

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, January 9, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

**AGENCY NAME:** Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend

**RULE NO.:** 270-X-3-.10

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **Section 2 - remove "or dental hygienists" after "dentist" in bottom paragraph. (y) Perform coronal polishing under the direct supervision of a duly licensed dentist; provided the final evaluation of the patient's oral condition and determination of the need for additional prophylaxis or periodontal treatment shall be made by the supervising dentist, as permitted by law.**

**RULE TITLE:** Duties Of Allied Dental Personnel

**ACTION TAKEN:** State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

**Adopted with changes.** remove "or dental hygienist" in 2.y

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

Duties Of Allied Dental Personnel.

Allied dental personnel are dental hygienists, dental assistants and dental laboratory technicians. Subject to the prohibition that no intra-oral procedure can be performed unless under the direct supervision of a duly licensed dentist as defined by Board rule, the following allied dental personnel may perform the following:

(1) Dental Laboratory Technicians:

(a) No intra-oral duties are allowable other than assisting the dentist in determining tooth color.

(2) Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists:

(a) Preliminary charting and inspection of the oral cavity. (Final examination and diagnosis must be made by a dentist before treatment can be instituted.)

(b) Apply topical agents under direct supervision of the dentist.

1. Apply topical anesthetics.

2. Oxygenating Agents. (Excluding endodontic therapy.)

3. Apply anti-inflammatory agents.

4. Apply astringents.

5. Desensitizing agents.

6. Topical fluoride.

7. Apply light-cured medicinal bonding agents.

8. Apply etchant materials.

(c) Place and remove rubber dam.

(d) Place and remove periodontal dressings.

(e) Place and remove alveolar socket dressings.

(f) Construct and remove with hand instruments only interim restorations. (Interim restorations being any

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-9-2, 34-9-6, 34-9-27, 34-9-43.

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