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**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE - BPC**

**DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129]** ( *Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*  )

**CHAPTER 4. Dentistry [1600 - 1976]** ( *Chapter 4 added by Stats. 1937, Ch. 415.*  )

**ARTICLE 7. Dental Auxiliaries [1740 - 1777]** ( *Article 7 repealed and added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 128.*  )

**1740.** It is the intention of the Legislature by enactment of this article to permit the full utilization of dental assistants in order to meet the dental care needs of all the state's citizens. The Legislature further intends that the classifications of dental assistants established by this article permit the continual advancement of persons to successively higher levels of licensure with additional education and training. The Legislature further intends that the Dental Board of California, in implementing this article, consider the recommendations of the Dental Assisting Council, established pursuant to Section 1742.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 44. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)

**1741.** As used in this article:

(a) "Alternative dental assisting program" means a program offered by an institution of secondary or postsecondary education that has a current accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation or is accredited or approved by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or State Department of Education, including career health and technical education programs, regional occupation centers or programs, or apprenticeship programs registered by the State Department of Education or Division of Apprenticeship Standards of the Department of Industrial Relations in allied dental programs, and whereby a certificate of completion from the program shall serve as a pathway component for licensure as a registered dental assistant.

(b) "Basic supportive dental procedures" means procedures that have technically elementary characteristics, are completely reversible, and are unlikely to precipitate potentially hazardous conditions for the patient being treated, including extraoral tasks involving sterilization procedures and infection control and disease prevention tasks.

(c) "Board" means the Dental Board of California.

(d) "Certified dental assistant" means an individual who has successfully passed the general chairside assisting, radiation health and safety, and infection control examinations administered by the Dental Assisting National Board and has an active certification satisfactory to terms and conditions of the Dental Assisting National Board at the time of application for a dental assisting license. A current and valid certified dental assistant certificate is not required for subsequent licensure renewals.

(e) "Certificate of completion" means a certificate that shall include, at minimum, the participant's name, the name of the course or program completed, the name of the course or program provider, including the board-issued approval number, the date or date range of completion of the course or program, the number of completed hours of the course or program, and the signature of the course or program provider, director, administrator, or their designee that verifies the participant has successfully completed any of the following:

(1) A board-approved educational course or program in dental assisting.

(2) A continuing education course provided by a board-approved continuing education provider.

(3) An alternative dental assisting program.

(f) "Continuing education" means a course of study specific to the performance of dental-related procedures where the education is directly related to the clinical and supplemental duties and functions of dental assistants, registered dental assistants, registered dental assistants in extended functions, and dental assisting permitholders, as defined in this article. The continuing education coursework must follow the provisions outlined in board regulations. Continuing education units obtained shall be limited to no more than eight units per day. The following shall apply to the continuing education units:

(1) Live interactive coursework units obtained shall not total more than eight units per day.

(2) Nonlive or self-paced online coursework units shall not be more than eight units per day within a range of dates during a seminar, workshop, or educational series where more than one day is required to complete the coursework.

(g) "Coronal polishing" means a procedure limited to the removal of plaque and stain from exposed tooth surfaces.

(h) "Council" means the Dental Assisting Council of the Dental Board of California.

(i) "Course" means an educational offering, class, presentation, meeting, or other similar event.

(j) "Dental assistant" means an individual who, without a license, may perform only basic supportive dental procedures described in Sections 1750 and 1750.1.

(k) "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.

(l) "General supervision" means supervision of dental procedures based on instructions given by a licensed dentist but not requiring the physical presence of the supervising dentist during the performance of those procedures.

(m) "Good standing" means the licensee or permit holder has not been disciplined, is not the subject of an unresolved complaint or review procedures, and is not the subject of any unresolved disciplinary proceeding.

(n) "Interim therapeutic restoration" means 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. An interim therapeutic restoration may also be applied to a tooth with caries that has been confirmed by the treating dentist to be arrested through the use of a caries arresting agent with or without further removal of tooth structure. Local anesthesia shall not be necessary for interim therapeutic restoration placement.

(o) "Preceptee" means an unlicensed dental assistant who is supervised by a California-licensed dentist or dentists in good standing and is participating in a preceptorship in dental assisting to learn the clinical skills and acquire procedural knowledge through work experience and supplemental dental assisting coursework.

(p) "Preceptor" means a California-licensed dentist in good standing who directly supervises and provides on-the-job training to a preceptee in a preceptorship in dental assisting by evaluating clinical competence, documenting completion of clinical chairside work experience, learning, and clinical progress, teaching and promoting clinical reasoning, and ensuring the preceptee has completed course requirements before performing dental assisting duties pursuant to Section 1750.1. A preceptee may have more than one California-licensed dentist serve as a preceptor.

(q) "Preceptorship in dental assisting" means supervised on-the-job training of a preceptee by a preceptor in the performance of duties specified in Section 1750.1 in a competent manner as determined by the preceptor pursuant to the requirements set forth in paragraph (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 1752.1.

(r) "Registered dental assistant" means a person licensed by the board to perform all procedures authorized under Section 1752.4.

(s) "Registered dental assistant in extended functions" means a person licensed by the board to perform all procedures authorized under Section 1753.5.

(t) "Satisfactory work experience" means performance of the duties specified in Section 1750.1 in a competent manner as determined by the supervising dentist or dentists, who shall certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the applicant's completion of the work experience.

*(Repealed and added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 46. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1742.** (a) There is hereby created a Dental Assisting Council of the Dental Board of California, which shall consider all matters relating to dental assistants in this state, on its own initiative or upon the request of the board, and make appropriate recommendations to the board and the standing committees of the board, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

(1) Requirements for dental assistant examination, licensure, permitting, and renewal.

(2) Standards and criteria for approval of dental assisting educational programs, courses, and continuing education.

