

## NDAA: CREDENTIALS FOR Nebraska Dental Assistants - Summary Guide (Effective JANUARY 1, 2018)

	Dental Assistant (Unlicensed)	Licensed Dental Assistant [new]
<b>Qualifications:</b>	On the job trained or a Graduate of a Dental Assisting Program	<p><b>High school diploma or Equivalent</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Work 3500 total hours as a DA (with 1500 hours within last 5-years)</li> <li>+ Pass DANB – CDA Exam or Equivalent State Exam approved by Board of Dentistry</li> <li>+ Pass Credentialing and Jurisprudence Exam</li> <li>+ Apply for License thru State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Graduate of a ADA-CODA Dental Assisting Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Pass DANB – CDA Exam or Equivalent State Exam approved by Board of Dentistry</li> <li>+ Pass Credentialing and Jurisprudence Exam</li> <li>+ Apply for License thru State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)</li> </ul>
<b>Duties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Coronal Polishing **</li> <li>• Take X-rays**</li> <li>• Place topical local anesthesia [new]</li> <li>• Monitor nitrous oxide w/ current CPR [new]</li> </ul>	<p><b>New Duties for LDA only:</b> Upon completion of required <i>education and testing approved by the board</i> and with a <u>permit</u> issued by DHHS for the respective competency, a <b>licensed dental assistant</b> may, under the <b>indirect supervision</b> of a licensed dentist:</p> <p><b>LDA Permits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• take dental impressions for fixed prosthesis* [new]</li> <li>• take dental impressions and make minor adjustment for removable prosthesis* [new]</li> <li>• cement prefabricated fixed prosthesis on primary teeth*[new]</li> <li>• monitor and administer nitrous oxide analgesia [new]</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">LDA can perform ALL procedures authorized for an <b>unlicensed</b> dental assistant.</p>
<b>Expanded functions with separate permits [new]</b>	Not eligible	<p><b>New Duties for LDA with 1500 hours:</b> Upon completion of <i>education and testing approved by the board</i> and with a <u>permit</u> from the department for the respective competency, an <b>EFDA</b> may, under the <b>indirect supervision</b> of a licensed dentist, perform:</p> <p><b>EFDA Permits:</b></p> <p>(1) restorative level one simple restorations (one surface) [new]</p> <p>(2) restorative level two complex restorations (multiple surface) [new]</p>

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

\*This duty requires education and testing approved by the Board of Dentistry and a permit issued by DHHS.

\*\*This duty requires education and testing approved by the Board of Dentistry and a certificate issued by the ADA-CODA approved program.

## Example State Licensure (DRAFT) – DHHS Licensure Unit

**Contact Information:** Licensure Unit, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94986, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4986  
Telephone: 402-471-2118 / FAX: 402-742-3555  
E-Mail: dhhs.medicaloffice@nebraska.gov

### Checklist of Required Documents:

1. Citizenship/lawful presence (birth certificate, passport, etc.)
2. Transcripts (official transcript which shows degree and date of graduation from CODA Program or High School Diploma)
3. License Fee (approximately \$110)
4. Conviction Information (background check)
5. Other Licensing Information (credential to provide health related services in another jurisdiction or state)
6. Examination information (official proof of passing from DANB.org)
7. Certificate of passing the Nebraska Jurisprudence Exam (35 question Quiz online with a 75% pass rate minimum)
8. Completed DHHS Licensure Application

### Time Frame:

**Application processing:** All applications will be processed in the date order received. If a preliminary review shows that you are missing information, you will be contacted within 15 days.

**License Decision:** approximately 5-8 weeks from receipt of a complete application.

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## Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org)

### **Three Part Test to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) – Testing Options**

#### **Individual Tests:**

1. ICE (Infection Control Exam).....100 questions - 1¼ hrs. time limit, cost \$250
2. RHS (Radiation Health and Safety) .....100 questions - 1¼ hrs. time limit, cost \$250
3. GC (General Chairsides)..... 120 questions - 1½ hrs. time limit, cost \$250

**All Three Tests at the same time**.....Cost \$425

**ICE/RHS together and then GC**.....Cost \$575

### 3 Pathways to Qualify for the CDA

1. CODA Graduate with CPR
2. HS grad, 3500 hours work experience and CPR
3. Previous CDA and CPR

**Location of testing center** – Pearson Vue Testing Center (1<sup>st</sup> apply to DANB - confirmation in 1-4 weeks with a 60 day testing window)

**Credential Earned** – “CDA” after passing all three tests, renew credential annually with 12 CE hours, CPR, fee of \$65 and background OK.

**\*\*The CDA credential is allowed ONLY, if you are currently Certified Dental Assistants.**

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