

California Dental Practice Act 2026

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Topics we will cover:

- Scope of Practice
- Violations
- Citations, fines and license actions
- Required Posting
- Prescription regulations
- Professional Ethics/Unprofessional Conduct
- Mandatory Reporter Obligations
- Continuing Education Requirements
- Duties and Settings for Dental Auxiliaries

- Dentists must complete 2 hrs Opioid course every 2 years-to renew license no exemptions.
- Some EXEMPTIONS for e-Prescribing
- Laws on Irrigants used on exposed dental pulp
- State required Sexual Harassment Training CE eligible-if Approved Dental Board Provider
- Dental license renewals are online only-email address required to renew dental license
- New Duties for RDAEFs and Hygienists
- 1-1-25 Unlicensed Dental Assistants can perform Coronal Polishing (with the certificate).

Dental Assistants: Permits and Licenses

All Unlicensed Dental Assistants must take these courses:

1. An 8 Hour Infection Control Course (starting 1-1-25 BEFORE they can work in the clinical area)
2. California Dental Practice Act
3. CPR (American Heart Association or Red Cross, ASHI, (AGD and PACE also approved)

The above courses are PRE-REQUISITE for RDA Application and Radiation Safety course!

Dental Assistant Permits Unlicensed Dental Assistants (DA), RDAs and RDAEFs may obtain these permits. Here is what is required:

Orthodontic Assistant Permit (removed the 12 months work experience requirement)

- Must have 8 Hour Infection Control Course Certificate within 2 years of application
- Must have Dental Practice Act Course Certificate within 2 years of application
- Must have Ultrasonic Scaler course within 5 years of application
- Have current CPR certificate
- Fingerprint clearances from both the Department of Justice & Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Complete an 84-hour board approved orthodontic assistant course
- Pass a state administered written exam
- Complete 25 hours of Continuing Education every 2 years to keep permit active

Dental Sedation Assistant Permit

- Must have 12 months work experience as DA, RDA, or RDAEF
- Complete 8 Hour Infection Control Course (starting 1-1-25 within 2 years-was previously 5 years)
- Complete California Dental Practice Act Course (starting 1-1-25 within 2 years-was previously 5 years)
- Have current CPR certificate
- Fingerprint clearances from both the Department of Justice & Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Take 110-hour board approved dental sedation assistant course
- Pass a state administered written exam
- Complete 25 hours of Continuing Education every 2 years to keep permit active

Applicants for RDA and RDAEF Licensure

RDA Applicants There is no longer a **Clinical and/or Practical Exam** for Registered Dental Assistant Licensure. There are new pathways to RDA and a new pre-requisite (Pit and Fissure sealant cert)

Pre-requisites:

- Coronal Polishing Certificate and Pit and Fissure Sealant Certificate within 5 years
- Radiation Safety Certificate within 10 years
- Have current CPR certificate
- Fingerprint clearances from both the Department of Justice & Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Complete a Board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act (starting 1-1-25 within 2 years)
- Complete an 8 hour Infection control course (Starting 1-1-25 within 2 years)
- Pass the Written RDA exam

RDAEF Applicants There is no longer a **Clinical and/or Practical Exam** For Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions. Pre-requisites for RDAEF application:

1. Current licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) or completion of the requirements for licensure as a RDA;
2. Successful completion of a Board-approved course in the application of Pit & Fissure Sealants;
3. Successful completion of a Board-approved RDAEF program;
4. Successful passage of a written examination administered by the Board; and
5. Submission of fingerprint clearances from both the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Principles of Professional Ethics in Dentistry

Autonomy: _____

Beneficence: _____

Compassion: _____

Competence: _____

Integrity: _____

Justice: _____

Professionalism: _____

Tolerance: _____

Veracity: _____

Resources:

 www.danb.org/exams/forms-and-policies

 [www.adha.org/resources-docs/ADHA Code of Ethics.pdf](http://www.adha.org/resources-docs/ADHA_Code_of_Ethics.pdf)

 American Dental Association® www.ada.org/about/principles/code-of-ethics

Dental Licenses and Permits

Dental licenses expire every 2 years- If your birth year is an even number your license will always expires in an even year- in your birthday month. If birth year is an odd number you're your license will expire in odd year. The Board will no longer mail renewal notices and will instead mail a reminder postcard to all license and permit holders. **Renewal is online only.**

Dental License Renewal Continuing Education Requirements every renewal

Dentists 50 hours

RDAs and Hygienists 25 hours

RDHAPs 35 hours

DSAP and OAP Permit Holders 25 hours

Must include:

2 hours of California Dental Practice Act

2 hours of Infection Control

Current CPR-Basic Life Support LIVE (AHA, ASHI, or Red Cross. (AGD and PACE also approved).

