

Dental Assistant - Requirements	
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High School Graduation or equivalent	Removed
18 Years of Age	Removed

Registered Dental Assistant - Requirements	
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High School Graduation or equivalent	Removed
18 Years of Age	18 Years of Age
Dental Assisting Program (CODA or equivalent)	Dental Assisting Program (CODA or equivalent)
DANB Certification	DANB Certification
CPR Certification	CPR Certification

Dental Assistant - Direct (Authorize/On Site/Check) or Indirect Supervision (Authorize/On Site)	
Start:	End:
Duties or procedures incidental to patient care, including intraoral services or assisting in the performance of clinical or clinical-related duties.	(1) Placing sealants;
	(2) Placing nonsurgical retraction materials for gingival displacement;
	(3) Fabricating provisional restorations;
	(4) Using electronic instruments for caries detection;
	(5) Adjusting dentures or partials;
	(6) Intraoral use of rotary hand instruments or ultrasonic instruments;
	(7) Any duty or procedure that falls outside of the relevant education, training, and experience of the dental assistant;
	(8) Any procedure that cannot be performed by a registered dental assistant; and
	(9) Other duties or procedures prohibited by the board.

Registered Dental Assistant - Direct supervision (Authorize/On Site/Check)	
Start:	End:
(1) Placing sealants;	(1) Irreversible procedures;
(2) Placing nonsurgical retraction materials for gingival displacement;	(2) Cutting of hard or soft tissue;
(3) Fabricating provisional restorations;	(3) Using lasers that are capable of altering, cutting, burning or damaging hard or soft tissue;
(4) Using electronic instruments for caries detection;	(4) Intraoral placing, finishing, and adjusting of final restorations;
(5) Adjusting dentures or partials;	(5) Supra and subgingival scaling and periodontal probing as it pertains to dental hygiene and those procedures dental hygienists may perform as provided in SDCL 36-6A-40 and in § 20:43:04:04 with the exception of placing sealants and coronal polishing;
(6) Intraoral use of rotary hand instruments or ultrasonic instruments;	(6) Injecting medication other than as permitted in § 20:43:09:10.01;
	(7) Administering nitrous oxide analgesia other than as permitted in § 20:43:09:06;
	(8) Monitoring patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation, or moderate sedation other than as permitted in § 20:43:09:10;
	(9) Applying X-radiation to human teeth and supporting structures other than as permitted in chapter 20:43:07;
	(10) Establishing a final diagnosis or treatment plan;
	(11) Any procedure that falls outside of the relevant education, training, and experience of the registered dental assistant; and
	(12) Other procedures prohibited by the board.

Dental Assistant - These specific duties can be performed by a dental assistant if the dentist has prior knowledge of and has authorized performance of the duty, but is not on site.

- (1) Making impressions or obtaining digital records for casts and appliances;
- (2) Creating or delivering vacuum-formed orthodontic retainers;
- (3) Taking photographs extraorally or intraorally;
- (4) Cutting long or broken wires;
- (5) Removing loose bands, clasps, or brackets on orthodontic appliances or retainers;
- (6) Removing and replacing existing ligature ties and arch wires on orthodontic appliances;
- (7) Removing existing and replacing lost or missing elastic orthodontic separators;
- (8) Recementing existing provisional restorations;
- (9) Manipulating dental software for designing restorations;
- (10) Duties or procedures that involve infection control; and
- (11) Taking vital signs and updating health history.