

DENTAL ASSISTANT/HYGIENIST

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Dental Assistant/Hygienist assists dentists and oral surgeons in managing acute dental problems and with exams and procedures
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource. 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Dental Assistant/Hygienist:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions within the practitioner's (home state dental commission) scope of duties as a dental assistant or hygienist. 2. Possesses basic and advanced skills to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. hand instruments and materials to dentists, use of suction or other devices; b. sterilize and disinfect instruments and equipment, prepare tray setups for dental procedures, and instruct patients on postoperative and general oral health care; c. radiographic techniques; darkroom and processing techniques; and film mounting; expose radiographs and process dental x-ray film as directed by a dentist; d. prepare materials for making impressions and restorations 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Successful completion of state recognized course of instruction or completion of an accredited dental assistant program or dental hygiene program	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Primary source verification of employment with a providing entity such as an established health care institution, system, agency, service or private practice.	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Moderate	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
CURRENCY	Not Specified	Not Specified

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PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	<p>Certification: Successful completion of one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State-approved certification at this level 2. RDH, EFDA, CDA, or RDA certification if required by the state of primary registration. 3. Radiation Health and Safety examination offered by the DANB or state approved course in radiology. <p>Licensing: Active status of legal authority to function as a dental assistant or dental hygienist without restrictions granted by a state, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territory</p>	Not Specified



Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
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Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
2. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
3. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016