

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

# Expanded Functions

### 6-State Reference Guide

Oklahoma · Missouri · Texas · Arkansas · Nebraska · Kansas



**How to Use This Guide:** This reference covers the most common expanded functions dental assistants seek in these 6 states. Laws change — always verify current requirements directly with your state dental board before performing any expanded function.

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✓ Allowed (with training/permit)

**LEGEND** ✗ NOT allowed for DAs in this state

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## O Oklahoma

**K** Oklahoma Board of Dentistry (OBD)

Renewal: Annual (Jan 1 – Dec 31)  
CE (DA): 2 hrs infection control (annual)

| Expanded Function          | Allowed? | Permit Required? | Min. Training Hours / Requirements                     |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| Radiation / X-Ray ★        | ✓        | ✓                | Board-approved course                                  |
| Coronal Polishing ★        | ✓        | ✓                | Min. 14 hrs (clinical req.)                            |
| Sealant Placement ★        | ✓        | ✓                | Min. 12 hrs (must hold Coronal Polishing permit first) |
| Nitrous Oxide Monitoring ★ | ✓        | ✓                | Board-approved course (min. hours set by OBD)          |
| CPR / BLS ★                | ✓        | No               | AHA or equiv.  |
| OSHA Compliance ★          | ✓        | No               | Office training  |
| Venipuncture / PRP         | ✓        | ✓                | 4+ hrs phlebotomy cert.                                |
| Elder Care / Public Health | ✓        | ✓                | Board-approved course                                  |
| Restorative Functions      | ✗        | —                | —  |

**Note:** DA permit required within 30 days of hire (as of Nov 1, 2025). CODA-grad DAs receive all expanded duty permits automatically.

# M Missouri

O Missouri Dental Board (MDB)

Renewal: Every 5 years (current cycle expires Feb 28, 2028)  
 CE (DA): 16 hrs per 5-year cycle (all directly patient-related) +  
 current BLS

| Expanded Function                    | Allowed? | Permit Re<br>quired? | Min. Training Hours / Requirements |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Radiation / X-Ray                    | ✓        | No                   | No state requirement               |
| Coronal Polishing                    | ✗        | —                    | —                                  |
| Sealant Placement                    | ✗        | —                    | —                                  |
| Nitrous Oxide Monitoring             | ✓        | ✓                    | Board-approved course              |
| Restorative I<br>(Amalgam/Composite) | ✓        | ✓                    | Board-approved EFDA course         |
| Restorative II                       | ✓        | ✓                    | Board-approved EFDA course         |
| Removable Prosthodontics             | ✓        | ✓                    | Board-approved EFDA course         |
| Fixed Prosthodontics                 | ✓        | ✓                    | Board-approved EFDA course         |
| Orthodontics                         | ✓        | ✓                    | Board-approved EFDA course         |
| CPR / BLS ★                          | ✓        | No                   | AHA BLS (in-person required)       |
| OSHA Compliance ★                    | ✓        | No                   | Office training                    |

**Note:** DAs may work without a permit for basic functions. EFDA permit required to perform expanded functions. Permit must be displayed in plain view at every work location. Online-only courses do NOT satisfy BLS requirement.

# T Texas

X TX State Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE)

Renewal: Every 2 years (birth month)  
 CE (DA): Varies by function held; jurisprudence required

| Expanded Function        | Allowed? | Permit Re<br>quired? | Min. Training Hours / Requirements                             |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------------|--|
| Radiation / X-Ray        | ✓        | ✓                    | TSBDE-approved course (incl. jurisprudence, infection control) |
| Coronal Polishing        | ✓        | ✓                    | Min. 8 hrs clinical & didactic (CODA-accredited program)       |
| Sealant Placement        | ✓        | ✓                    | Min. 8 hrs TSBDE-approved course (CODA-accredited)             |
| Nitrous Oxide Monitoring | ✓        | ✓                    | Min. 8 hrs (CODA-accredited, didactic + clinical)              |
| CPR / BLS                | ✓        | No                   | Hands-on BLS (required for RDA registration)                   |
| OSHA Compliance          | ✓        | No                   | Office training  |
| Restorative Functions    | ✗        | —                    | —  |

**Note:** DAs must register with TSBDE as RDA to expose x-rays. Expanded functions add 'designations' to the RDA registration. Human trafficking prevention training required for all new applicants.

