

# Legislative Bill 18

	Dental Assistant	Licensed Dental Assistant [new]	Licensed Dental Hygienist
<b>Education</b>	On the job trained or a graduate of a dental assisting program	High school diploma or equivalent [new] Graduate of a dental assisting program or 1500 hours of experience [new] Pass credentialing & jurisprudence exams [new]	Graduate from a dental hygiene program Pass credentialing, practical, & jurisprudence exams
<b>Duties</b>	(1) Perform Coronal Polishing (2) Take X-Rays  (3) Place topical local anesthesia [new] (4) Monitor nitrous oxide w/ current CPR [new]	(1) take dental impressions for fixed prosthesis* [new] (2) take dental impressions and make minor adjustments for removable prosthesis* [new] (3) cement prefabricated fixed prosthesis on primary teeth* [new] (4) monitor and administer nitrous oxide analgesia* [new] (5) All procedures authorized for a unlicensed dental assistant	(1) teeth cleaning, scaling & root planning (2) Polish teeth (3) preliminary charting, screening (4) Brush biopsies (5) Pulp vitality testing (6) Gingival curettage (7) Removal of sutures (8) Application of fluorides & sealants (9) Impressions of teeth (10) Application of topical & subgingival agents (11) X-rays of teeth (12) Oral health education (13) Interim Therapeutic Restoration* [new] (14) Write prescriptions for mouth rinses and fluoride products* [new] (15) Administer & titrate nitrous oxide* [new] (16) All duties an unlicensed dental assistant may perform
<b>Eligible for expanded function permits? [new]</b>	No	Yes, with (1) 1500 hours of experience; (2) course, (3) jurisprudence & credentialing exams [new]	Yes, with (1) 1500 hours of experience; (2) course, (3) jurisprudence & credentialing exams [new]
<b>Expanded functions with separate permits [new]</b>	None	(1) restorative level one simple restorations (2) restorative level two complex restorations, and (3) complete final cementation of fixed prosthesis **[new]	(1) restorative level one simple restorations, and (2) restorative level two complex restorations [new]
		** above deletion from HHS Committee Amendment	[new] LB 18 also increases the scope of practice for <b>public health dental hygienists</b> : (1) interim therapeutic restoration technique*; (2) writing prescriptions for mouth rinses and fluoride products*; (3) minor denture adjustments to adults*

**Key**

[new] - This would be added into law by LB 18

\* This function requires additional education and

Note: LB 18 grants the Board of Dentistry authority to approve education and testing of assistants and hygienists