(3) Allowable dental assistant duties, settings, and supervision levels.

(4) Appropriate standards of conduct and enforcement for dental assistants.

(5) Requirements regarding infection control.

(b) (1) The members of the council shall be appointed by the board and shall include the registered dental assistant member of the board, another member of the board, and five registered dental assistants, representing as broad a range of dental assisting experience and education as possible, who meet the requirements of paragraph (2).

(2) The board shall consider, in its appointments of the five registered dental assistant members, recommendations submitted by any incorporated, nonprofit professional society, association, or entity whose membership is comprised of registered dental assistants within the state. Two of those members shall be employed as faculty members of a registered dental assisting educational program approved by the board, and shall have been so employed for at least the prior five years. Three of those members, which shall include one registered dental assistant in extended functions, shall be employed clinically in private dental practice or public safety net or dental health care clinics. All five of those members shall have possessed a current and active registered dental assistant or registered dental assistant in extended functions license for at least the prior five years, and shall not be employed by a current member of the board.

(c) No council appointee shall have served previously on the dental assisting forum or have any financial interest in any registered dental assistant school. All final candidate qualifications and applications for board-appointed council members shall be made available in the published board materials with final candidate selection conducted during the normal business of the board during public meetings.

(d) A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment by the board for the unexpired term, according to the criteria applicable to the vacancy within 90 days after it occurs.

(e) Each member shall comply with conflict of interest requirements that apply to board members.

(f) The council may meet in conjunction with other board committees, and at other times as deemed necessary.

(g) Each member shall serve for a term of four years, except that, of the initial appointments of the nonboard members, one of the members shall serve a term of one year, one member shall serve a term of two years, two members shall serve a term of three years, and one member shall serve a term of four years, as determined by the board. No member shall serve more than two full terms.

(h) Recommendations by the council pursuant to this section shall be approved, modified, or rejected by the board within 120 days of submission of the recommendation to the board during full board business. In the event the board rejects, postpones, refers the matter back to the council for any reason, or significantly modifies the intent or scope of the recommendation, the board shall provide its reasons in writing for rejecting or significantly modifying the recommendation, which shall be provided by the board within 30 days.

(i) The council shall select a chair who shall establish the agendas of the council and shall serve as the council's liaison to the board, including the reporting of the council's recommendations to the board.

*(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 865, Sec. 50. (AB 1519) Effective January 1, 2020.)*

**1743.** (a) The board shall have the following duties and authority related to applications:

(1) Shall review and evaluate all applications for licensure in all dental assisting categories to ascertain whether a candidate meets the appropriate licensing requirements specified by statute and board regulations.

(2) Shall maintain application records, cashier application fees, and perform any other ministerial tasks as are incidental to the application process.

(3) May delegate any or all of the functions in this subdivision to its staff.

(4) Shall issue dental assistant licenses in all cases, except where there is a question as to a licensing requirement.

(b) The board shall develop or cause to be developed and administer examinations. The board shall set pass points for all dental assisting licensing examinations.

(c) The board shall be responsible for all aspects of the license renewal process, which shall be accomplished in accordance with this chapter and board regulations. The board may delegate any or all of its functions under this subdivision to its staff.

*(Repealed and added by Stats. 2008, Ch. 31, Sec. 18. Effective January 1, 2009. Operative July 1, 2009, by Sec. 55 of Ch. 31.)*

**1747.** The procedure on all matters relating to the denial, suspension, or revocation of licenses granted under this article shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

*(Amended by Stats. 1975, Ch. 872.)*

**1750.** (a) A dental assistant is an individual who, without a license, may perform basic supportive dental procedures, as authorized by Section 1750.1 and by regulations adopted by the board, under the supervision of a licensed dentist. "Basic supportive dental procedures" are those procedures that have technically elementary characteristics, are completely reversible, and are unlikely to precipitate potentially hazardous conditions for the patient being treated.

(b) The supervising licensed dentist shall be directly responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform the basic supportive dental procedures, as authorized by Section 1750.1.

(c) The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant has successfully completed a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control prior to performing any basic supportive dental procedures involving potential exposure to blood, saliva, or other potentially infectious materials.

(d) The employer shall maintain evidence for the length of the employment for the dental assistant at the supervising dentist's treatment facility to verify the dental assistant has met and maintained all certification requirements as dictated by statute and regulation.

(e) The employer shall inform the dental assistant of the educational requirements described in subdivision (f) to maintain employment as an unlicensed dental assistant.

(f) The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant who has been employed continuously or on an intermittent basis by that employer for one year from the date of first employment provides evidence to the employer that the dental assistant has already successfully completed, or successfully completes, all of the following within one year of the first date of employment:

(1) A board-approved two-hour course in the Dental Practice Act.

(2) Current certification in basic life support issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the American Safety and Health Institute, the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education, in accordance with both of the following:

(A) The dental assistant shall be responsible for maintaining current certification in basic life support to perform duties involving patients.

(B) The employer of a dental assistant shall be responsible for ensuring that the dental assistant maintains certification in basic life support.

(3) To perform radiographic procedures, a dental assistant shall complete a board-approved course in radiation safety. The original or a copy of the current, valid certificate issued by a board-approved radiation safety course provider shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the dental assistant performs dental services.

(4) To perform coronal polishing prior to licensure as a registered dental assistant, an unlicensed dental assistant shall complete a board-approved coronal polishing course and obtain a certificate of completion. Prior to taking the coronal polishing course, the dental assistant shall provide evidence to the course provider of having completed a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control and a current, valid certification in basic life support.

(A) Coronal polishing performed pursuant to this paragraph shall be performed under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist, who shall, at minimum, evaluate each patient after coronal polishing procedures are performed by the dental assistant.

