

Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) Duties - Effective January 1, 2010

(New duties in **bold**)

Allowable Duties of an RDAEF (after January 1, 2010)*:

1. All duties that a registered dental assistant is authorized to perform.

Under the "direct supervision" of a dentist*:**

1. **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.**
2. **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.**
3. Cord retraction of gingiva for impression procedures.
4. Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.
5. **Cement endodontic master points and accessory points.**
6. Take final impressions for permanent indirect restorations. (language updated)
7. Take final impressions for tooth-borne removable prosthesis.
8. **Polish and contour existing amalgam restorations.**
9. **Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations.**
10. **Adjust and cement permanent indirect restorations.**
11. Other procedures authorized by regulations adopted by the board.

** "Direct supervision" means supervision of dental procedures based on the instruction given by a licensed dentist who must be physically present in the treatment facility during the performance of those procedures. The duty must be performed pursuant to the order, control and full professional responsibility of the supervising dentist. Such procedures must be checked and approved by the supervising dentist prior to dismissal of the patient from the office of said dentist.

***A dentist may simultaneously utilize in his or her practice no more than three RDAEFs or RDHEFs.

***RDAEF Requirements - Effective January 1, 2010**

The expansion of the RDAEF category entails additional required training, which will be offered through several community college and private dental assisting programs. The required training for all newly licensed RDAEFs starting in 2010 will be a 380-hour course. Current RDAEFs (those licensed before January 1, 2010) may only perform the new duties if they have taken the additional required coursework (288 hours) and passed a state-administered exam. RDAEFs licensed prior to 2010 may choose not to complete the training and examination and may continue to perform all current RDAEF duties.