

California Dental Practice Act (2 CE units)

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This course will provide an overview and update of the California Dental Practice Act, including the Business and Professions Code (Sections 1600-1699;1740-1777; 1900-1966) and the related California Code of Regulations(section 1000-1099). Topics covered will include: utilization and scope of practice for auxiliaries and dentists; license renewal, revocation and suspension; continuing education requirements; acts which constitute violation of the Dental Practice Act, including unprofessional conduct; citations and fines for violations; prescriptions; and, mandated reporting obligations for licentiates This course meets the minimum course contents requirements for the Dental Practice Act and includes the following areas of the California Dental Practice Act:

- ◆Business and Professions Code; Sections 1600-1699; 1740-1777 and 1900-1966.6
- ◆Penal Code: Section 11164 et.seq.(Child Abuse and Reporting)
- ◆Welfare and Institutions Code: Section 15600 etc seq ((Elder Abuse and Adult Civil Protection)
- ◆California Code of Regulations: Title 16: Section 1000-1099

Course Objectives: Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the basic utilization and scope of practice for dental auxiliaries and dentists.
2. Discuss the licensing categories for dental auxiliaries.
3. Discuss license renewal for licentiates in California including continuing education requirements.
4. Discuss suspension and revocation of licenses.
5. Identify violations of the Dental Practice Act including unprofessional conduct.
6. Identify areas outside the scope of practice for dentists, hygienists and assistants in California.
7. Review citations and fines related to violations of the California Dental Practice Act.
8. Discuss the laws governing the prescription of drugs.
9. Review the mandated reporting statutes for dental licentiates in California for children, adults and elders; and, give examples of reportable clinical signs.
10. Review new and pending regulations affecting dental licentiates

Dental Practice Act Outline

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- Dental Practice Act: Codes and Regulations
- Regulatory Bodies:
- License Renewal and Replacement
- CE Requirements
- Inactive License
- Name or address change
- Expired License
- Probationary, Suspended and Revoked Licenses

Scope of Duties

- General Supervision
- Direct Supervision
- Patient of Record
- Oral Prophylaxis
- Scope of Practice for Dentistry
- RDH Scope of Practice
- RDH Scope does NOT include:
- RDHs may perform RDA Duties if licensed by 12/31/2005 ⇒ **If RDH licensed after 1/1/2006** then need RDA license to perform RDA duties
- RDH General Supervision
- RDH Without Supervision
- Exceptions to RDH Scope of practice
- New Technologies
- Direct Supervision
- RDHAP:
- RDHAP Requirements
- Fictitious Name Permit
- New-* RDHAP mobile clinics
- RDHEF
- RDHEF Duties and Settings
- RDH License Requirements
- License By Credential
- Dentists are in the process of Implementing License By Portfolio
- New DA Categories and Duties Jan 1, 2010
- DA
- Ortho Assistant
- Dental Sedation Assistant;
- RDA
- RDAEFII

OTHER Codes and Regulations

- Prescriptions and Abuses of Prescription Codes
- Scope of Practice Abuses and Unprofessional Conduct with Cases included
- Disciplinary Cases: Dental Hygiene Committee and Dental Board
- Name tag or disclosure of name and license status
- Record Keeping and Release of Patient Records and associated fines
- Mandated Reporter Laws: child, domestic & elder; risk factors, signs and associated fines
- Drug Diversion Program
- **Updates and changes**

ASSISTANTS TABLE OF PERMITTED DUTIES

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This table is intended to provide summary information to interested parties. It is not intended to cover all aspects of applicable laws or provide a substitute for reviewing the laws that are cross-referenced below. It is highly recommended that applicants and licensees review the actual text of the laws cited at the link provided below. If a duty is not listed in the sections of law cited below, assistants are NOT allowed to perform the duty. Under each category of assistant is one of the following notations: "N", "D", "C" or "G" or "DD".

The following link will take you to the page on the Dental Boards web site <http://www.dbc.ca.gov/lawsregs/laws.shtml>.

"N" = NOT permitted to perform the duty.

"D" = may perform the duty under the Direct supervision of a dentist, who must be physically present in the treatment facility

"C" = may perform the duty in the specified setting under the supervision of a dentist, Registered Dental Hygienist, or Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice .

"G" = can perform the duty under the General supervision of a dentist, based on instructions given by a licensed dentist, but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures.

"DD"= The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining whether each authorized procedure performed by a registered dental assistant should be performed under general or direct supervision, except as provided in Section 1777.