(B) The original or a copy of the current, valid certificate issued by a board-approved coronal polishing course provider shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the dental assistant performs dental services.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 48. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1750.1.** (a) A dental assistant may perform the following duties under the general supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:

(1) Extraoral duties specified by the supervising licensee that meet the definition of a basic supportive dental procedure specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1741. These duties may include a procedure that requires the use of personal protective equipment, laboratory functions, and sterilization and disinfection procedures described in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and Section 5193 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations.

(2) Operate dental radiography equipment for the purpose of oral radiography if the dental assistant has complied with the requirements of paragraph (4) of subdivision (f) of Section 1750.

(3) Perform intraoral and extraoral photography.

(b) A dental assistant may perform the following duties under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:

(1) Apply nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents, including all forms of topical fluoride.

- (2) Take intraoral impressions for all nonprosthodontic appliances.
- (3) Take facebow transfers and bite registrations.
- (4) Place and remove rubber dams or other isolation devices.
- (5) Place, wedge, and remove matrices for restorative procedures.
- (6) Remove postextraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.
- (7) Perform measurements for the purposes of orthodontic treatment.
- (8) Cure dental materials with a light curing device.
- (9) Examine orthodontic appliances.
- (10) Place and remove orthodontic separators.
- (11) Remove ligature ties and archwires.
- (12) After adjustment by the dentist, examine and seat removable orthodontic appliances and deliver care instructions to the patient.
- (13) Remove periodontal dressings.
- (14) Remove sutures after inspection of the site by the dentist.
- (15) Place patient monitoring sensors.
- (16) Adjust the flow of nitrous oxide and oxygen gases if deemed necessary and directed by the supervising dentist who shall be present in the operator directly supervising the adjustment.
- (17) Extraoral functions specified by the supervising dentist that meet the definition of basic supportive dental procedures specified in subdivision (b) of Section 1741. Such duties may include patient monitoring, placing monitoring sensors, taking of vital signs, or other extraoral procedures related to the scope of their practice.
- (18) 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.

(c) The board may specify additional allowable duties by regulation.

(d) The duties of a dental assistant or a dental assistant holding a permit in orthodontic assisting or in dental sedation shall not include any of the following procedures unless specifically allowed by law:

- (1) Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning.
- (2) Placing, finishing, or removing 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) Starting the flow of nitrous oxide and oxygen gases.
- (6) Administration of local or general anesthesia or sedation.

(e) Unless otherwise permitted in this section, the duties of a dental assistant do not include any duty or procedure that only a registered dental assistant, registered dental assistant in extended functions, orthodontic assistant, dental sedation assistant, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice is allowed to perform.

(f) The placement of pit and fissure sealants may only be performed by a registered dental assistant, registered dental assistant in extended functions, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 49. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1750.2.** (a) The board may issue an orthodontic assistant permit to a person who files a completed application, pays the applicable fee, and provides evidence, satisfactory to the board, of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Successful completion, within two years before the date the application is received by the board, of a two-hour board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act and an eight-hour board-approved course in infection control, and, within five years before the date the application is received by the board, of a board-approved course in ultrasonic scaling.

(2) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(3) Successful completion of a board-approved orthodontic assistant course.

(4) A full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check.

(5) Passage of a written examination administered by the board after completion of all of the other requirements of this subdivision. The written examination shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform the duties specified in Section 1750.3.

(b) A person who holds a permit pursuant to this section shall be responsible for obtaining recertification in basic life support as part of permit renewal and completing the continuing education requirements as established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).

(c) The original or a copy of the current, valid permit issued by the board shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the permitholder performs dental services.

(d) Preparation or execution of false documentation of satisfaction of any requirement under this section shall be considered unprofessional conduct and grounds for license denial, revocation, or suspension.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 50. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1750.3.** (a) A person holding an orthodontic assistant permit pursuant to Section 1750.2 may perform under the general supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist all duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under subdivision (a) of Section 1750.1, and the following duties under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:

(1) All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under subdivision (b) of Section 1750.1.

(2) Isolate, condition, etch, and prepare teeth for provisional attachments, bonded attachments, aligner buttons, aligner connections, orthodontic brackets, and appliances.

(3) Size, fit, and secure orthodontic bands using appropriate materials.

(4) Prepare teeth for bonding and select, preposition, and cure orthodontic brackets after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist.

(5) 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 registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010.

(6) Place and ligate archwires.

(7) Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.

(8) Any additional duties that the board may prescribe by regulation.

(b) The original or a copy of the current, valid permit issued by the board shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the permitholder performs dental services.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 51. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1750.4.** (a) The board may issue a dental sedation assistant permit to a person who files a completed application, pays the applicable fee, and provides evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Current, active, and valid licensure as a registered dental assistant or registered dental assistant in extended functions, or completion of at least 12 months of verifiable work experience as a dental assistant.

(2) Successful completion, within two years before the date the application is received by the board, of a two-hour board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act and an eight-hour board-approved course in infection control.

(3) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(4) Successful completion of a board-approved dental sedation assistant course, which may commence after the completion of six months of work experience as a dental assistant.

(5) A full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check.

(6) Passage of a written examination administered by the board after completion of all of the other requirements of this subdivision. The written examination shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform the duties specified in Section 1750.5.

(b) A person who holds a permit pursuant to this section shall be responsible for obtaining recertification in basic life support as part of permit renewal and completing the same continuing education requirements as established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).

(c) The original or a copy of the current, valid permit issued by the board shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the permitholder performs dental services.

(d) Preparation or execution of false documentation of satisfaction of any requirement under this section shall be considered unprofessional conduct and grounds for license denial, revocation, or suspension.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 52. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1750.5.** (a) A person who holds a dental sedation assistant permit pursuant to Section 1750.4 may perform under general supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist all duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under subdivision (a) of Section 1750.1 and the following duties 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:

(1) All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform under subdivision (b) of Section 1750.1.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) Removal of intravenous lines.