For Dentists Only 2 hrs Responsibilities and requirements of prescribing Schedule II Opioid drugs

Live Continuing Education (CE) vs. Home Study

50% of Continuing Education can be Home Study

50% of Continuing Education must be live courses, which include classroom, live telephone conferencing, live video conferencing, webinars and live workshop demonstration.

80% of CE hours for license renewal must be courses in Clinical subject matter.

Examples: Infection Control, Dental Practice Act, OSHA, HIPAA, CPR, Sexual Harrassment, clinical topics.

Up to 20% may be used in courses such as office operations that benefit patient care

Examples: Recall Systems, Human Resources, Risk Management , Communications, Computer systems, Practice Mgmt., etc.

Resources:

Dental Board of California www.dbc.ca.gov

Dental Hygiene Board of California www.dhbc.ca.gov

Unprofessional Conduct

- Practicing with an expired license
- Failure to follow the Infection Control standards
- Insurance fraud
- Fee by fraud or misrepresentation
- Aiding/abetting an unlicensed person to practice dentistry
- Aiding/abetting licensed person to practice dentistry unlawfully
- Irrigants used on exposed Dental Pulp

Fictitious Name Permit and Name Changes

If you use a Fictitious Name for your Dental Practice You must have a Fictitious Name Permit issued by the Dental Board, (Fictitious Business License or DBA does not meet this requirement).

All licensees must notify the Dental Board or Dental Hygiene Board within 10 days of a personal name change. Also must notify of email/address change. DDS must register place of practice and change of place of practice within 30 days to Dental Board

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All licensees must display in an area that is likely to be seen by all patients who use the facility, the original or copy of the current license, permit, or registration of each person employed at the facility to practice dentistry. This includes: Dentists, RDAs, Hygienists, and Permit holders"

Other Required Posters/Signage:

For Patients:

Notice to Consumer Posters (Dentist and Hygienist)
Prop 65
HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

For Dental Team:

Radiation Safety
Minimum Standards for Infection Control
Dental Auxiliary Duty Table
OSHA and Employment Posters

Mandatory Reporter Obligations

- Domestic Violence-Physical Assault
- Suspected Child Abuse/neglect
- Suspected Elder Abuse/neglect

Report within 36 hours-failure to report is a misdemeanor. Possible fines \$1000 or 6-months jail time or both.

DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA (as of 1-1-25)

TABLE OF DENTAL AUXILIARY DUTIES DELEGABLE BY SUPERVISING DENTIST

All dentists utilizing the services of dental auxiliaries shall post a notice in a common area of the dental office that delineates duties and functions deemed by the Dental Board of California (Board) as delegable within stipulated settings and/or circumstances as required by California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1068. Such notice shall be readily accessible to all individuals under supervision of the dentist. (*Ibid.*)

The following is a table of duties that may be delegated by a supervising dentist to Dental Assistants (DA), Orthodontic Assistants (OA), Dental Sedation Assistants (DSA), Registered Dental Assistants (RDA), and Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEF). This table indicates with an “X” the level of dentist supervision required for dental auxiliary performance of the duty or additional course required to perform the duty and is provided for use by dentists utilizing the services of dental auxiliaries.

This list does not indicate courses that must be completed by a DA prior to the performance of basic supportive dental procedures on dental patients,¹ educational programs required to be completed to obtain RDA and RDAEF licenses,² or courses required to be completed to obtain OA and DSA permits.³ “Basic supportive dental procedures” is defined under BPC section 1741, subdivision (b). For information on the courses required to be completed for the duties indicated below, please refer to the statutes and regulations cited with the corresponding duty in the table below.

Supervising dentists are responsible for ensuring completion by the dental auxiliary of all required licensure, permit, and/or courses prior to delegating such duty. All delegable duties shall be performed pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist.⁴ Procedures performed by a DA, RDA, or RDAEF under direct supervision shall be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the dental office.⁵

Category Definitions

On the following table, there are columns that include the following acronyms: “D,” “G,” or “CR.” The following are the definitions for each acronym. Citations to the corresponding BPC and CCR sections are provided for ease of reference.

“CR” = Course Required – means a course must be completed by the dental auxiliary prior to performing the duty.

“D” = Direct Supervision - means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, who shall be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures. (BPC, § 1741, subd. (k).)

“G” = General Supervision - means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a

¹ See Business and Professions Code (BPC), § 1750, subd. (c), (d), (f).

² See BPC, §§ 1752.1, 1753.

