

Requirements for Dental Assistants in Florida



There is no licensure or registry for dental assistants in Florida, however, to perform dental radiography and the expanded functions allowable by law, dental assistants must have a certificate of formal training for those duties. Formal training must have occurred in a course or program approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry.

Florida does NOT recognize credentials earned in other states or countries. Dental assistants who possess a license or registration from another state or hold the Dental Assisting National Board CDA credential must still meet the Florida Formal Training requirement.

Graduates from CODA Accredited dental assisting programs in Florida are issued a certificate listing all Florida Expanded Functions for which they were trained, including dental radiography. This formal training is accepted by the Florida Board of Dentistry and assistants may post the expanded functions training certificate(s) earned from the CODA program listing the duties for which they were trained and legally be assigned those duties.

Assistants who were previously trained in dental radiography by an out-of-state CODA Accredited Program may be eligible to apply for the dental radiographer certificate issued by the Board of Dentistry. [The link to the application is here.](#)

Non-CODA Accredited graduates may enroll in a course or program approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry to earn the required training certificates for expanded functions and dental radiography. Currently approved courses and programs can be found by clicking this link: [FL Approved EF Programs.](#)

Certificates issued by Board approved courses or programs MUST list all expanded duties for which the assistant was trained. A copy of this certificate must be posted in a conspicuous place in the practice where the duties are performed.