

**Dental Board of California**  
**Registered Dental Assistant Law and Ethics Examination Outline**

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| <b>I. Scope of Practice 32%</b> - This content area assesses the candidate's knowledge of the laws governing the Registered Dental Assistants' (RDA) scope of practice found in the Business and Professions Code (BPC) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR).                  |  |   |
| <b>Subareas</b>  | <b>Citations</b>   |   |
| Ia. Allowable Duties   | BPC 1752.4 (a)(2-18)   | Duties  |
| Ib. Conditional Duties 4%  | BPC 1752.4 (b)(1-4)<br>BPC 1752.6  | Conditional Duties<br>Pit and Fissure Sealants  |
| Ic. Exempt Clinic Duties   | BPC 1777 (a)(1), (b)(2)(3)   | Conditions and Duties   |
| Id. Definitions 4%   | CCR 1067 (a-c)<br>CCR 1067 (i-j)<br>CCR 1067 (l)   | Dental Assistants<br>Supervision<br>Supportive Procedures   |
| Ie. Continuing Education 6%  | BPC 1645 (a)(b)<br>BPC 1645.1 (a)(b)<br>CCR 1005   | Authority<br>Compliance<br>Infection Control  |
| If. License Renewal 6%   | BPC 1651<br>BPC 1718<br>CCR 1016 (a-h)<br>CCR 1017 (a-f)   | Address Change<br>Cancellation<br>Continuing Education Courses and Providers<br>Required Continuing Education Units for Renewal |
| <b>II. License Suspension and Revocation 38%</b> - 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). |  |   |
| <b>Subareas</b>  | <b>Citations</b>   |   |
| IIa. Authority 10%   | BPC 1670<br>BPC 1670.1 (a)(b)<br>BPC 1670.2 (a-b)(d-f)<br>BPC 1671 (a-e)<br>BPC 1672 (a-c)<br>BPC 1678 | Authority<br>Proceedings<br>Time Limitations<br>Probation<br>Disciplinary Costs<br>Revocation                                   |

| Subareas (continued)   |                             | Citations   |
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| IIb. Unprofessional Conduct 24%  |                             | BPC 496, 123 (a)<br>BPC 1680 (a-f)<br>BPC 1681 (a-c)<br>BPC 1683 (a-b)<br>BPC 1684<br>BPC 1684.1 (a-f)<br>BPC 1684.5 (a-d)<br>BPC 1685<br>Penal 11166   |
|  |                             | License exam subversion<br>Violations<br>Controlled Substances<br>Professional Identity<br>Scope of Competence<br>Release of Patient Records<br>Patient of Record<br>Inappropriate Treatment<br>Mandated Reporter   |
| IIc. Diversion Program 4%  |                             | BPC 1695.5 (a-g)<br>Conditions and Compliance   |
| III. 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). |                             |   |
| Subareas   | Principle                   | Citation  |
| IIIa. Patient Autonomy, Nonmaleficence and Beneficence 10%   | Patient Autonomy            | ADA 1. Definition "Patient Autonomy"<br>ADA 1.B. Patient Records<br>CDA Definition "Autonomy"<br>CDA 1D. Informed Consent<br>CDA 1F. Obligation to Inform<br>DANB Definition "Individual Autonomy and Respect for Human Beings"<br>DANB Definition "Confidentiality"                            |
|  | NonMaleficence (do no harm) | ADA 2. Definition "Nonmaleficence"<br>ADA 2.A. Education<br>ADA 2.D. Personal Impairment<br>ADA 2.D.1 Ability to Practice<br>ADA 2.E. Postexposure, Bloodborne Pathogens<br>ADA 2.G. Personal Relationships with Patients<br>DANB Definition "Health and Well-Being of Patients and Colleagues" |
|  | Beneficence (do good)       | ADA 3. Definition "Beneficence"<br>ADA 3.E. Abuse and Neglect<br>ADA 3.E.1. Reporting Abuse and Neglect<br>CDA Definition "Beneficence"<br>CDA 1G. Health Education of the Public<br>DANB Definition "Health and Well-Being of Patients and Colleagues"   |

| Subareas (continued)   | Principle                  | Citation  |
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| IIIb. Justice and Veracity 10%   | Justice<br>(Fairness)      | ADA 4. Definition "Justice"<br>ADA 4.A.1. Patients with Bloodborne Pathogens<br>ADA 4.C. Justifiable Criticism<br>ADA 4.c.1. Meaning of Justifiable<br>CDA Definition "Justice"<br>CDA 4. Violation of State and federal Laws<br>DANB Definition "Justice and Fairness"   |
|  | Veracity<br>(Truthfulness) | ADA 5. Definition "Veracity"<br>ADA 5.A. Representation of Care<br>ADA 5.B. Representation of Fees<br>ADA 5.B.1. Waiver of Copayment<br>ADA 5.B.2. Overbilling<br>ADA 5.B.3. Fee Differential<br>ADA 5.B.4. Treatment Dates<br>ADA 5.B.5. Dental Procedures<br>ADA 5.B.6. Unnecessary Services<br>ADA 5.E. Professional Announcement<br>ADA 5.F.3. Unearned, Nonhealth Degrees<br>CDA Definition "Veracity"<br>CDA 7. Billing Practices<br>CDA 7.A.1. Third Party Benefits<br>CDA 7.A.2. Waiver of Copayment<br>DANB Definition "Truth" |
| IIIc. Professionalism, Compassion, Competence, Integrity and Tolerance 10% | Compassion                 | CDA Definition "Compassion"   |
|  | Competence                 | CDA Definition "Competence"<br>CDA 1C. Standards of Care<br>CDA 5. Continuing Education   |
|  | Integrity                  | CDA Definition "Integrity"<br>CDA 1E. Patient Confidentiality<br>CDA 2A. False Statements<br>CDA 6A. False and Misleading Advertising and Solicitations<br>CDA 6B. Professional Titles and Degrees<br>CDA 6.B.1. Volunteer Position, Titles and Experience  |

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|                      | Integrity<br>(continued) | CDA 6.B.2. Additional Advanced Academic Degrees<br>CDA 6.B.3. Letter Abbreviations<br>CDA 10.A. Conflict of Interest                      |
|                      | Professionalism          | CDA Definition "Professionalism"<br>CDA 1.A. Professional Esteem<br>DANB Definition "Responsibility to Profession, Community and Society" |
|                      | Tolerance                | CDA Definition "Tolerance"  |