(6) Any additional duties that the board may prescribe by regulation.

(b) The duties listed in paragraphs (1) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (a) may not be performed in any setting other than a dental office or dental clinic.

(c) The original or a copy of the current, valid permit issued by the board shall be publicly displayed at the treatment facility where the permitholder performs dental services.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 53. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1751.** At least once every seven years, the board shall review the allowable duties for dental assistants, registered dental assistants, registered dental assistants in extended functions, dental sedation assistant permitholders, and orthodontic assistant permitholders, the supervision level for these categories, and the settings under which these duties may be performed, and shall update the regulations as necessary to keep them current with the state of the dental practice.

*(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 703, Sec. 19. (SB 1491) Effective January 1, 2019.)*

**1752.1.** (a) The board may license as a registered dental assistant a person who files an application, pays the applicable fee, and submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of one of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Graduation from an educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board.

(2) Completion of satisfactory work experience performing the duties of a dental assistant, as defined in Section 1750.1, which includes at least 15 months and a minimum of 1,280 hours before the submission of the application.

(3) Current, valid certification as a certified dental assistant, as issued by the Dental Assisting National Board.

(4) Completion of an alternative dental assisting program as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1741 that includes all the following:

(A) At least 500 hours of didactic and laboratory coursework in dental assisting-related topics that shall encompass all aspects of clinical chairside assisting, including, but not limited to, medical and dental emergencies, first aid and safety precautions, protocols and armamentaria associated with a variety of dental assisting chairside procedures, dental materials, and skill development courses associated with operative and specialty dentistry and that include education as specified in subdivision (c).

(B) At least 300 hours of clinical chairside work experience, involving the allowable duties described in Section 1750.1, directly supervised, evaluated, and documented by a supervising licensed dentist.

(5) Completion of a preceptorship in dental assisting that includes all the following:

(A) At least 500 hours of clinical chairside work experience documented on a form furnished by the board, involving allowable duties described in Section 1750.1, directly supervised, evaluated, and documented by a preceptor, who certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California to the applicant's completion of the clinical chairside work experience. Clinical work experience that meets the eligibility requirements of this term performed as a dental assistant within the two years immediately preceding the effective date of this section may be used to satisfy this requirement.

(B) At least 300 hours documented on a form furnished by the board of coursework in dental assisting-related topics, inclusive of the education required in subdivision (c), which may be obtained concurrent to the work experience and satisfies all the following:

(i) The coursework shall include education defined in subdivision (c) and encompass all aspects of clinical chairside assisting, including, but not limited to, medical and dental emergencies, first aid and safety precautions, protocols and armamentaria associated with a variety of dental assisting chairside procedures, dental materials, and skill development courses associated with operative and specialty dentistry.

(ii) Courses shall be obtained through a board-approved dental assisting educational program or course provider, a board-registered provider of continuing education courses, the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or a provider approved by the Academy of General Dentistry Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(iii) The preceptee's completion of the coursework shall be verified by the preceptor, who shall certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California verification of the preceptee's completion of the required coursework.

(b) The board shall give credit toward the work experience referred to in this section to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution approved by the Department of Education or in a secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, that are not, however, approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (a). The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis. The board, in cooperation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall establish the minimum criteria for the curriculum of nonboard-approved programs. Additionally, the board shall notify those programs only if the program's curriculum does not meet established minimum criteria, as established for board-approved registered dental assistant programs, except any requirement that the program be given in a

postsecondary institution. Graduates of programs not meeting established minimum criteria shall not qualify for satisfactory work experience as defined by this section.

(c) In addition to the requirements specified in subdivision (a), individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure shall provide written evidence of successful completion of all of the following:

(1) Within two years before the date of the application received by the board:

(A) A board-approved two-hour course in the Dental Practice Act.

(B) A board-approved eight-hour course in infection control.

(2) Within five years before the date of the application received by the board:

(A) A board-approved course in pit and fissure sealants.

(B) A board-approved course in coronal polishing.

(3) Within 10 years before the date of the application received by the board, a board-approved course in radiation safety.

(4) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(5) Satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.

(d) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive, individuals with current and active California licensure as a registered dental hygienist, registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or registered dental hygienist in extended functions whose initial license was issued on or after January 1, 2006, applying for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall comply with this subdivision and satisfy all of the following:

(1) File an application with the board and pay the applicable fee.

(2) Submit evidence of current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(3) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on the Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination administered by the board.

(e) Individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure shall submit a full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check.

(f) A registered dental assistant with permits in either orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting shall be referred to as an "RDA with orthodontic assistant permit," or "RDA with dental sedation assistant permit," as applicable. These terms shall be used for reference purposes only and do not create additional categories of licensure.

(g) Completion of the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 by a registered dental assistant who also holds a permit as an orthodontic assistant or dental sedation assistant shall fulfill the continuing education requirements for the permit or permits.

(h) The Registered Dental Assistant Combined Written and Law and Ethics Examination required by this section shall comply with Section 139.

(i) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2025.

*(Repealed (in Sec. 54) and added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 55. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025. Operative July 1, 2025, by its own provisions.)*

**1752.4.** (a) A registered dental assistant may perform all of the following duties and procedures of a dental assistant as specified in subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 1750.1 and may perform all the following duties under the general supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:

(1) All duties that a dental assistant is allowed to perform.

(2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.

(3) Apply and activate bleaching agents using a nonlaser light-curing device.

(4) Use of automated caries detection devices and materials and recording of such findings before placement of pit and fissure sealants.

(5) Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations.

(6) Pulp vitality testing and recording of findings.