# A Arkansas

Renewal: Every 2 years

AR State Board of Dental Examiners (ASBDE)

CE (DA): 2 hrs infection control per 2-year renewal cycle

| Expanded Function        | Allowed? | Permit Required? | Min. Training Hours / Requirements                     |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| Radiation / X-Ray        | ✓        | ✓                | CODA program, on-the-job training, or DANB CDA         |
| Coronal Polishing        | ✓        | ✓                | CODA program, on-the-job training, or DANB CDA         |
| Sealant Placement        | ✓        | No               | Must hold Coronal Polishing permit                     |
| Nitrous Oxide Monitoring | ✓        | ✓                | Board-approved nitrous course required                 |
| Sedation Monitoring      | ✓        | ✓                | DAANCE (AAOMS) — only accepted course                  |
| CPR / BLS                | ✓        | No               | Healthcare Provider level CPR required for all permits |
| OSHA Compliance          | ✓        | No               | Office training  |
| Restorative Functions    | ✗        | —                | —  |

**Note:** Basic DA functions require no permit. Expanded duties (radiography, coronal polishing, nitrous oxide, sedation monitoring) each require a separate permit add-on from ASBDE. CPR at Healthcare Provider level required for all expanded duty applicants.

# N Nebraska

Renewal: Annual

Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS) / Board of Dentistry

CE (DA): Hours set by board; CPR required for nitrous

| Expanded Function          | Allowed? | Permit Required? | Min. Training Hours / Requirements                               |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|--|
| Radiation / X-Ray          | ✓        | No               | Board-approved education + testing required                      |
| Coronal Polishing          | ✓        | No               | 1,500 hrs clinical experience + board-approved polishing course  |
| Sealant Placement          | ✗        | —                | —  |
| Nitrous Oxide Monitoring   | ✓        | No               | Current CPR certification required (no separate course required) |
| Nitrous Oxide Admin. (LDA) | ✓        | ✓                | Board-approved education + testing + DHHS permit                 |
| CPR / BLS                  | ✓        | No               | Board-approved CPR required for nitrous monitoring               |
| OSHA Compliance            | ✓        | No               | Office training  |
| Restorative (LDA)          | ✓        | ✓                | Board education + testing + DHHS permit                          |

**Note:** DAs may expose x-rays (with education + testing) and monitor nitrous oxide (with CPR certification) without becoming an LDA. LDA status unlocks additional expanded functions. All DAs must be at least 18 years of age.

# K Kansas

S Kansas Dental Board (KDB)

Renewal: Annual

CE (DA): Board-approved CE required for expanded functions

| Expanded Function               | Allowed? | Permit Re quired? | Min. Training Hours / Requirements   |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|--|
| Radiation / X-Ray               | ✓        | No                | Employer / dentist supervised  |
| Coronal Polishing               | ✓        | No                | Training by licensed Kansas dentist (no board course required)   |
| Coronal Scaling (Above Gumline) | ✓        | No                | Board-approved course required   |
| Sealant Placement               | ✗        | —                 | —  |
| Nitrous Oxide Monitoring        | ✓        | No                | 16 hrs — board-approved CODA course (didactic + clinical: pain theory, anatomy, med hx, pharmacology, emergencies) |
| CPR / BLS                       | ✓        | No                | Required for nitrous monitoring  |
| OSHA Compliance                 | ✓        | No                | Office training  |
| Restorative Functions           | ✗        | —                 | —  |

**Note:** Kansas was the FIRST state to allow DAs to perform coronal SCALING (above gumline) — typically a hygienist function. Coronal polishing requires dentist-provided training only; no separate board course needed. Nitrous oxide requires a 16-hr board-approved CODA course.

## At-a-Glance Comparison: Coronal Polishing · Sealants · Nitrous Oxide · X-Ray

| State    | Coronal Polishing                       | Sealant Placement                      | Nitrous Oxide Monitoring              | Radiation / X-Ray         | Learn Today Offers Course |
|----------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Oklahoma | ✓ Permit req.                           | ✓ Permit req. (Polish first)           | ✓ Permit req.                         | ✓ Permit req.             | ★ All 4                   |
| Missouri | ✗ Not authorized                        | ✗ Not authorized                       | ✓ EFDA Permit                         | No state req.             | ★ CPR / OSHA              |
| Texas    | ✓ TSBDE designation (sealant prep only) | ✓ TSBDE designation                    | ✓ TSBDE designation                   | ✓ RDA registration        | —                         |
| Arkansas | ✓ Permit req. (Dentist verifies)        | ✓ No sep. permit (needs Polish permit) | ✓ Permit req. (Board-approved course) | ✓ Permit req.             | —                         |
| Nebraska | ✓ No permit (1,500 hrs exp. + course)   | ✗ Not auth. for DAs                    | ✓ No permit (CPR only)                | ✓ Board education + test  | —                         |
| Kansas   | ✓ No permit (Dentist trains)            | ✗ Not auth. for DAs                    | ✓ No permit (16-hr CODA course + CPR) | ✓ All DAs (no state req.) | —                         |

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