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EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL ASSISTANT (“EFDA”) CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1291.01, “(A) A dental assistant may perform expanded functions after meeting one of the following:

1. Successfully completing a board-approved expanded function dental assistant training program at an institution accredited by the American dental association commission on dental accreditation and on successfully completing examinations in dental assistant expanded functions approved by the board.

2. Providing both:

(a) Evidence of currently holding or having held within the preceding ten years a license, registration, permit or certificate in expanded functions in restorative procedures issued by another state or jurisdiction in the United States.

(b) Proof acceptable to the board of clinical experience in the expanded functions listed in subsection B of this section.

B. Expanded functions include the placement, contouring and finishing of direct restorations or the placement and cementation of prefabricated crowns following the preparation of the tooth by a licensed dentist. The restorative materials used shall be determined by the dentist.

C. An expanded function dental assistant may place interim therapeutic restorations under the general supervision and direction of a licensed dentist following a consultation conducted through teledentistry.

D. An expanded function dental assistant may apply sealants and fluoride varnish under the general supervision and direction of a licensed dentist.

E. A licensed dental hygienist may engage in expanded functions pursuant to section 32-1281, subsection B, paragraph 12 following a course of study and examination equivalent to that required for an expanded function dental assistant as specified by the board.”

The Board has approved the Dental Assisting National Board (“DANB”) to administer examinations for dental assisting. If you are currently licensed as a dental hygienist, you are not required to complete the anatomy, morphology and physiology (“AMP”) examination.

DANB will issue EFDA certificates after the dental assistant or registered dental hygienist has met DANB’s examination requirements. All examination requirements may be found at www.danb.org under the “State Requirements” tab at the top of DANB’s homepage.

If you have any additional questions, please contact DANB directly at 800.367.3262.

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