

**WAC 246-817-195 Licensure requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs).** To be eligible for licensure as an EFDA in Washington an applicant must:

- (1) Provide a completed application on forms provided by the secretary;
- (2) Pay applicable fees as defined in WAC 246-817-99005;
- (3) Provide evidence of:
  - (a) Completion of a dental assisting education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA); or
  - (b) Obtain the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) certified dental assistant credential, earned through pathway II, which includes:
    - (i) A minimum of 3,500 hours of experience as a dental assistant within a continuous 24 through 48-month period;
    - (ii) Employer-verified knowledge in areas as specified by DANB;
    - (iii) Passage of DANB certified dental assistant examination; and
    - (iv) An additional dental assisting review course, which may be provided online, in person or through self-study; or
  - (c) A Washington limited license to practice dental hygiene; or
  - (d) A Washington full dental hygiene license and completion of a course in taking final impressions affiliated with or provided by a CODA accredited dental assisting program, dental hygiene school or dental school.
- (4) Except for applicants qualified under subsection (3)(d) of this section, provide evidence of completing an EFDA education program approved by the commission where training includes:
  - (a) In a didactic, clinical and laboratory model to the clinically competent level required for close supervision:
    - (i) In placing and finishing composite restorations on a typodont and on clinical patients; and
    - (ii) In placing and finishing amalgam restorations on a typodont or on clinical patients; and
    - (iii) In taking final impressions on a typodont; and
  - (b) In a didactic, clinical and laboratory model to the clinically competent level required for general supervision:
    - (i) In performing coronal polish, fluoride treatment, and sealants on a typodont and on clinical patients; and
    - (ii) In providing patient oral health instructions; and
    - (iii) In placing, exposing, processing, and mounting dental radiographs; and
  - (c) The basic curriculum shall require didactic, laboratory, and clinical competency for the following:
    - (i) Tooth morphology and anatomy;
    - (ii) Health and safety (current knowledge in dental materials, infection control, ergonomics, mercury safety, handling);
    - (iii) Placement and completion of an acceptable quality reproduction of restored tooth surfaces—Laboratory and clinic only;
    - (iv) Radiographs (covered in path II)—Laboratory and clinic only;
    - (v) Ethics and professional knowledge of law as it pertains to dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting, and EFDA;
    - (vi) Current practices in infection control;
    - (vii) Health history alerts;
    - (viii) Final impression;
    - (ix) Matrix and wedge;
    - (x) Rubber dam;

- (xi) Acid etch and bonding;
- (xii) Occlusion and bite registration;
- (xiii) Temporary restorations;
- (xiv) Dental emergencies;
- (xv) Risk management and charting;
- (xvi) Intra-oral anatomy;
- (xvii) Pharmacology; and
- (xviii) Bases, cements, liners and sealers.

(5) Except for applicants qualified under subsection (3)(d) of this section, attain a passing score on:

(a) A written restorations examination approved by the commission; and

(b) A clinical restorations examination approved by the commission.

(6) Provide any other information determined by the secretary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.002 and 18.260.120. WSR 26-01-125, s 246-817-195, filed 12/18/25, effective 1/18/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0365, and 2020 c 76 § 22(11). WSR 21-01-215, § 246-817-195, filed 12/23/20, effective 1/23/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.260.120 and 18.32.0365. WSR 08-14-010, § 246-817-195, filed 6/19/08, effective 7/1/08.]