



## Academy of Laser Dentistry States That Allow Laser Use by Dental Hygienists\* (Draft 4/16/2018)

State	Regulation	Ruling	Description: State Practice Act (SPA) Relative to Dental Hygiene Use of Lasers	State Agency Contact Data
Arizona	Y	R4-11-601	Must complete a course of study, tutorial, written exam and hands on	4205 North 7th Avenue, Ste 300, Phoenix, AZ 85013 Phone: (602) 242-1492; Fax: (602) 242-1445
Arkansas	Y		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		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	12-35-124 (b)	Currently working on new wording for hygienists to use lasers	1560 Broadway Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202, 303-894-7800, fax303-894-7764, dental@state.co.us.
Hawaii	Y		"...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.
Iowa	Y	153.15	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.
Kentucky	Y		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, David.Beyer@ky.gov.
Nevada	Y	NRS 631.030	Therapeutic perio treatment to include scaling, curettage and has to meet ALD Standards in Laser Education	6010 S Rainbow Blvd # 1, Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702) 486-7044 e-mail: <a href="mailto:nsbde@nsbde.nv.gov">nsbde@nsbde.nv.gov</a>
New Mexico	Y	16.5.29.12A	Minimum 6 hours with hands on supervised from guidelines 16.5.1.15NMAC, certificate posted in office	2550 Cerrillos Rd. Second Floor, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, 505-476-4680 fax 505-476-4545, Dental.Board@state.nm.us.
New York	Y		Hygienists can remove calculus and plaque above and below gumline doesn't prohibit lasers	89 Washington Avenue 2nd Floor West Wing, Albany, New York 12234, 518-474-3817 x300 fax 518-473-6995, dentbd@mail.nysed.gov.
Tennessee	Y	0460-03-09(ww)	The use of lasers for examination and/or periodontal treatment under the supervision of a licensed Dentist. Must have didactic and hands on portion	227 French Landing Suite 300, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, 800-778-4123, fax 615-770-7444, dea.smith@tn.gov



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Texas	Y	115.2	Hygienists can use lasers, but needs 12 hours of CE at an 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	R156-69-602, 58-69-102 (7)(a)(ix)	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, doplweb@utah.gov.
Virginia	Y	18VAC60-25-40 C1	Under direction from Dentist can use "non surgical lasers"	9960 Mayland Drive Perimeter Center Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, 804-367-4538, fax 804-527-4428, denbd@dhp.virginia.gov.
Wisconsin	Y	447.06(2)(b)(c,d) (e)	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		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 debra.bridges@wyo.gov.

\* Note: This information is provided as a courtesy from the Academy of Laser Dentistry Regulatory Affairs Committee. ALD continues to do our best to follow state and federal regulations and to continually update our information. It is always the clinicians' license and responsibility to determine if they are permitted to use lasers within the scope of practice act of their state policies. The Academy of Laser Dentistry recommendation is to always refer to the public information of each state's regulations. State regulations may change. The Academy of Laser Dentistry is not responsible for the accuracy of the data contained in this report.

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