

## Academy of Laser Dentistry State by State Quick Reference Chart on Laser Use by Dental Hygienists\*

State	Regulation	Supervision	Ruling	Description	State Agency Contact
Alabama	Y*		270-X-3.10(1)(x)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA*, only allows diagnostic lasers use by hygienists	5346 Stadium Trace Pkwy, ste.112 Hoover, AL 35244 Ph (205) 985-7267, Fax (205) 985-0674
Alaska	Y	General	Sec 08.32.220(a)(1)(F)	Can perform SRP and perio soft curettage with appropriate training and supervision	Licensing Examiner: Jedediah Smith, Telephone: (907) 465-2542, Fax: (907) 465-2974; boardofdentalexaminers@alaska.gov P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806
Arizona	Y	General	R4-11-601(H)	Must complete a course of study, tutorial, written exam and hands on	4205 North 7th Avenue, Ste 300, Phoenix, AZ 85013, (602) 242-1492,Fax: (602) 242-1445
Arkansas	Y	General	Article XI: (A)(2)(b)	If laser is used, submit proof to board of completion of approved course	101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 111, Little Rock, AR 72201, Phone: 501-682-2085
California	Y	General or Direct procedure dependent	§1914	If laser is used, submit proof to board of completion of approved course	2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA 95815, (877) 729-7789, Fax (916) 263-2140 dentalboard@dca.ca.gov
Colorado	Y	Indirect or Direct	Rule 1.24		1560 Broadway Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202, 303-894-7800, fax303-894-7764, dental@state.co.us.
Connecticut	NR		20-1261e (2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, No cutting or removal of soft tissue	410 Capitol Avenue MS #13 PHO, Hartford, Connecticut 06134, 860-509-7590 fax 860-509-8457, <a href="mailto:oplcdph@ct.gov">oplcdph@ct.gov</a> .

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Delaware	NR			Full responsibility of dentist	861 Silver Lake Blvd. Cannon Building Suite 203, Dover, Delaware 19904, 302-744-4500 fax 302-739-2711, customerservice.dpr@state.de.us.
DC	NR			Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	899 North Capitol Street NE Second Floor, Washington, DC 20002, 202-724-8755 fax 202-724-8677
Florida	Y*		64B5-16.001 (1)	Not allowed to use lasers * only allows diagnostic lasers use by hygiensits	4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, 850-245-4474, fax 850-921-5389
Georgia	N		Rule 150-5-.03	Has a list of "advanced modalities" Laser not on there, but according to "periodontal parameters is says non-surgical therapy	237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217, 478-207-2440 fax 866-888-1308.
Hawaii	NR			"...or any operation of the teeth or tissues" 5/21/12 says that they can be used to treat periodontal disease	Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, Hawaii 96801, 808-586-270 fax 808-586-2689, dental@dcca.hawaii.gov.
Idaho	Y	Direct	19.01.01-033.03		P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720, 208-334-2369 fax 208-334-3247
Illinois	NR		§1220.240	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	Department Of Financial and Professional Regulation, 320 W. Washington Third Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62786, 217-785-0800 fax 217-782-7645
Indiana	NR		§25-13-1-10		Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, 402 W. Washington Street Room W072, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, 317-234-2003, fax 317-233-4236

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Iowa	Y	General, direct or public health supervision	Board of Dental Examiners' Position Statement 4/13/2003	Therapeutic and preventive in nature, recognized laser course prior. Can't be used to cut tissue	400 SW 8th Street Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, 515-281-5157 fax 515-281-7969, ibde@iowa.gov.
Kansas	NR		65-1456 (f)(4)(F)		900 SW Jackson Street Room 564-S, Topeka, Kansas 66612, 785-296-4690 fax 785-296-3116, info@dental.state.ks.us.
Kentucky	Y	Direct	KAR 8:562 Section 14	State Board class equal or higher than Academy of Laser Dentistry, www.laserdentistry.org	312 Whittington Parkway Suite 101, Louisville, Kentucky 40222, 502-429-7280, fax 502-429-7282
Louisiana	N		§701(B)(2) & §1301	Says hygienists can't cut or do surgical procedure with laser	365 Canal Street Suite 2680, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, 504-568-8574 fax 504-568-8598
Maine	NR		18374-2-S	Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including Root Planing and curretage	143 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333, 207-287-3333 fax 207-287-8140, dental.board@maine.gov.
Maryland	NR				Spring Grove Hospital Center, Benjamin Rush Building, 55 Wade Ave/ Tulip Drive, Catonsville, MD 21228, 410-402-8501, fax 410-402-8505
Massachusetts	Y	Direct	234 CMR 5.11	Can't cut or surgical, but gingival curettage and root planning okay	239 Causeway St. 5th Floor Suite 500, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, 617-973-0971 fax 617-973-0980, dentistry.admin@state.ma.us
Michigan	Y	Subject to position statement and procedure	Position Statement of the Michigan Department of		P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909, 517-335-0918 fax 517-373-2179

