

Dental Board of California
Registered Dental Assistant Law and Ethics Examination Outline
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1. Scope of Practice 32% -- This content area assesses the candidate's knowledge of the laws governing the Registered Dental Assistant's (RDA) scope of practice found in the Business and Professions Code (BPC) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR).	
1. Subareas	1. Citations
1A. Allowable Duties 10%	BPC 1752.4(a)(2-18) Duties
1B. Conditional Duties 4%	BPC 1752.4.(b)(1-4) Conditional duties BPC 1752.6 Pit and fissure sealants
1C. Exempt Clinic Duties 2%	BPC 1777(a)(1)(b)(2)(3) Conditions and duties
1D. Definitions 4%	CCR 1067(a-c) Dental assistants CCR 1067(i-j) Supervision CCR 1067(l) Supportive procedures
1E. Continuing Education 6%	BPC 1645(a)(b) Authority BPC 1645.1(a)(b) Compliance CCR 1005 Infection control
1F. License Renewal 6%	BPC 1651 Address change BPC 1718 Cancellation CCR 1016(a-h) CCR 1017(a-f) Required CE units

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2. License Suspension and Revocation 38% -- This content area assesses the candidate's knowledge of the laws governing the RDA's license suspension, revocation, reinstatement and the Diversion Program found in the Business and Professions Code and the Penal Code (Penal).	
2. Subareas	2. Citations
2A. Authority 10%	BPC 1670 Authority BPC 1670.1(a)(b) Proceedings BPC 1670.2(a-b)(d-f) Time limitations BPC 1671(a-e) Probation BPC 1672(a-c) Disciplinary costs BPC 1678 Revocation
2B. Unprofessional Conduct 24%	BPC 496, 123 (a) License exam subversion BPC 1680(a-af) Violations BPC 1681(a-c) Controlled substances BPC 1683(a-b) Professional identity BPC 1684 Scope of competence BPC 1684.1(a-f) Release of patient records BPC 1684.5(a-d) Patient of record BPC 1685 Inappropriate treatment Penal 11166 Mandated reporting
2C. Diversion Program 4%	BPC 1695.5(a-g) Conditions & compliance

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3. Ethical Principles 30% -- This content area assesses the candidate’s knowledge related to the ethical principles of the dental profession found in the American Dental Association Code of Ethics (ADA), the California Dental Association Code of Ethics (CDA) and the Dental Assisting National Board’s Code of Professional Conduct (DANB).		
3. Subareas	3. Principle	3. Citation
3A. Patient Autonomy, Nonmaleficence, and Beneficence 10%	Patient Autonomy	ADA 1. Definition “ <i>Patient Autonomy</i> ” ADA 1.B. Patient records CDA Definition “ <i>Autonomy</i> ” CDA 1D. Informed consent CDA 1F. Obligation to inform DANB Definition “ <i>Individual Autonomy and Respect for Human Beings</i> ” DANB Definition “ <i>Confidentiality</i> ”
	NonMaleficence (do no harm)	ADA 2. Definition “ <i>Nonmaleficence</i> ” ADA 2.A. Education ADA 2.D. Personal impairment ADA 2.D.1. Ability to practice ADA 2.E. Postexposure, bloodborne pathogens ADA 2.G. Personal relationships with patients DANB Definition “ <i>Health and Well-Being of Patients and Colleagues</i> ”
	Beneficence (do good)	ADA 3. Definition “ <i>Beneficence</i> ” ADA 3.E. Abuse and neglect ADA 3.E.1. Reporting abuse and neglect CDA Definition “ <i>Beneficence</i> ” CDA 1G. Health Education of the public DANB Definition “ <i>Health and Well-Being of Patients and Colleagues</i> ”
3B. Justice and Veracity 10%	Justice (“fairness”)	ADA 4. Definition “ <i>Justice</i> ” ADA 4.A.1. Patients with bloodborne pathogens ADA 4.C. Justifiable criticism ADA 4.C.1. Meaning of “justifiable.” CDA Definition “ <i>Justice</i> ” CDA 4. Violation of state and federal laws

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		DANB Definition “ <i>Justice and Fairness</i> ”
	Veracity (“truthfulness”)	ADA 5. Definition “ <i>Veracity</i> ” ADA 5.A. Representation of care ADA 5.B. Representation of fees ADA 5.B.1. Waiver of copayment ADA 5.B.2. Overbilling ADA 5.B.3. Fee Differential ADA 5.B.4. Treatment dates ADA 5.B.5. Dental procedures ADA 5.B.6. Unnecessary services ADA 5.E. Professional announcement ADA 5.F.3. Unearned, nonhealth degrees CDA Definition “ <i>Veracity</i> ” CDA 7. Billing practices CDA 7.A.1. Third party benefits CDA 7.A.2. Waiver of copayment, DANB Definition “ <i>Truth</i> ”
3C. Professionalism, Compassion, Competence, Integrity and Tolerance 10%	Compassion	CDA Definition “ <i>Compassion</i> ”
	Competence	CDA Definition “ <i>Competence</i> ” CDA 1C. Standards of care CDA 5. Continuing education
	Integrity	CDA Definition “ <i>Integrity</i> ” CDA 1E. Patient confidentiality CDA 2A. False statements CDA 6A. False and misleading advertising and solicitations CDA 6B. Professional titles and degrees CDA 6.B.1. Volunteer position titles and experience

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		CDA 6.B.2. Additional advanced academic degrees CDA 6.B.3. Letter abbreviations CDA 10.A. Conflict of interest
	Professionalism	CDA Definition " <i>Professionalism</i> " CDA 1A. Professional esteem DANB Definition " <i>Responsibility to Profession, Community, and Society</i> "
	Tolerance	CDA Definition " <i>Tolerance</i> "