³ See BPC, §§ 1750.2, 1750.4.

⁴ BPC, §§ 1750.1, subd. (a), 1750.3, subd. (a), 1750.5, subd. (a), 1752.4, sub. (a), 1753.55, subd. (a).

⁵ California Code of Regulations (CCR), tit. 16, §§ 1085, subs. (c), 1086, subs. (d), 1087, subs. (c).

licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures. (BPC, § 1741, subd. (l).)

ALLOWABLE DUTIES	Applicable Law	G	D	CR
DENTAL ASSISTANT (DA) Performance of duties in treatment facility				
Extraoral duties specified by the supervising licensee that meet the definition of a basic supportive dental procedure. These duties may include a procedure that requires the use of personal protective equipment, laboratory functions, and sterilization and disinfection procedures described in CCR, title 16, section 1005 and CCR, title 8, section 5193.	BPC § 1750.1(a)(1)	X		
Operate dental radiography equipment for the purpose of oral radiography if the dental assistant has complied with the requirements of BPC section 1750(f)(4).	BPC § 1750.1(a)(2)	X		X
Perform intraoral and extraoral photography.	BPC § 1750.1(a)(3)	X		
Apply nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents, including all forms of topical fluoride.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(1)		X	
Take intraoral impressions for all nonprosthodontic appliances.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(2)		X	
Take facebow transfers and bite registrations.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(3)		X	
Place and remove rubber dams or other isolation devices.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(4)		X	
Place, wedge, and remove matrices for restorative procedures.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(5)		X	
Remove post extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(6)		X	
Perform measurements for the purposes of orthodontic treatment.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(7)		X	
Cure dental materials with a light curing device.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(8)		X	
Examine orthodontic appliances.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(9)		X	
Place and remove orthodontic separators.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(10)		X	
Remove ligature ties and archwires.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(11)		X	
After adjustment by the dentist, examine and seat removable orthodontic appliances and deliver care instructions to the patient.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(12)		X	
Remove periodontal dressings.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(13)		X	
Remove sutures after inspection of the site by the dentist.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(14)		X	
Place patient monitoring sensors.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(15)		X	
Adjust the flow of nitrous oxide and oxygen gases if deemed necessary and directed by the supervising dentist who shall be present in the operatory directly supervising the adjustment.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(16)		X	
Extraoral functions specified by the supervising dentist that meet the definition of basic supportive dental procedures. Such duties may include patient monitoring, placing monitoring sensors, taking of vital signs, or other extraoral procedures related to the scope of their practice.	BPC § 1750.1(b)(17)		X	

In response to a medical emergency and under the direct supervision, order, control, and full professional responsibility of the licensed dentist, a dental assistant may administer or assist in the administration of oxygen.	BPC § 1750(b)(18)		X	
Coronal polishing, which means a procedure limited to the removal of plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces (BPC § 1741(g)).	BPC § 1750(f)(4)		X	X
Hold anterior matrices	CCR, tit. 16, § 1085(c)(7)		X	
Check for loose bands	CCR, tit. 16, § 1085(c)(11)		X	
ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT (OA) PERMIT HOLDER Performance of duties in treatment facility				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(a).	BPC § 1750.3(a)	X		
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(b).	BPC § 1750.3(a)(1)		X	
Isolate, condition, etch, and prepare teeth for provisional attachments, bonded attachments, aligner buttons, aligner connections, orthodontic brackets, and appliances.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(2)		X	
Size, fit, and secure orthodontic bands using appropriate materials.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(3)		X	
Prepare teeth for bonding and select, preposition, and cure orthodontic brackets after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(4)		X	
Remove orthodontic bands, brackets, and attachments and remove excess cement from supragingival surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument, with the removal of any remaining material by the supervising licensed dentist or RDAEF licensed on or after January 1, 2010.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(5)		X	
Place and ligate archwires.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(6)		X	
Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.	BPC § 1750.3(a)(7)		X	
DENTAL SEDATION ASSISTANT (DSA) PERMIT HOLDER Each of the following duties shall only be performed in a dental office or dental clinic. (BPC § 1750.5(a), (b))				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(a).	BPC § 1750.5(a)	X		
The following duties must be performed under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a current, valid licensed dentist or other licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia in the treatment facility.				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under BPC section 1750.1(b).	BPC § 1750.5(a)(1)		X	