Duty

	Section of Law (Statute or Regulation)	D A	R D A	R D A E F	Ortho Assist. Permit	Dental Sedation Assist. Permit
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. (Sedation Assistant)	BPC1750.5	N	N	N	N	D
Adjust and cement permanent indirect restorations. (Licensed after 1/1/10 or completed additional course and examination after 1/1/10.) EF	BPC1753.5 1753.6	N	N	D	N	N
Adjust dentures extra-orally.	BPC1752.4	N	DD	DD	N	N
After adjustment by the dentist, examine and seat removable orthodontic appliances and deliver care instructions to the patient.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Application of pit and fissure sealants. <u>(Must complete course prior to performing function).</u> *	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Apply and activate bleaching agents using a nonlaser light-curing device.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Apply nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Apply topical fluoride. (May operate under general supervision when operating in a school-based setting or government run public health program, see section 1750.1(c))	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	D D	DD	D	D

Duty	Law/Statute or Regulation	D A	R D A	EF	Ortho	Sedation
Assist in the administration of nitrous oxide when used for analgesia or sedation. A dental assistant shall not start the administration of the gases and shall not adjust the flow of the gases unless instructed to do so by the supervising licensed dentist who shall be present at the patient's chairside during the implementation of these instructions. This paragraph shall not be construed to prevent any person from taking appropriate action in the event of a medical emergency.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Cement endodontic master points and accessory points. (Licensed after 1/1/10 or completed additional course and examination after 1/1/10.) EF	BPC1753.5 1753.6	N	N	D	N	N
Chemically prepare teeth for bonding.	BPC1752.4	N	DD	DD	N	N
Conduct preliminary evaluation of the patient's oral health, including, but not limited to, charting, intraoral and extra-oral evaluation of soft tissue, classifying occlusion, and myofunctional evaluation. (Licensed after 1/1/10 or completed additional course and examination after 1/1/10.) EF	BPC1753.5 1753.6	N	N	D	N	N
Cord retraction of gingiva for impression procedures EF	BPC1753.5 1753.6	N	N	D	N	N
Cure restorative or orthodontic materials in operative site with a light-curing device.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
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. (Sedation Assistant)	BPC1750.5	N	N	N	N	D
Dry endodontically treated canals using absorbent paper points.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Examine orthodontic appliances.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Extra-oral duties or procedures specified by the supervising licensed dentist provided that these duties or procedures meet the definition of a basic supportive procedure specified in Section 1750.	BPC1750.1175 0.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	G	G	G	G	G
Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Fit trial endodontic filling points. (Licensed on or before January 1, 2010.) EF	BPC1753.6	N	N	D	N	N
Formulate indirect patterns for endodontic post and core castings. (Licensed on or before January 1, 2010.) EF	BPC1753.6	N	N	D	N	N
Monitor patient sedation, limited to reading and transmitting information from the monitor display during the intraoperative phase of surgery for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentrations, respiratory cycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, or pulse arterial oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of interpretation and evaluation by a supervising licensed dentist who shall be at the patient's chairside during this procedure.	BPC1750.1175 0.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Monitor patients undergoing conscious 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 dentist or other licensed health care professional authorized to administer conscious sedation or general anesthesia, who shall be at the patient's chairside while conscious sedation or general anesthesia is being administered. (Sedation Assistant)	BPC1750.5	N	N	N	N	D
Mouth-mirror inspection of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N

	Law/Statute or Regulation	DA	R D A	R D A E F	Ortho	Sedation
Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Operate dental radiography equipment for the purpose of oral radiography if the dental assistant has complied with the requirements of Section 1656.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	G	G	G	G	G
Perform intraoral and extraoral photography.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	G	G	G	G	G
Perform measurements for the purposes of orthodontic treatment.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
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. (Licensed after 1/1/10 or completed additional course and examination after 1/1/10.) EF	BPC1753.5 1753.6	N	N	C	N	N
Place and ligate archwires. (Ortho Assistant)	BPC1750.3	N	N	N	D	N
Place and remove orthodontic separators.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Place and remove rubber dams or other isolation devices.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Place bases, liners, and bonding agents.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Place ligature ties and archwires.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Place patient monitoring sensors.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Place periodontal dressings.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Place post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Place, adjust and finish direct provisional restorations.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations. (Licensed after 1/1/10 or completed additional course and examination after 1/1/10.) EF	BPC1753.5 1753.6	N	N	D	N	N

	Law/Statute or Regulation	DA	RDA	RDAEF	Ortho	Sedation
Place, wedge, and remove matrices for restorative procedures.	BPC1750.1 1750.5 1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	D	DD	DD	D	D
Polish and contour existing amalgam restorations. (Licensed after 1/1/10 or completed additional course and examination after 1/1/10.) EF	BPC1753.5 1753.6	N	N	D	N	N
Polish coronal surfaces of the teeth.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Prepare teeth for bonding, and select, preposition, and cure orthodontic brackets after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist. (Ortho Assistant)	BPC1750.3	N	N	N	D	N
Pulp vitality testing and recording of findings.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Removal of intravenous lines. (Sedation Assistant)	BPC1750.5	N	N	N	N	D
Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument.	BPC1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	DD	DD	N	N
Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment. <u>(RDAs and RDAEFs must have completed a board-approved registered dental assistant educational program or course in these duties.) *</u>	BPC1750.3 1752.4 1753.5 1753.6	N	D	D	D	N
Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.	BPC1753.6	N	N	D	N	N

Focus Questions

1. What are the three general supervision duties permitted for Dental Assistants?
2. What are the duties only the ortho permit assistant can do? (RDAs and RDAEFs can do some ortho duties)
3. What are the duties only the surgical permit assistants can do?
4. What are the duties only the RDAEF license can perform?
5. What is the duty that the RDA and RDAEF can perform with educational course?
6. What is the duty that the RDA, RDAEF and Ortho Assistant may perform with board certified training?