(7) Place bases, liners, etch, and bonding agents for restorative procedures.

(8) Chemically prepare teeth for bonding for restorative procedures.

(9) Place, adjust, and finish direct provisional restorations.

(10) Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration.

(11) Place post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.

(12) Place periodontal dressings.

(13) Dry endodontically treated canals using absorbent paper points.

(14) Perform sore-spot adjustment only of dentures extraorally.

(15) Perform tissue conditioning and soft relines of dentures.

(16) Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument.

(17) Polish coronal surfaces of the teeth.

(18) Place ligature ties and archwires.

(19) All duties that the board may prescribe by regulation.

(b) A registered dental assistant may only perform the following additional duties after successfully completing a board-approved registered dental assistant educational program or board-approved course in those duties.

(1) Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.

(2) The allowable duties of an orthodontic assistant permitholder as specified in Section 1750.3. A registered dental assistant 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.

(3) The allowable duties of a dental sedation assistant permitholder as specified in Section 1750.5.

(4) The application of pit and fissure sealants.

(c) Except as provided in Section 1777, the supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for ensuring completion of courses to perform additional duties and determining whether each authorized procedure performed by a registered dental assistant should be performed under general or direct supervision.

(d) The supervising dentist shall be responsible for determining whether each authorized procedure in subdivision (a) performed by a registered dental assistant should be performed under general or direct supervision.

(e) A registered dental assistant may perform the following duties under direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:

(1) Isolate, etch, bond, and attach composite buttons for orthodontic procedures.

(2) Size, fit, secure, and remove orthodontic bands using appropriate dental materials.

(f) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), a registered dental assistant may perform a duty specified in this section using contemporary techniques and materials designed for use in the performance of that duty under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist if the registered dental assistant has completed the appropriate education and training, and whose skill, knowledge, and education in the use of such contemporary technique or material has been determined clinically competent by the supervising licensed dentist.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 56. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1752.6.** A registered dental assistant licensed on and after January 1, 2010, shall provide evidence of successful completion of a board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants prior to the first expiration of his or her license that requires the completion of continuing education as a condition of renewal. The license of a registered dental assistant who does not provide evidence of successful completion of that course shall not be renewed until evidence of course completion is provided.

*(Repealed and added by Stats. 2008, Ch. 499, Sec. 26. Effective January 1, 2009.)*

**1753.** (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board may license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who files a completed application, pays the applicable fee, and submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Current, active, and valid licensure as a registered dental assistant.

(2) A full set of fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history check.

(3) Successful completion of either of the following:

(A) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.5.

(B) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board to teach the duties that registered dental assistants in extended functions were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, and a course approved by the board in the procedures specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (7) to (11), inclusive, of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.5.

(4) Current certification in basic life support issued by American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Provider Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(5) Successful completion of a board-approved pit and fissure sealant course.

(6) Passage of a written examination administered by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the board.

(b) A registered dental assistant in extended functions with permits in either orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting shall be referred to as an "RDAEF with orthodontic assistant permit," or "RDAEF with dental sedation assistant permit," as applicable. These terms shall be used for reference purposes only and do not create additional categories of licensure.

(c) Completion of the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 by a registered dental assistant in extended functions who also holds a permit as an orthodontic assistant or dental sedation assistant shall fulfill the continuing education requirement for such permit or permits.

(d) The licensee shall be responsible for complying with all applicable licensure renewal requirements, including continuing education pursuant to Section 1645.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 57. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1753.5.** (a) A registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform all duties and procedures that a registered dental assistant is authorized to perform as specified in and limited by Section 1752.4, and the duties in this section.

(b) A registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform the following additional procedures under direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:

(1) 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.

(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) Gingival retraction for impression and restorative procedures.

(4) Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.

- (5) Cement endodontic master points and accessory points.
- (6) Perform post, core, and build-up procedures in conjunction with direct and indirect restorations.
- (7) Take final impression for permanent indirect restorations.
- (8) Take final impressions for tooth-borne removeable prosthesis.
- (9) Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations.
- (10) Adjust and adhere all permanent indirect restorations.
- (11) Other procedures authorized by regulations adopted by the board.

(c) A registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, may perform a duty specified in this section using contemporary techniques and materials designed for use in the performance of that duty under the direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist if the registered dental assistant in extended functions has completed the appropriate education and training, and whose skill, knowledge, and education in the use of such contemporary technique or material has been determined clinically competent by the supervising licensed dentist.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 58. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1753.51.** (a) Unless otherwise specified in this section, a registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, who successfully completes a board-approved course in interim therapeutic restoration and radiographic decisionmaking, is authorized to perform the following enhanced duties pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of the supervising licensed dentist:

- (1) Under general supervision, 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 registered dental assistant in extended functions shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist.
- (2) Under direct supervision, place interim therapeutic restorations to stabilize the tooth until a licensed dentist diagnoses the need for further definitive treatment.

(b) Place interim therapeutic restorations after the supervising dentist confirms a diagnosis and provides instruction to perform the procedure in the following settings:

- (1) In a dental office setting, under the direct or general supervision of a dentist.
- (2) 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.

(c) The board shall identify, on the statewide license verification internet website, the enhanced duty of interim therapeutic restoration for a registered dental assistant in extended functions who files a completed verification form issued by the board including the applicable fee.

*(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 59. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1753.52.** (a) On or after January 1, 2026, a provider of a course for instruction in interim therapeutic restorations and radiographic decisionmaking for a registered dental assistant in extended functions shall apply for board approval to offer the course and submit all of the following to the board:

- (1) An application prescribed by the board that shall specify the name of the course or educational program administrator or director, the name of the course provider, the name of the course, and the location where the course will be offered.
- (2) The application fee prescribed by regulation.
- (3) A detailed course curriculum evidencing that the course is sufficient in length for the students to develop competency in placement of protective restorations, but shall be, at a minimum, 16 hours in length and include all of the following:

(A) Four hours of didactic training, which may take place in an in-person or online environment, and shall include:

- (i) Review of pulpal anatomy.