Monitor patients undergoing moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia utilizing data from noninvasive instrumentation such as pulse oximeters, electrocardiograms, capnography, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration rate monitoring devices. Evaluation of the condition of a sedated patient shall remain the responsibility of the supervising dentist or the licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia, who shall be at the patient's chairside while moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia is being administered.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(2)		X	
Drug identification and draw, limited to identification of appropriate medications, ampule and vial preparation, and withdrawing drugs of correct amount as verified by the supervising licensed dentist, or the licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(3)		X	
Add drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe, provided that a supervising licensed dentist is present at the patient's chairside, limited to determining patency of intravenous line, selection of injection port, syringe insertion into injection port, occlusion of intravenous line and blood aspiration, line release, and injection of drugs for appropriate time interval. The exception to this duty is that the initial dose of a drug or medication shall be administered by the supervising licensed dentist or licensed health care professional authorized to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(4)		X	
Removal of intravenous lines.	BPC § 1750.5(a)(5)	X		
REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT (RDA) LICENSEE				
Unless otherwise indicated, performance of duties in treatment facility				
All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(1)	X		
Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(2)	X		
Apply and activate bleaching agents using a nonlaser light-curing device. ⁶	BPC § 1752.4(a)(3)	X		
Use of automated caries detection devices and materials and recording of such findings before placement of pit and fissure sealants.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(4)	X		
Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(5)	X		
Pulp vitality testing and recording of findings. ⁷	BPC § 1752.4(a)(6)	X		
Place bases, liners, etch, and bonding agents for restorative procedures.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(7)	X		
Chemically prepare teeth for bonding for restorative procedures.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(8)	X		
Place, adjust, and finish direct provisional restorations.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(9)	X		

⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(12), (13), (e)).

⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(3), (e)).

Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration. ⁸	BPC § 1752.4(a)(10)	X		
Place post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(11)	X		
Place periodontal dressings.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(12)	X		
Dry endodontically treated canals using absorbent paper points. ⁹	BPC § 1752.4(a)(13)	X		
Perform sore-spot adjustment only of dentures extraorally.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(14)	X		
Perform tissue conditioning and soft reline of dentures.	BPC § 1752.4(a)(15)	X		
Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument. ¹⁰	BPC § 1752.4(a)(16)	X		
Polish coronal surfaces of the teeth. ¹¹	BPC § 1752.4(a)(17)	X		
Place ligature ties and archwires. ¹²	BPC § 1752.4(a)(18)	X		
Placement and removal of temporary sedative dressings. ¹³	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(c)(2)	X		
Isolate, etch, bond, and attach composite buttons for orthodontic procedures.	BPC § 1752.4(e)(1)		X	
Size, fit, secure, and remove orthodontic bands using appropriate dental materials. ¹⁴	BPC § 1752.4(e)(2)		X	
Obtain endodontic cultures. ¹⁵	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(1)		X	
Dry canals, previously opened by the supervising dentist, with absorbent points.	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(2)		X	
Place bases and liners on sound dentin. ¹⁶	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(4)		X	

⁸ Performance of temporary cementation and removal of temporary crowns in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(8), (e)).

⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(2), (e)).

¹⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(5), (e)).

¹¹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(15), (e)).

¹² Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(10), (e)).

¹³ Performance of placement of post-extraction and periodontal dressings in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(11), (e)).

¹⁴ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(8), (e)).

¹⁵ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(1), (e)).

¹⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(4), (e)).

Size stainless steel crowns, temporary crowns, and bands. ¹⁷	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(6)		X	
Fabrication of temporary crowns intra-orally. ¹⁸	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(7)		X	
Placement of orthodontic separators. ¹⁹	CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(9)		X	
Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(1), (f)		X	X
The allowable duties of an OA permit holder as specified in BPC section 1750.3. An RDA shall not be required to complete further instruction in the duties of placing ligature ties and archwires, removing orthodontic bands, and removing excess cement from tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(2), (f)		X	X
The allowable duties of a DSA permit holder as specified in BPC section 1750.5.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(3), (f)		X	X
The application of pit and fissure sealants.	BPC § 1752.4(b)(4), (f)		X	X
RDA in EXTENDED FUNCTIONS (RDAEF) BPC SECTION 1753.5 Licensed on or after January 1, 2010, pursuant to BPC sections 1753.5 and 1753.55 Unless otherwise specified, performance of duties in a treatment facility				
All duties and procedures that an RDA is authorized to perform as specified in and limited by BPC section 1752.4.	BPC § 1753.5(a)	X	X	
Perform oral health assessments, including intraoral and extraoral soft tissue evaluations to identify oral lesions, classifying occlusion, performing myofunctional evaluations, and oral cancer screenings as authorized by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(1)		X	
Perform oral health assessments in school-based, community health project settings under the direction of a dentist, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(2)		X	
Gingival retraction for impression and restorative procedures. ²⁰	BPC § 1753.5(b)(3)		X	
Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(4)		X	
Cement endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(5)		X	
Perform post, core, and build-up procedures in conjunction with direct and indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(6)		X	
Take final impression for permanent indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(7)		X	
Take final impressions for tooth-borne removable prosthesis.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(8)		X	
Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(9)		X	

¹⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(6), (e)).

