

Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners
Expanded Function Dental Assistants
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Arizona Revised Statutes § 32-1291.01 Expanded function dental assistants; training and examination requirements; duties

- A. A dental assistant may perform expanded functions after meeting one of the following:
 - 1. Successfully completing a Board-approved expanded function dental assistant training program at an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and on successfully completing examinations in dental assistant expanded functions approved by the Board.
 - 2. Providing both:
 - a) Evidence of currently holding or having held within the preceding ten years a license, registration, permit or certificate issued by another state or jurisdiction in the United States authorizing the performance of the expanded functions specified in subsection B of this section.
 - b) Proof acceptable to the Board of clinical experience in the expanded functions listed in subsection B of this section.
- B. Expanded functions include the placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations or the placement and cementation of prefabricated crowns following the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist. The restorative materials used shall be determined by the dentist.
- C. An expanded function dental assistant may place interim therapeutic restorations under the general supervision and direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through teledentistry.
- D. An expanded function dental assistant may apply sealants and fluoride varnish under the general supervision and direction of a licensed dentist.
- E. A licensed dental hygienist may engage in expanded functions pursuant to section 32-1281, subsection B, paragraph 12 following a course of study and examination equivalent to that required for an expanded function dental assistant as specified by the Board.

The Board has approved an Expanded Function Dental Assistant (EFDA) examination. The examination which includes the Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP) exam, Temporaries (TMP) exam and the Restorative Functions (RF) exam is administered by the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB). If you are a currently licensed dental hygienist, you are not required to complete the AMP exam.

DANB will issue EFDA certificates after the dental assistant or registered dental hygienist has met the requirements which may be found at www.DANB.org. Click on Meet State Requirements, under State Requirements Search, select Arizona and click on Go which will take you Arizona State Requirements. Click on Expanded Function Dental Assistant then Click on Arizona Expanded Function – Restorative Exam and Certificate Application (PDF)

If you have any questions, please contact DANB at 1-800-FOR-DANB.