, MA, NJ, and OR) recognize one or more separate levels of orthodontic assisting.</p> <p>If the ADA/DANB Alliance were to attempt to replicate the general chairside assistant Core Competencies Study for orthodontic assistants, the templates would contain the proposed standardized job titles that appear at left.</p> <p>Some functions in the general chairside Core Competencies Study are also appropriate for orthodontic 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 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>	<p>←</p> <p>→</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.)
<p>Expanded Function Orthodontic Dental Assistant (EFODA)</p> <hr/> <p>N/A</p>	<p><b><u>Under Supervision*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove cement from cemented bands or brackets using an ultrasonic or hand scaler, or a slow speed handpiece</li> <li>Recement loose orthodontic bands</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Under General Supervision*</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>No allowable functions are specified in the Oregon dental practice act for any level of orthodontic assisting other than Expanded Function Orthodontic Assistant.</p>

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Supervision: The dentist authorizes the procedures and checks the patient before and after the functions are performed.

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Education/Training/ Credential Required	Job Title According to State of OR	Proposed Standardized National Job Titles (see below)	Radiography Requirements	Functions <b>NOT</b> Permitted by Dental Assistants in OR
<p>A dental assistant in the state of Oregon must hold state certification as an <b>Anesthesia Assistant</b> in order to perform the functions listed on the opposite page.</p> <p>To qualify, one must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold a current Health Care Provider BLS/CPR certification</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Anesthesia Assistants Program* conducted by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Successfully complete the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistants Course* conducted by the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Have passed the national DANB Certified Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) exam*</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to the Oregon Board of Dentistry for state certification</li> </ul>	<p>Anesthesia Assistant</p>	<p>Expanded Functions Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>DANB Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (COMSA) or Registered Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant (ROMSA)</p> <hr/> <p>Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p> <hr/> <p>Entry Level Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Assistant</p>	<p>To legally operate dental x-ray equipment and perform dental radiographic procedures in the state of Oregon, a dental assistant <b>must</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete <b>all</b> of the following requirements and apply to DANB for a state certificate of radiological proficiency:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a course approved by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, Radiation Protection Services Section or the OBD, or submit evidence of equivalent training</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>and</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pass the national DANB Radiation Health and Safety (RHS) exam or CDA exam* <b>and</b></li> <li>Pass the Oregon Clinical Radiologic Proficiency exam* administered by DANB (Radiographs must be submitted for grading within six months after they are taken)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Complete <b>one</b> of the following requirements and apply to the OBD for a state certificate of radiological proficiency by credential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be certified in another state that has training and certification requirements substantially similar to Oregon's <b>or</b></li> <li>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 take radiographs</li> </ul> <p>The ADAA/DANB Alliance developed a listing of standardized job titles based on its national Core Competencies Study conducted from 2002-2005, for <b>general</b> chairside assistants only.</p> <p>Currently, Oregon is the only state that recognizes a separate level of anesthesia assisting.</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>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>The following functions are <b>not</b> permitted by any level of dental assistant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place any type of cord subgingivally</li> <li>Condense and carve permanent restorative material</li> <li>Place periodontal packs</li> <li>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</li> <li>Diagnose or plan treatment</li> <li>Cut hard or soft tissue</li> <li>Adjust or attempt to adjust any orthodontic wire, fixed or removable appliance or other structure while it is in the patient's mouth</li> <li>Administer or dispense any drug except fluoride, topical anesthetic, desensitizing agents or drugs*</li> <li>Prescribe any drug</li> <li>Start nitrous oxide</li> <li>Use a high-speed handpiece or any device that is operated by a high-speed handpiece intra-orally</li> <li>Use lasers, except laser curing lights</li> <li>Use air abrasion or air polishing</li> <li>Remove teeth or parts of tooth structure</li> <li>Apply denture relines</li> <li>Use the behavior management techniques known as Hand Over Mouth (HOM) or Hand Over Mouth Airway Restriction (HOMAR) on any patient</li> <li>Use ultrasonic equipment intraorally, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Correct or attempt to correct the malposition or malocclusion of teeth or take any action related to the movement of teeth, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Cement or bond any fixed prosthetic or orthodontic appliance, including bands, brackets, retainers, tooth moving devices or orthopedic appliances, excluding those Expanded Orthodontic Functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Apply denture relines excluding those functions expressly permitted</li> <li>Perform periodontal probing</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Anesthesia Assistants may administer drugs at the direction of and/or under the direct visual supervision of the dentist.</p>

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Job Title  
According to  
State of OR

## Allowable Functions

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Anesthesia  
Assistant

### **Under Indirect Supervision\***

- 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
- Initiate an IV infusion line for a patient being prepared for IV medications, sedation or general anesthesia (upon successful completion of an Oregon Board-approved course in intravenous accessor phlebotomy)
- All duties designated to Dental Assistants, under the same required levels of supervision (see the dental assisting section of this book)

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