¹⁸ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(7), (e)).

¹⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1086(d)(9), (e)).

²⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(1), (d)).

Adjust and adhere all permanent indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(10)		X	
Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. The RDAEF shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.51(a)(1) ²¹	X		X
Place interim therapeutic restorations (ITRs) to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment.	BPC § 1753.51(a)(2) ²²		X	X
Place ITRs after the supervising dentist confirms a diagnosis and provides instruction to perform the procedure in a dental office setting, under the direct or general supervision of a dentist.	BPC § 1753.51(b)(1)	X	X	X
Place ITRs after the supervising dentist confirms a diagnosis and provides instruction to perform the procedure in public health settings, using telehealth, as defined by BPC section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, Head Start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the general supervision of a dentist.	BPC § 1753.51(b)(2)	X		X
Take impressions for cast restorations. ²³	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2)		X	
Take impressions for space maintainers, orthodontic appliances, and occlusal guards. ²⁴	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3)		X	
Prepare enamel by etching for bonding. ²⁵	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4)		X	
Formulate indirect patterns for endodontic post and core castings. ²⁶	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5)		X	
Fit trial endodontic filling points. ²⁷	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6)		X	
Apply pit and fissure sealants. ²⁸	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7)		X	

²¹ BPC section 1753.55(b)(1)(A) and (B) requires direct supervision of this duty in a dental office setting and general supervision of this duty in a public health setting using telehealth, as specified. The supervision conflicts will require legislative amendments; until then, the Board is applying the supervision requirements under BPC section 1753.51(a)(1) more recently enacted by the California State Legislature under Senate Bill 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024).

²² BPC section 1753.55(b)(2)(A)(i) and (ii) authorizes direct or general supervision of this duty in a dental office setting and general supervision of this duty in a public health setting using telehealth, as specified. The supervision conflicts will require legislative amendments; until then, the Board is applying the direct supervision requirement under BPC section 1753.51(a)(2) more recently enacted by the California State Legislature under Senate Bill 1453 (Ashby, Chapter 483, Statutes of 2024).

²³ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2), (d)).

²⁴ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3), (d)).

²⁵ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4), (d)).

²⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5), (d)).

²⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6), (d)).

²⁸ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7), (d)).

Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument. ²⁹	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8)		X	
Apply etchant for bonding restorative materials. ³⁰	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9)		X	
RDA in EXTENDED FUNCTIONS (RDAEF) BPC SECTION 1753.6 Licensed prior to January 1, 2010, pursuant to BPC section 1753.6				
All duties and procedures that a registered dental assistant is authorized to perform as specified in and limited by Section 1752.4.	BPC § 1753.6	X	X	
Gingiva retraction for impression and restorative procedures. ³¹	BPC § 1753.6(a); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(1)		X	
Take final impressions for permanent direct and indirect restorations. ³²	BPC § 1753.6(b)	X	X	
Apply pit and fissure sealants. ³³	BPC § 1753.6(c); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7)		X	
Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument. ³⁴	BPC § 1753.6(d); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8)		X	
Fit trial endodontic filling points. ³⁵	BPC § 1753.6(e); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6)		X	
Formulate indirect patterns for post and core castings. ³⁶	BPC § 1753.6(f); CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5)		X	
Take impressions for cast restorations ³⁷	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2)		X	
Take impressions for space maintainers, orthodontic appliances, and occlusal guards ³⁸	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3)		X	
Prepare enamel by etching for bonding. ³⁹	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4)		X	
Apply etchant for bonding restorative materials. ⁴⁰	CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9)		X	

²⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8), (d)).

³⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9), (d)).

³¹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(1), (d)).

³² Level of supervision to be determined by supervising dentist.

³³ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(7), (d)).

³⁴ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(8), (d)).

³⁵ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(6), (d)).

³⁶ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(5), (d)).

³⁷ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(2), (d)).

³⁸ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(3), (d)).

³⁹ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(4), (d)).

⁴⁰ Performance of duty in a treatment facility under the jurisdiction and control of the supervising licensed dentist, or in an equivalent facility approved by the Board (CCR, tit. 16, § 1087(c)(9), (d)).