(ii) Theory of adhesive restorative materials used in the placement of adhesive protective restorations, including mechanisms of bonding to tooth structure, handling characteristics of the materials, preparation of the tooth prior to material placement, and placement techniques.

(iii) Criteria used in clinical dentistry pertaining to the use and placement of adhesive protective restorations, which shall include:

(I) Patient factors, as follows:

(ia) According to the American Society of Anesthesiologists Physical Status Classification, the patient is Class III or less.

(ib) The patient is cooperative enough to have the interim therapeutic restoration placed without the need for special protocols, including sedation or physical support.

(ic) The patient, or responsible party, has provided consent for the interim therapeutic restoration procedure.

(id) The patient reports that the tooth is asymptomatic, or if there is mild sensitivity that stops within a few seconds of the removal of the offending stimulus.

(II) Tooth factors, as follows:

(ia) The lesion is accessible without the need for creating access using a dental handpiece.

(ib) The margins of the lesion are accessible so that clean, noninvolved margins can be obtained around the entire periphery of the lesion with the use of hand instrumentation.

(ic) The depth of the lesion is more than two millimeters from the pulp on radiographic examination or is judged by the supervising licensed dentist to be a shallow lesion such that the treatment does not endanger the pulp or require the use of local anesthetic.

(id) The tooth is restorable and does not have other significant pathology.

(iv) The protocols to deal with adverse outcomes used in the placement of adhesive protective restorations, including mechanisms of bonding to tooth structure, handling characteristics of the materials, preparation of the tooth prior to material placement, and placement techniques.

(v) Criteria for evaluating successful completion of adhesive protective restorations, including, but not limited to, restorative material not in hyper occlusion, no marginal voids, and minimal excess material.

(vi) Protocols for adverse outcomes after interim therapeutic restoration placement, including, but not limited to, exposed pulp, tooth fracture, gingival tissue injury, high occlusion, open margins, tooth sensitivity, rough surface, complications, or unsuccessful completion of adhesive protective restorations, including situations requiring immediate referral to a dentist.

(vii) Protocols for followup of adhesive protective restorations, including, but not limited to, at least two followup examinations of the interim therapeutic restoration within a 12-month period.

(B) Four hours of laboratory training, which shall be held at a physical facility, and include placement of 10 adhesive protective restorations where students demonstrate competency in this technique on typodont teeth.

(C) Eight hours of clinical training, which shall be held at a physical facility, and include experiences where students demonstrate, at minimum, placement of five interim therapeutic restorations under direct supervision of faculty.

(4) A detailed course curriculum evidencing that the course is sufficient in length for the students to develop competency in making decisions about which radiographs to expose to facilitate diagnosis and treatment planning by a dentist, but shall be, at a minimum, four hours in length and include all of the following:

(A) Didactic instruction, including all of the following:

(i) The concept of managing caries and individualizing treatment based on a caries risk assessment.

(ii) Guidelines for radiographic decisionmaking, including, but not limited to, both of the following concepts:

(I) The American Dental Association's Dental Radiographic Examinations: Recommendations for Patient Selection and Limiting Radiation Exposure (Revised 2012).

(II) The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Guidelines on Prescribing Dental Radiographs.

(iii) The guidelines developed by Pacific Center for Special Care at the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry (Pacific) for use in training for Health and Workforce Pilot Project No. 172, including both of the following:

(I) Instruction on specific decisionmaking guidelines that incorporate information about the patient's health, radiographic history, time span since previous radiographs were taken, and availability of previous radiographs.

(II) Instruction pertaining to the general condition of the mouth, including the extent of dental restorations present and visible signs of abnormalities, including broken teeth, dark areas, holes in teeth, demineralization, visible carious lesions, and remineralization.

(B) Laboratory training that includes case-based examination with various clinical situations where trainees make decisions about which radiographs to expose and demonstrate competency to faculty based on these case studies.

(C) Simulated clinical experiences consisting of a review of various clinical cases with instructor-led discussion about radiographic decisionmaking in these clinical situations.

(5) Evidence of student access to adequate equipment and facilities to satisfy the educational requirements as specified in this section.

(6) Evidence that the physical facilities required under this section have all of the following:

(A) A patient clinic area, laboratory, and radiology area.

(B) Access to equipment necessary to develop dental assisting skills in radiographic decisionmaking.

(C) Infection control equipment as required by the board.

(7) Evidence that the physical facilities and equipment are maintained and replaced in a manner designed to provide students with a course that will meet the educational objectives set forth in this section.

(8) Evidence that all students have access to all of the following:

(A) A hazardous waste management plan for the disposal of needles, cartridges, medical waste, and storage of oxygen and nitrous oxide tanks.

(B) A clinic hazard communication plan.

(C) A copy of the course's bloodborne and infectious diseases exposure control plan, which shall include emergency needlestick information.

(9) Written clinical and laboratory protocols to ensure adequate asepsis, infection and hazard control, and disposal of hazardous wastes, which shall comply with the board's regulations and other federal, state, and local requirements. The course provider shall provide such protocols to all students, faculty, and appropriate staff to assure compliance with such protocols. Adequate space shall be provided for preparing and sterilizing all armamentaria.

(10) Evidence that the course is established at the postsecondary educational level.

(b) The course content may be incorporated into a current registered dental assistant in extended functions program.

(c) For course enrollment, the course provider shall ensure submission by the student of satisfactory evidence of both of the following requirements:

(1) A current, active license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions issued on or after January 1, 2010.

(2) A current certification in basic life support from American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program, or Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education.

