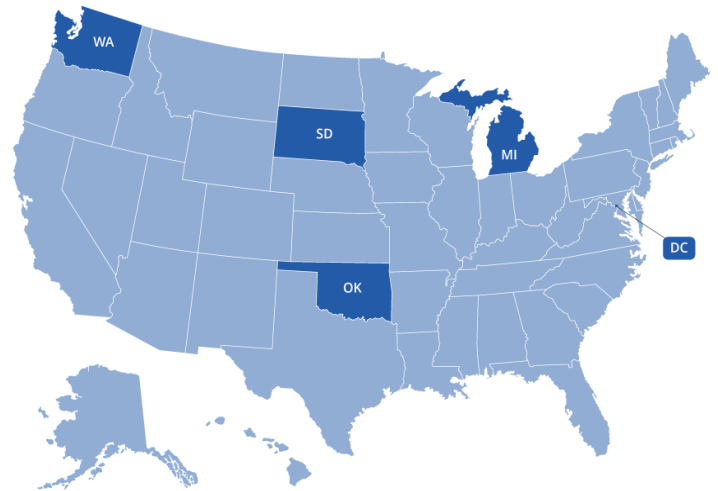


DANB's compilation of state dental assisting requirements — on its website and in its state publications — is one of the most comprehensive resources available on this topic. The updates below highlight state legislative and regulatory changes from August 2023 to March 2024 that impact dental assistants.

### District of Columbia

Effective March 1, 2024, new rules in D.C. create a Level III dental assistant category authorized to perform coronal polishing, sealant functions, and glucose testing. Education and exam requirements for Level III assistants include recognition of DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) and Certified Preventive Functions Dental Assistant (CPFDA) certifications. Other notable rule changes include the authorization to delegate the application of topical fluoride to Level I assistants and requiring passage of a jurisprudence exam, the District of Columbia Dental Assistants Law Examination, by applicants for all three dental assistant levels.



### Michigan

A rule effective Oct. 2, 2023, creates a new unlicensed dental auxiliary (UDA) designation and updates requirements and processes for registered dental assistants (RDAs). The rule establishes requirements for the delegation of duties to UDAs (BLS/ACLS certification and infection control training); clarifies circumstances under which a dental therapist may delegate to a UDA; introduces a BLS/ACLS certification requirement for RDAs; establishes a process for RDAs to retake the Michigan RDA exam upon failure; and establishes a pathway for RDA licensure by endorsement for applicants with a Canadian dental assisting license.

### Oklahoma

Effective Sept. 11, 2023, the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry issued rules to implement SB 754 by establishing requirements for new expanded-duty permits that a dental assistant may earn: (1) phlebotomy and venipuncture and (2) elder care and public health. The rules also amend the list of dental assisting prohibited functions and the education and training requirements for existing permits (radiation safety; coronal polishing and topical fluoride; sealants; monitoring and assisting in administration of nitrous oxide; and assisting a dentist with an anesthesia permit).

### South Dakota

A rule issued Aug. 8, 2023, changes the level of supervision for a Registered Dental Assistant with permit to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia from "direct" to "indirect" supervision by a dentist.

### Washington

Rules issued in January 2024 make a series of amendments for dentists administering anesthesia; clarify requirements for BLS; establish a requirement that dental anesthesia assistants must complete two hours of approved health equity training every three years; and clarify that an anesthesia monitor may not also perform any dental assisting tasks during the administration of general anesthesia.