Perform oral health assessments, including intraoral and extraoral soft tissue evaluations to identify oral lesions, classifying occlusion, performing myofunctional evaluations, and oral cancer screenings as authorized by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(1)		X	X
Perform oral health assessments in school-based, community health project settings under the direction of a dentist, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(2)		X	X
Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(4)		X	X
Cement endodontic master points and accessory points.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(5)		X	X
Perform post, core, and build-up procedures in conjunction with direct and indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(6)		X	X
Take final impressions for tooth-borne removeable prosthesis.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(8)		X	X
Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(9)		X	X
Adjust and adhere all permanent indirect restorations.	BPC § 1753.5(b)(10)		X	X
In a dental office setting: Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. In these circumstances, the RDAEF shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(1)(A), (c)		X	X
In public health settings, using telehealth, as defined by Section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, Head Start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the general supervision of a dentist: Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. In these circumstances, the RDAEF shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(1)(B), (c)	X		X
In a dental office setting, under the direct or general supervision of a dentist as determined by the dentist: Place protective restorations, which for this purpose are identified as interim therapeutic restorations (ITRs), and defined as a direct provisional restoration placed to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment. An ITR consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation, without the use of rotary instrumentation, and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for ITR placement. After the diagnosis, treatment plan, and instruction to perform the procedure provided by a dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(2)(A) (i), (B), (c)	X	X	X
In public health settings, using telehealth, as defined by Section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, Head Start and preschool programs, and community clinics, under the general supervision of a dentist.	BPC § 1753.55(a)(2), (b)(2)(A) (ii), (B), (c)	X		X

Place protective restorations, which for this purpose are identified as ITR, and defined as a direct provisional restoration placed to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment. An ITR consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation, without the use of rotary instrumentation, and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for ITR placement. After the diagnosis, treatment plan, and instruction to perform the procedure provided by a dentist.

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1907. Functions That May Be Performed by a Dental Hygienist

The following functions may be performed by a registered dental hygienist, in addition to those authorized pursuant to Sections 1908 to 1914, inclusive:

- (a) All functions that may be performed by a registered dental assistant.
- (b) All persons holding a license as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions as of December 31, 2005, are authorized to perform the duties of a registered dental assistant specified in this chapter. All persons issued a license as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions on or after January 1, 2006, shall apply for and receive a registered dental assistant license in accordance with subdivision (d) of Section 1752.1 and successfully complete any additional education required by subdivision (b) of Section 1752.4 prior to performance of the duties of a registered dental assistant specified in this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 67. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)

1908. Practices Included in and Excluded from Dental Hygiene

(a) The practice of dental hygiene includes dental hygiene assessment and development, planning, and implementation of a dental hygiene care plan. It also includes oral health education, counseling, and health screenings.

(b) The practice of dental hygiene does not include any of the following procedures:

- (1) Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning.
- (2) Placing, condensing, carving, or removal of permanent restorations.
- (3) Surgery or cutting on hard and soft tissue including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissue.
- (4) Prescribing medication.
- (5) Administering local or general anesthesia or oral or parenteral conscious sedation, except for the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other, or local anesthesia pursuant to Section 1909.

(Added by Stats. 2008, Ch. 31, Sec. 47. Effective January 1, 2009. Operative July 1, 2009, by Sec. 55 of Ch. 31.)

1909. Procedures a Dental Hygienist is Authorized to Perform Under Direct Supervision

A registered dental hygienist is authorized to perform the following procedures under direct supervision of a licensed dentist, after submitting to the dental hygiene board evidence of satisfactory completion of a course of instruction, approved by the dental hygiene board, in the procedures:

- (a) Soft-tissue curettage.
- (b) Administration of local anesthesia.
- (c) Administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 456, Sec. 12. (SB 786) Effective January 1, 2020.)

1910. Procedures a Dental Hygienist is Authorized to Perform Under General Supervision

A registered dental hygienist is authorized to perform the following procedures under general supervision:

- (a) Preventive and therapeutic interventions, including oral prophylaxis, scaling, and root planing.
- (b) Application of topical, therapeutic, and subgingival agents used for the control of caries and periodontal disease.
- (c) The taking of impressions for bleaching trays and application and activation of agents with nonlaser, light-curing devices.
- (d) The taking of impressions for bleaching trays and placements of in-office, tooth-whitening devices.

(Added by Stats. 2008, Ch. 31, Sec. 47. Effective January 1, 2009. Operative July 1, 2009, by Sec. 55 of Ch. 31.)