(d) The program or course director shall do both of the following:

(1) Ensure all faculty involved in clinical evaluation of students maintain currency in evaluation protocols for interim therapeutic restoration placement and radiographic decisionmaking.

(2) Ensure that all faculty responsible for clinical evaluation have completed a one-hour methodology course in clinical evaluation for interim therapeutic restoration placement and radiographic decisionmaking before instruction.

(e) Satisfactory completion of a course in interim therapeutic restoration and radiographic decisionmaking is determined using criteria-referenced completion standards, where the instructor determines when the trainee has achieved competency based on

these standards, but trainees take varying amounts of time to achieve competency. Any student who does not achieve competency in this duty in the specified period of instruction may receive additional training and evaluation. In cases where, in the judgment of the faculty, students are not making adequate progress, they shall be discontinued from the program.

(f) Each student shall pass a written examination which reflects the entire curriculum content.

(g) Each student shall pass a simulated clinical examination in which the student successfully completes the application of three of the five interim therapeutic restoration placements required for clinical instruction under faculty supervision.

(h) Each approved course shall be subject to board review at any time for compliance with the requirements under this section. The board may withdraw approval at any time that it determines that the course does not meet the requirements set forth in this section.

(i) The program or course director shall be responsible for notifying the board in writing of any changes to the course content, physical facilities, and faculty within 10 days of such changes.

(j) The board may adopt regulations to implement this section.

*(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 60. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1753.55.** (a) A registered dental assistant in extended functions is authorized to perform the additional duties as set forth in subdivision (b) pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a supervising dentist, if the licensee meets one of the following requirements:

(1) Is licensed on or after January 1, 2010.

(2) Is licensed before January 1, 2010, and has successfully completed a board-approved course in the additional procedures specified in Section 1753.5.

(b) (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 assistant in extended functions shall follow protocols established by the supervising dentist. This paragraph only applies in the following settings:

(A) In a dental office setting.

(B) 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.

(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, under the direct or general supervision of a dentist as determined by the dentist.

(ii) 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.

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

(c) The functions described in subdivision (b) may be performed by a registered dental assistant in extended functions only after completion of a program that includes training in performing those functions, or after providing evidence, satisfactory to the board, of having completed a board-approved course in those functions.

(d) The board may issue a permit to a registered dental assistant in extended functions who files a completed application, including the fee, to provide the duties specified in this section after the board has determined the registered dental assistant in extended functions has completed the coursework required in subdivision (c).

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 61. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1753.6.** Each person who holds a license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions on the operative date of this section may only perform those procedures that a registered dental assistant is allowed to perform as specified in and limited by Section 1752.4, and the procedures specified in subdivisions (a) to (d), inclusive, until the person provides evidence of having completed a board-approved course in the additional procedures specified in Sections 1753.5 and 1753.55:

- (a) Gingiva retraction for impression and restorative procedures.
- (b) Take final impressions for permanent direct and indirect restorations.
- (c) Apply pit and fissure sealants.
- (d) Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.
- (e) Fit trial endodontic filling points.
- (f) Formulate indirect patterns for post and core castings.

*(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 62. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1754.5.** (a) A radiation safety course shall have the primary purpose of providing theory, laboratory, and clinical application in radiographic techniques. The board shall approve only those courses that adhere to the minimum requirements of this section.

(b) A radiation safety course provider applying for initial board approval shall submit a completed application for course approval, on a form provided by the board, accompanied by the applicable fee. The board may approve or deny approval after it evaluates all components of the course.

(c) Continuation of approval will be contingent upon continued compliance with Sections 1070 and 1070.1 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations and all requirements set forth in this section. The board may withdraw approval at any time that it determines that the course does not meet the requirements set forth in this subdivision.

(d) Providers shall make adequate provisions for appropriate supervision, operation, and facilities when used for laboratory and preclinical instruction.

(e) A course in radiation safety shall be of sufficient duration for the student to achieve minimum competence, but in no event less than 32 hours, including at least 8 hours of didactic instruction, at least 12 hours of laboratory instruction, and at least 12 hours of supervised clinical instruction.

(f) A course shall establish specific instructional objectives. The theoretical aspects of the course shall provide the content necessary for students to make safe and ethical judgments regarding radiation safety.

(g) Objective evaluation criteria shall be used for measuring student progress. Students shall be provided with specific performance objectives and the evaluation criteria that will be used for all evaluation and testing procedures.

(h) Areas of didactic instruction shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) Radiation physics and biology.
- (2) Radiation protection and safety.
- (3) Recognition of normal intraoral and extraoral anatomical landmarks.
- (4) Radiograph exposure and processing techniques.
- (5) Radiograph mounting or sequencing, and viewing, including anatomical landmarks of the oral cavity.
- (6) Intraoral techniques including holding devices and image receptors.
- (7) Proper use of patient protection devices and personal protective equipment for operator use.
- (8) Identification and correction of faulty radiographs.
- (9) Introduction to contemporary equipment and devices including the use of computerized digital radiography and extraoral imaging that may include panographs or cone-beam imaging.
- (10) Techniques and exposure guidelines for a variety of patients including, but not limited to, adult, pediatric, edentulous, partially edentulous, endodontic, and patients with special needs.
- (11) Radiographic record management.

(i) For the student to achieve minimum competence in the application of dental radiographic techniques and radiation safety, all the following shall be met by a board-approved course:

(1) Successful completion of laboratory experiences consisting of at least two bitewing radiographic series and two full mouth intraoral radiographic series using an x-ray training mannequin designed for radiographic exposures utilizing any dental radiographic image receptor or device deemed appropriate by the course director.

(2) Successful completion of clinical experiences consisting of at least three full-mouth intraoral radiographic series using any dental radiographic image receptor or device deemed appropriate by the course director or supervising dentist.