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			Licensing and Regulatory Affairs		
Minnesota	NR			Regulates procedure not the tool used as long as procedure in scope	2829 University Avenue SE Suite 450, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414, 612-617-2250, fax 612-617-2260
Mississippi	N		Rule 13		600 East Amite Street Suite 100, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 601-944-9622 fax 601-944-9624, dental@dentalboard.ms.gov.
Missouri	NR		332.311 2	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	3605 Missouri Boulevard P.O. Box 1367, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, 573-751-0040 fax 573-751-8216 dental@pr.mo.gov.
Montana	NR		37-4-401,24.138.407	Root planning and subgingival curettage, but not cutting hard or soft tissue	301 South Park P.O. Box 200513, Helena, Montana 59620, 406-841-239, fax 406-841-2305
Nebraska	NR		38-1131 (1) (6)	Subgingival debridement, Gingival curettage	301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508, 402-471-2118 fax 402-471-3577
Nevada	Y	Supervised by dentist	NAC 631.033 & 631.210	Therapeutic perio treatment to include scaling, curettage and has to meet ALD Standards in Laser Education	
New Hampshire	NR		317-A:21-C	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	2 Industrial Park Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, 603-271-4561 fax 603-271-6702, dental.board@nh.gov.
New Jersey	N		§13:30-1A.3 & 13:30-1A.4	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101, <a href="tel:9735046405">(973) 504-6405</a>
New Mexico	Y	Indirect	§16.5.29.12	Minimum 6 hours with hands on supervised from guidelines. certificate posted in office	2550 Cerrillos Rd. Second Floor, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, 505-476-4680 fax

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					505-476-4545, Dental.Board@state.nm.us.
New York	Y				89 Washington Avenue 2nd Floor West Wing, Albany, New York 12234, 518-474-3817 x300 fax 518-473-6995, dentbd@mail.nysed.gov.
North Carolina	N	Direct	21NAC 16G.0101	*Only can use lasers that are diagnostic for dental hygiene	507 Airport Boulevard Suite 105, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560, 919-678-8223 x1782, fax 919-678-8472, info@ncdentalboard.org.
North Dakota	Y	General	Board Position		P.O. Box 7246, Bismarck, North Dakota 58507, 701-258-8600, fax 701-224-9824, ndsbde@aptnd.com.
Ohio	NR		4715-11-06	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, * Diagnostic laser use only for Dental Hygienists	77 S. High Street 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-466-2580, fax 614-752-8995
Oklahoma	NR		*prohibits dental assistants	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	2920 N Lincoln Blvd., Ste. B, OKC, OK 73105, (405)522-4844 Fax: (405)522-4614
Oregon	NR		*prohibits dental assistants	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	1500 SW 1st Ave., Ste. # 770, Portland, OR 97201, 971-673-3200, Fax 971-673-3202
Pennsylvania	Y	Supervision of dentist	Regulation §33.215		P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105, 717-783-7162 fax 717-787-7769, st-dentistry@pa.gov.
Rhode Island	NR		14.1(2)	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA, Hygienists can't do surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue	3 Capitol Hill Room 104, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, 401-222-2828 fax 401-222-1272

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South Carolina	N		Board Policy	Prohibits cutting or performing surgical procedures on hard or soft tissue, not allowed to use lasers for bleaching	P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, 803-896-4599 fax 803-896-4719, llr@llr.sc.gov.
South Dakota	NR		*prohibits dental assistants	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	105 S. Euclid Ave. PO Box 1079 Suite C, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, 605-224-1282 fax 888-425-3032
Tennessee	Y	Supervision of dentist	Board Policy §0460-03-.09	The use of lasers for examination and/or periodontal treatment. Must have didactic and hands-on portion	227 French Landing Suite 300, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, 800-778-4123, fax 615-770-7444
Texas	Y	Direct	§115.2	Hygienists can use lasers, but needs 12 hours of CE at a approved course, including a hands on portion	333 Guadalupe Tower 3 Suite 800, Austin, Texas 78701, 512-463-6400 fax 512-463-7452, information@txbde.texas.gov
Utah	Y	General	R156-69-602	Allows hygienists to use lasers for bleaching and for periodontal debridement	P.O. Box 146741, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, 801-530-6628 fax 801-530-6511
Vermont	NR	Determined by practice agreement	Rules pending to approve	Currently has nothing listed regarding lasers in their SPA	89 Main Street Third Floor (City Center), Montpelier, Vermont 05620, 802-828-2390, fax 802-828-2465
Virginia	Y	Indirect or General	18VAC60-25-60		9960 Mayland Drive Perimeter Center Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, 804-367-4538, fax 804-527-4428
Washington	NR		18-29-050	Soft tissue curettage but not surgically removal of tissue	Dental Health Care Quality Assurance, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, Washington 98504, 360-236-4700 fax 360-236-2901 hsqa.csc@doh.wa.gov.
West Virginia	Y*		Position Statement	Use of Diagnostic laser only, by Dental Hygienists	1319 Robert C. Byrd Drive PO Box 1447, Crab Orchard, West Virginia 25827, 877-914-8266 fax 304-253-9454, wvbde@suddenlinkmail.com.



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Wisconsin	Y	within scope of practice	Position Statement	Scope of practice training necessary with hands on portion by recognized course provider	1400 E. Washington Ave., Madison, Wisconsin 53703, 608-266-2112, fax 608-267-3816, dsps@wi.gov
Wyoming	Y	within scope of practice	Chapter 7, Section 5	With expanded duties certification, to provide soft tissue therapy within the scope of practice, can't use laser settings that cut	2800 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, 307-777-6529 fax 307-777-3508