1910.5. Additional Authorized Duties of a Registered Dental Hygienist

(a) In addition to the duties specified in Section 1910, a registered dental hygienist is authorized to perform the following additional duties, as specified:

(1) Determine which radiographs to perform on a patient who has not received an initial examination by the supervising dentist for the specific purpose of the dentist making a diagnosis and treatment plan for the patient. In these circumstances, the dental hygienist shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist. This paragraph only applies in the following settings:

- (A) In a dental office setting.
- (B) In a public health setting, using telehealth, as defined by Section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, head start and preschool programs, and community clinics.

(2) Place protective restorations, which for this purpose are identified as interim therapeutic restorations, and defined as a direct provisional restoration placed to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment. An interim therapeutic restoration consists of the removal of soft material from the tooth using only hand instrumentation, without the use of rotary instrumentation, and subsequent placement of an adhesive restorative material. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for interim therapeutic restoration placement. Interim therapeutic restorations shall be placed only in accordance with both of the following:

(A) In either of the following settings:

- (i) In a dental office setting.

(ii) In a public health setting, using telehealth, as defined by Section 2290.5, for the purpose of communication with the supervising dentist, including, but not limited to, schools, head start and preschool programs, and community clinics.

(B) After the diagnosis, treatment plan, and instruction to perform the procedure provided by a dentist.

- (b) The functions described in subdivision (a) may be performed by a registered dental hygienist only after completion of a program that includes training in performing those functions, or after providing evidence, satisfactory to the dental hygiene board, of having completed a dental hygiene board-approved course in those functions.
- (c) No later than January 1, 2018, the dental hygiene board shall adopt regulations to establish requirements for courses of instruction for the procedures authorized to be performed by a registered dental hygienist and registered dental hygienist in alternative practice pursuant to Sections 1910.5 and 1926.05, using the competency-based training protocols established by the Health Workforce Pilot Project (HWPP) No. 172 through the Department of Health Care Access and Information. The dental hygiene board shall use the curriculum submitted by the dental board pursuant to Section 1753.55 to adopt regulatory language for approval of courses of instruction for the interim therapeutic restoration. Any subsequent amendments to the regulations for the interim therapeutic restoration curriculum that are promulgated by the dental hygiene board shall be agreed upon by the dental board and the dental hygiene board.
- (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 497, Sec. 7. (SB 1526) Effective January 1, 2025.)

1911. Dental Hygienist, Services That Can Be Provided without Direct Supervision

- (a) A registered dental hygienist may provide, without supervision, educational services, oral health training programs, and oral health screenings.
- (b) A registered dental hygienist shall refer any screened patients with possible oral abnormalities to a dentist for a comprehensive examination, diagnosis, and treatment plan.
- (c) In any public health program created by federal, state, or local law or administered by a federal, state, county, or local governmental entity, at a sponsored event by a sponsoring entity or at a nonprofit organization, a registered dental hygienist may provide, without supervision, dental hygiene preventive services in addition to oral screenings, including, but not limited to, the application of fluorides and pit and fissure sealants. A registered dental hygienist practicing as described in this subdivision may submit, or allow to be submitted, any insurance or third-party claims for patient services performed as authorized in this article.
- (d) For purposes of this section, the following shall apply:
- (1) "Nonprofit organization" means a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation supported and maintained in whole or in substantial part by donations, bequests, gifts, grants, government funds, or contributions, in the form of money, goods, or services, where dental hygiene services are performed. A nonprofit organization shall not be construed to be engaging in the unlicensed practice of dentistry.
 - (2) "Sponsored event" shall be defined as in paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 1626.6.
 - (3) "Sponsoring entity" shall be defined as in paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 1626.6.
- (Amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 130, Sec. 1. (SB 653) Effective January 1, 2021.)*

1911.5. Dental Hygienist, Fluoride Varnish

Notwithstanding Section 1912, a registered dental hygienist may provide, without supervision, fluoride varnish to a patient.

(Added by Stats. 2020, Ch. 130, Sec. 2. (SB 653) Effective January 1, 2021.)

1912. Dental Hygienist, General Supervision Requirement

Any procedure performed or service provided by a registered dental hygienist that does not specifically require direct supervision shall require general supervision, so long as it does not give rise to a situation in the dentist's office requiring immediate services for alleviation of severe pain, or immediate diagnosis and treatment of unforeseeable dental conditions that, if not immediately diagnosed and treated, would lead to serious disability or death.

(Added by Stats. 2008, Ch. 31, Sec. 47. Effective January 1, 2009. Operative July 1, 2009, by Sec. 55 of Ch. 31.)

