

<b>HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY</b>	
<b>TITLE: Registration as a Dental Specialist</b>	
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<b>BOARD:</b> Dental Board of the Northern Territory	

### **Purpose**

This policy has been developed to provide clear direction to staff of the Health Professions Licensing Authority, members of the Dental Board of the Northern Territory and intending registrants regarding the requirements to be met for registration as a Dental Specialist in the Northern Territory.

### **Supporting policies**

This policy should be considered in conjunction with the Dental Board of the Northern Territory's *Entitlement to Registration Policy*.

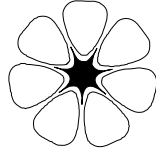
### **Recognised Dental specialties in the Northern Territory are:**

<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Title</b>
Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology	<i>Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiologist</i>
Endodontics	<i>Endodontist</i>
Oral Pathology	<i>Oral Pathologist</i>
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	<i>Oro-Maxillo-Facial Surgeon (OMS)</i>
Orthodontics	<i>Orthodontist</i>
Paedodontics	<i>Paedodontist</i>
Periodontics	<i>Periodontist</i>
Prosthodontics	<i>Prosthodontist</i>
Public Health Dentistry	<i>Public Health Dentist</i>
Oral Medicine	<i>Oral Medicine Specialist</i>
Special Needs Dentistry	<i>Special Needs Dentist</i>

**Who can apply for registration as a Dental Specialist?** Dentists who meet the following requirements may apply for registration as a Dental Specialist:

1. Hold a primary dental qualification that is registrable in the Northern Territory;
2. Postgraduate qualifications accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) as appropriate for specialisation in one of the prescribed specialist branches of dentistry, or equivalent to such a qualification;
3. The specialist training course completed was at least three academic years in duration; and
4. If the course was completed part time, the applicant must have completed the course in no more than six academic years.
5. If the speciality qualification is obtained from overseas and is not recognised by the Board, the Board may refer the qualification to be assessed by the ADC. The fee for the assessment process must be paid for by the applicant <sup>1</sup>. Additional information may be requested:
  - a. The Board requires the following documentation for submission to the ADC:
    - i. Full curriculum vitae
    - ii. Full details of the Specialist Training course

<sup>1</sup> The ADC qualification assessment fee may vary from time to time, for further information contact the NT Dental Board, or check on the Australian Dental Council website [www.adc.org.au](http://www.adc.org.au)



- iii. Relevant case presentations encompassed in training courses
- iv. Research Thesis (copy of)
- v. Payment of assessment fee by personal or bank cheque payable to *Australian Dental Council*
- vi. Additional information as requested

**NOTE:** No particular qualification is a guarantee of being granted specialist registration if submitted to the ADC. All applications are assessed on their merits and completeness of the application aids the assessment process.

### **Concurrent registration as a Dentist and a Dental Specialist**

The *Health Practitioners Act 2004* does not prevent a Dental Specialist holding concurrent registration as a Dentist.

A Dental Specialist who wishes to also hold concurrent registration as a Dentist needs to continually assess their competence.

A Dental Specialist who considers that they have current skills, knowledge and competence to practise as a Dentist may apply to the Board for registration as a Dentist.

\*\*All forms and any other updated information can be found on the Dental Board of the Northern Territory's website [www.nt.gov.au/health/registrationboards](http://www.nt.gov.au/health/registrationboards)

\*\*\*Further information regarding the Australian Dental Council's assessment of qualifications can be found on website [www.adc.org.au](http://www.adc.org.au)

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