

**481—575.3(153) Dental assistants.**

**575.3(1)** Dental assistant trainees are individuals who are engaging in on-the-job training to meet the requirements for registration pursuant to Iowa Code section 153.39 and rule 481—571.5(147,153). Trainees who are 18 years of age or older may also engage in on-the-job training in dental radiography pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 136C and 153 and this chapter.

*a.* Dental assistant trainees should successfully complete on-the-job training and examinations in the areas of infection control, hazardous materials, and jurisprudence.

*b.* A dental assistant trainee shall stop work as a dental assistant trainee if the trainee fails to become registered or complete the term of practical training described in Iowa Code section 153.39(5) prior to the expiration date.

**575.3(2)** Registered dental assistants are individuals who have met the requirements for registration and have been issued registration. A registered dental assistant may, under direct supervision, assist a dentist in performing duties assigned by the dentist that are consistent with these rules. A registered dental assistant may take radiographs if qualified pursuant to this chapter.

**575.3(3)** A person may practice as a dental assistant without receiving a certificate of registration as described in Iowa Code section 153.39 if the person successfully completes a term of practical training under the supervision of a licensed dentist. A person is not eligible to practice as an unregistered dental assistant without board approval if the person has received prior discipline by the board.

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