



Dental Board  
of the Northern Territory

Information for intending  
applicants with dental  
qualifications gained outside  
Australia

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### **Purpose**

This information guide is intended to provide some basic information for people who have a dental qualification gained outside of Australia and who wish to be registered to practise in the Northern Territory.

### **The Dental Board of the Northern Territory**

The Dental Board of the Northern Territory is responsible for regulating the practise of:

- Dentists
- Dental specialists
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Prosthetists; and
- Dental Therapists.

If you want to practise dentistry in the Northern Territory, you must hold a current licence issued by the Board.

To gain a licence to practise you must meet the requirements of Section 20 and Section 22 of the *Health Practitioners Act 2004*. Section 20 relates to the course in dentistry completed.

The requirements of Section 22 are as follows:

An applicant is entitled to be registered or enrolled in the category of registration or enrolment to which the application relates if the relevant Board is satisfied that the applicant –

- (a) is eligible to apply for the category of registration or enrolment;
- (b) is competent to practise in the category;
- (c) has sufficient physical and mental capacity to practise in the category;
- (d) has an adequate command of the English language;

(e) has adequate professional indemnity arrangements in place; and

(f) is of good character.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

#### **Do you hold current registration in Australia or New Zealand as a:**

- Dentist
- Dental specialist
- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Therapist
- Dental Prosthetist

If you hold current registration in any of the Australian states or territories or you hold current registration in New Zealand you are automatically eligible to apply for registration.

Please contact the Board for an application form to be sent to you.

#### **Are you a Dentist or a Dental Specialist and you want to migrate to Australia under the Skilled Migration Program?**

You need to contact the Australian Dental Council who will assess your qualifications and determine your eligibility to apply for registration.

Contact details for the Australian Dental Council are as follows:

Australian Dental Council  
Suite1, Level 2  
112 Wellington Parade  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002  
AUSTRALIA  
Telephone +61 3 9415 1638  
Email [www.dentalcouncil.net.au](http://www.dentalcouncil.net.au)

**Did you complete an education program as a dentist in New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland?**

You are eligible to apply for registration as a dentist.

Please contact the Board and an application form will be sent to you.

**Are you a dentist who graduated from a dental school that was previously accredited by the General Dental Council of the United Kingdom?**

If you are a graduate of the following dental schools, you are eligible to apply for conditional registration under the Public Sector Dental Workforce Scheme:

- Medical University of Southern Africa (Medunsa)
- University of Western Cape
- University of Pretoria
- University of Stellenbosch
- University of Witwatersrand
- National University of Singapore
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Malaya
- National University of Malaysia.

Please contact the Board for a copy of the Policy and the application form.

**Are you a dentist who graduated from a dental school in the United States of America that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association?**

You are eligible to apply for conditional registration to participate in the Public Sector Dental Workforce Scheme.

Please contact the Board for a copy of the Policy and the application form.

**Are you a dentist who graduated from a dental school in Canada that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada?**

You are eligible to apply for conditional registration to participate in the Public Sector Dental Workforce Scheme.

Please contact the Board for a copy of the Policy and the application form.

**Have you completed the International Qualifying Examination (IQE) conducted by the General Dental Council of the United Kingdom?**

You are eligible to apply for conditional registration to participate in the Public Sector Dental Workforce Scheme.

Please contact the Board for a copy of the Policy and the application form.

**Have you completed an education program as a dentist in a country not previously mentioned?**

You are **not** immediately eligible to apply for registration. You will need to have your dental qualification assessed by the Australian Dental Council. The assessment process consists of three parts:

1. An Occupational English Test (OET)
2. A Preliminary Examination which consists of two papers, one is multiple choice the other is a short answer format.
3. A Final (clinical) Examination. The clinical examination can be taken only in Australia and is held over six days; Candidates are examined at the same level as that reached by graduates from Australian universities.

Contact the Australian Dental Council for more information on the assessment process.

**Have you completed an education program that allows you to be registered as a dental specialist overseas?**

Your primary qualification as a dentist must be registerable with the Dental Board of the Northern Territory. If your primary qualification is registerable then you will need to have your dental specialist qualification assessed as the equivalent of an Australian qualification.

In the Northern Territory the recognised dental specialties are:

- Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology
- Endodontics
- Oral Pathology
- Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Paedodontics
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Public Health Dentistry
- Oral Medicine
- Special Needs Dentistry

You need to contact the Australian Dental Council to have your dental specialist qualification assessed.

**Have you completed an education program as a dental therapist, dental hygienist or a dental prothetist in an overseas country other than New Zealand?**

You are **not** immediately eligible to apply for registration. You will need to have your qualification assessed by the Board and you must demonstrate English language competence.

Please contact the Board for an assessment form.

**Visa requirements**

The Board cannot advise about visa requirements. For information about visas you should contact the Department of Immigration,

Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs,  
[www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au)

**Translations**

The Board requires that all documents submitted with an application form or with an assessment form be a certified copy of the original and be accompanied by a translation. All translation costs must be paid by you.

All translations must be undertaken by an independent reputable translation service. It is expected that translations made in Australia, be by a government service, or translator for the particular language conversion, accredited at Level 3 or 4 by the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters, and this should be stated on the translated document. You will need to check the website for the latest information  
[www.naati.com.au](http://www.naati.com.au)

**Certifying documents**

All documents submitted with an application or an assessment must be certified as a true copy of the original by a:

- Justice of the Peace;
- Commissioner for Oaths;
- Police Officer;
- Solicitor; or
- an authorised Health Professions Licensing Authority staff member.

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