

Registered Dental Assistant Duties - Effective January 1, 2010

(New duties in **bold**, expanded duties are shown as underlined)

(NEW) Dentist to determine whether duties are performed under Direct or General supervision:

1. **Use of automated caries detection devices and materials to gather information for diagnosis by the dentist.**
2. **Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations.**
3. **Chemically prepare teeth for bonding.**
4. **Adjust dentures extra-orally.**
5. Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
6. Apply and activate bleaching agents using a non-laser light-curing device.
7. Pulp vitality testing and recording of findings.
8. Place bases, liners, and bonding agents.
9. **Place, adjust, and finish direct provisional restorations. (previous RDAEF duty, expanded)**
10. Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration.
11. Place post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.
12. Place periodontal dressings.
13. Dry endodontically treated canals using absorbent paper points.
14. **Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument. (previous RDAEF duty)**
15. Polish coronal surfaces of the teeth.
16. Place ligature ties and archwires.
17. Remove orthodontic bands.
18. All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform

Additional duties with specific course completion:

A registered dental assistant may only perform the following additional duties if he or she has completed a board-approved registered dental assistant educational program in those duties, or if he or she has provided evidence, satisfactory to the board, of having completed a board-approved course in those duties.

1. Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.
2. The allowable duties of an orthodontic assistant permit holder as specified in Section 1750.3. A registered dental assistant shall not be required to complete further instruction in the duties of
3. Placing ligature ties and archwires, removing orthodontic bands, and removing excess cement from tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.
4. The allowable duties of a dental sedation assistant permit holder as specified in Section 1750.5.
5. The application of pit and fissure sealants.

Pit and Fissure Sealant Course Requirement for new licensees after January 1, 2010:

All new RDAs (those who are initially licensed on and after January 1, 2010) are required to provide evidence of successful completion of a board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants prior to the first expiration of his or her license that requires the completion of continuing education as a renewal condition. RDAs licensed before this date are not required to complete the coursework as a condition of licensure renewal, but must do so if they are to perform the duty of applying pit and fissure sealants.