1913. Dental Hygienist, Authority to Perform Procedures or Provide Services

Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, a registered dental hygienist may perform any procedure or provide any service within the scope of their practice in any setting under the appropriate level of supervision required by this article, if the registered dental hygienist has completed the appropriate education and training required to perform the procedure or provide the service.

(Amended by Stats. 2020, Ch. 312, Sec. 11. (SB 1474) Effective January 1, 2021.)

1914. Dental Hygienist, Use of Materials and Devices Authorized

A registered dental hygienist may use any material or device approved for use in the performance of a service or procedure within his or her scope of practice under the appropriate level of supervision, if he or she has the appropriate education and training required to use the material or device.

(Added by Stats. 2008, Ch. 31, Sec. 47. Effective January 1, 2009. Operative July 1, 2009, by Sec. 55 of Ch. 31.)

1915. Limitations on Who May Engage in the Practice of Dental Hygiene

No person other than a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions or a licensed dentist may engage in the practice of dental hygiene or perform dental hygiene procedures on patients, including, but not limited to, supragingival and subgingival scaling, dental hygiene assessment, and treatment planning, except for the following persons:

- (a) A student enrolled in a dental or a dental hygiene school who is performing procedures as part of the regular curriculum of that program under the supervision of the faculty of that program.
 - (b) A dental assistant acting in accordance with the rules of the dental board in performing the following procedures:
 - (1) Applying nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents.
 - (2) Applying topical fluoride.
 - (3) Taking impressions for bleaching trays.
 - (c) A registered dental assistant acting in accordance with the rules of the dental board in performing the following procedures:
 - (1) Polishing the coronal surfaces of teeth.
 - (2) Applying bleaching agents.
 - (3) Activating bleaching agents with a nonlaser light-curing device.
 - (4) Applying pit and fissure sealants.
 - (d) A registered dental assistant in extended functions acting in accordance with the rules of the dental board in applying pit and fissure sealants.
 - (e) A registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions licensed in another jurisdiction, performing a clinical demonstration for educational purposes.
- (Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 473, Sec. 2. (SB 821) Effective January 1, 2014.)*

1916. Dental Hygienist, Criminal Background Check

- (a) (1) An applicant for licensure under this article shall furnish electronic fingerprint images for submission to state and federal criminal justice agencies, including, but not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in order to establish the identity of the applicant and for the other purposes described in this section.
 - (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an out-of-state applicant or licensee residing out of state for whom an electronic record of the licensee's fingerprints does not exist shall furnish a hardcopy of the applicant's or licensee's fingerprint card if electronic fingerprint images are not available or shared in the applicant's or licensee's state of residence.
 - (b) The dental hygiene board shall submit the fingerprint images or card to the Department of Justice for the purposes of obtaining criminal offender record information regarding state and federal level convictions and arrests, including arrests for which the Department of Justice establishes that the person is free on bail or on their own recognizance pending trial or appeal.
 - (c) When received, the Department of Justice shall forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation requests for federal summary criminal history information received pursuant to this section. The Department of Justice shall review the information returned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and compile and disseminate the response to the dental hygiene board.
 - (d) The Department of Justice shall provide a response to the dental hygiene board pursuant to subdivision (p) of Section 11105 of the Penal Code.
 - (e) The dental hygiene board shall request from the Department of Justice subsequent arrest notification service, as provided pursuant to Section 11105.2 of the Penal Code.
 - (f) The information obtained as a result of the fingerprinting shall be used in accordance with Section 11105 of the Penal Code, and to determine whether the applicant is subject to denial of licensure pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) or Section 1943.
 - (g) The Department of Justice shall charge a fee sufficient to cover the cost of processing the request described in this section.
- (Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 456, Sec. 14. (SB 786) Effective January 1, 2020.)*

1917. Dental Hygienist, Requirements for Licensure

The dental hygiene board shall grant initial licensure as a registered dental hygienist to a person who satisfies all of the following requirements:

- (a) Completion of an educational program for registered dental hygienists, approved by the dental hygiene board, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and conducted by a degree-granting, postsecondary institution.
- (b) Within the preceding three years, a person completed either of the following:
 - (1) Satisfactory completion of the dental hygiene examination given by the Western Regional Examining Board or any other clinical or dental hygiene examination approved by the dental hygiene board.
 - (2) Graduation from a California accredited dental hygiene college approved by the dental hygiene board.
- (c) Satisfactory completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.
- (d) Satisfactory completion of the examination in California law and ethics as prescribed by the dental hygiene board.
- (e) Submission of a completed application form and all fees required by the dental hygiene board.
- (f) Satisfactory completion of dental hygiene board-approved instruction in gingival soft-tissue curettage, nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia, and local anesthesia.