(j) All clinical radiographs shall be made using diagnostic criteria established by the course of instruction and shall in no event exceed three reexposures per series.

(k) Before the student's performance of procedures on patients, the student shall provide evidence to the radiation safety course provider of having completed a board-approved eight-hour course in infection control and current, valid certification in basic life support.

(l) Completion of student and instructor written evaluations of each radiographic series identifying errors, causes of error, correction of errors, and, if applicable, the number of reexposures necessary for successful completion of a series to clinical competency.

(m) The student shall successfully complete a comprehensive written exam prior to the completion of the course. The exam shall include questions specific to items addressed in Article 4 (commencing with Section 30305) of Group 3 of Subchapter 4 of Chapter 5 of Division 1 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations relative to the special requirements for the use of x-ray in the healing arts.

(n) Extramural dental facilities may be utilized by a course for the purposes of clinical experiences. Clinical oversight shall be performed under the general supervision of a licensed dentist who shall authorize the student to perform, at minimum, three radiographic series. Didactic and laboratory instruction shall be provided only by course faculty or instructional staff prior to clinical performances.

(o) Programs and courses using extramural dental facilities for dental radiographic clinical experiences shall provide to the board, upon request or renewal of provider status, copies of all contracts of affiliation and documentation demonstrating compliance with board regulations.

(p) Upon successful completion of the course, students shall receive a certificate of completion as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 1741.

(q) The board may adopt regulations to implement this section.

*(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 64. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1755.** (a) A course in infection control is one that has as its main purpose providing theory and clinical application in infection control practices and principles where the protection of the public is its primary focus.

(b) An unlicensed dental assistant not enrolled in a board-approved program for registered dental assisting or an alternative dental assisting program as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1741, shall complete one of the following infection control certification courses:

(1) A board-approved eight-hour course, with six hours being didactic instruction and two hours being laboratory instruction.

(2) A board-approved eight-hour course, with six hours of didactic instruction and at least two hours of laboratory instruction using video or a series of video training tools, all of which may be delivered using asynchronous, synchronous, or online learning mechanisms or a combination thereof.

(c) A course shall establish specific instructional objectives. Instruction shall provide the content necessary for students to make safe and ethical judgments regarding infection control and asepsis.

(d) Objective evaluation criteria shall be used for measuring student progress. Students shall be provided with specific performance objectives and the evaluation criteria that will be used for didactic testing.

(e) Didactic instruction shall include, at a minimum, all of the following as they relate to Cal/OSHA regulations, as set forth in Sections 300 to 344.85, inclusive, of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, and the board's Minimum Standards for Infection Control, as set forth in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations:

(1) Basic dental science and microbiology as they relate to infection control in dentistry.

(2) Legal and ethical aspects of infection control procedures.

(3) Terms and protocols specified in Section 1005 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations regarding the minimum standards for infection control.

(4) Principles of modes of disease transmission and prevention.

(5) Principles, techniques, and protocols of hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, surface barriers and disinfection, sterilization, sanitation, and hazardous chemicals associated with infection control.

(6) Principles and protocols of sterilizer monitoring and the proper loading, unloading, storage, and transportation of instruments to work area.

(7) Principles and protocols associated with sharps management.

(8) Principles and protocols of infection control for laboratory areas.

(9) Principles and protocols of waterline maintenance.

(10) Principles and protocols of regulated and nonregulated waste management.

(11) Principles and protocols related to injury and illness prevention, hazard communication, general office safety, exposure control, postexposure requirements, and monitoring systems for radiation safety and sterilization systems.

(f) Upon successful completion of the course, students shall receive a certificate of completion as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 1741.

(g) The board may adopt regulations to implement this section.

*(Added by Stats. 2024, Ch. 483, Sec. 65. (SB 1453) Effective January 1, 2025.)*

**1765.** No person other than a licensed dental hygienist 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, registered dental assistant, or registered dental assistant in extended functions acting in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(c) 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. 2008, Ch. 499, Sec. 42. Effective January 1, 2009.)*

**1767.** The board shall adopt regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this article.

*(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 31, Sec. 38. Effective January 1, 2009. Operative July 1, 2009, by Sec. 55 of Ch. 31.)*

**1771.** Any person, other than a person who has been issued a license or permit by the board, who holds himself or herself out as a registered dental assistant, orthodontic assistant permitholder, dental sedation assistant permitholder, or registered dental assistant in extended functions, or uses any other term indicating or implying he or she is licensed or permitted by the board as such, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

*(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 499, Sec. 45. Effective January 1, 2009.)*

**1773.** The provisions of Sections 1715, 1718, 1718.1, 1718.2, and 1718.3 shall govern the renewal, restoration, reinstatement, and reissuance of licenses issued under this article.

The license shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 1715 that next occurs after its issuance, when it shall expire if not renewed.

*(Added by renumbering Section 1766 by Stats. 2002, Ch. 810, Sec. 17. Effective January 1, 2003.)*

**1777.** While employed by or practicing in a primary care clinic or specialty clinic licensed pursuant to Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code, in a primary care clinic exempt from licensure pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code, or a clinic owned and operated by a hospital that maintains the primary contract with a county government to fill the county's role under Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the following shall apply:

(a) A dental assistant, registered dental assistant, or registered dental assistant in extended functions may perform any extraoral duty under the direct supervision of a registered dental hygienist or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.

(b) A registered dental assistant or a registered dental assistant in extended functions may perform the following procedures under the direct supervision of a registered dental hygienist or a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1763:

(1) Coronal polishing.

(2) Application of topical fluoride.

(3) Application of sealants, after providing evidence to the board of having completed a board-approved course in that procedure.

*(Amended by Stats. 2008, Ch. 499, Sec. 46. Effective January 1, 2009.)*