Notice of Scopes of Practice and Related Qualifications Prescribed by the Dental Council New Zealand

Pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Dental Council hereby gives notice of replacement prescribed qualifications for the following scopes of practice:

Prescribed Qualifications for Registration as a Dental Specialist

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Endodontic Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Endodontic Specialists

- MDS (Endodontics) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Endodontics) University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in endodontics[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in endodontics in Australia[2]; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Endodontic Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 4 April 2013, No. 39, page 1199.*

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialists

- MDS/MBChB (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) University of Otago[3];
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in oral and maxillofacial surgery[1], and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the WHO World Directory of Medical Schools or the ECFMG Faimer Directory;
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery in Australia[2], and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the WHO World Directory of Medical Schools or the ECFMG Faimer Directory;
- Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)[4];
- registration in oral and maxillofacial surgery with the General Medical Council, UK;
- board certification in oral and maxillofacial surgery in a USA or Canadian state and possession of a medical degree from a medical school listed in the WHO World Directory of Medical Schools or the ECFMG Faimer Directory and dental degree; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral Medicine Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Oral Medicine Specialists

- MDS/MBChB (Oral Medicine) University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in oral medicine[1] and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the WHO World Directory of Medical Schools or the ECFMG Faimer Directory;

- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in oral medicine in Australia[2], and a medical degree from a medical school listed in the WHO World Directory of Medical Schools or the ECFMG Faimer Directory; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Oral Medicine Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral Pathology Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Oral Pathology Specialists

- MDS (Oral Pathology) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Oral Pathology) University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in oral pathology[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in oral pathology in Australia[2];
- Fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology from the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia[5]; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Oral Pathology Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Oral Surgery Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 19 May 2005, No. 81, page 1927.*

Oral Surgery Specialists

- DClinDent (Oral surgery) University of Otago[6]; or
- specialist registration as an oral surgeon with the Dental Council New Zealand as at 18 September 2004.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Orthodontic Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Orthodontic Specialists

- MDS (Orthodontics) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Orthodontics) University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in orthodontics[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in orthodontics in Australia[2]; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Orthodontic Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Paediatric Dentistry Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Paediatric Dentistry Specialists

- MDS (Paediatric Dentistry) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Paediatric Dentistry) University of Otago;

- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in paediatric dentistry[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in paediatric dentistry in Australia[2]; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Paediatric Dentistry Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Periodontic Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Periodontic Specialists

- MDS (Periodontics) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Periodontics) University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in periodontics[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in periodontics in Australia[2]; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Periodontic Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Prosthodontic Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Prosthodontic Specialists

- MDS (Prosthodontics) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Prosthodontics) University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc or DClinDent programme in prosthodontics[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in prosthodontics in Australia[2];
- Certificate in Prosthodontics from a three-year programme CDA accredited dental school in the USA or Canada and evidence of research activity; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Prosthodontic Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Public Health Dentistry Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Public Health Dentistry (or Community Dentistry) Specialists

- MComDent University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc programme in public health dentistry[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in public health in Australia[2]; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Public Health Dentistry Specialist Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Restorative Dentistry Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Restorative Dentistry Specialists

- Specialist registration as a Restorative Dentist with the Dental Council New Zealand as at 18 September 2004.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Special Needs Dentistry Specialists, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 10 December 2009, No. 184, page 4448.*

Special Needs Dentistry Specialists

- MDS (Special Needs) University of Otago;
- DClinDent (Special Needs) University of Otago;
- an ADC accredited MDS or MDSc programme in special needs dentistry[1];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in special needs in Australia[2]; or
- two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty at a recognised tertiary academic institution or equivalent, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Special Needs Dentistry Specialist Examination.

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice for General Dental Practice

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for General Dental Practice, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 4 April 2013, No. 39, page 1199.*

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice for General Dental Practice

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery, University of Otago;
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery with Honours, University of Otago;
- an Australian Dental Council (ADC) accredited programme[7];
- a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of registration in general dentistry in Australia[8];
- a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDA) accredited undergraduate dental degree from a CDA accredited dental school in the USA or Canada; or
- a General Dental Council (GDC) accredited undergraduate dental degree from a GDC accredited dental school in the UK, or Commonwealth as listed below:

Dental School	*Dates of Recognition*
Western Cape	Before 1 January 1998
Hong Kong	Before 1 January 2001
Singapore	Before 1 January 2001
Witwatersrand	Before 1 January 2001
Pretoria	Before 1 January 2001
Stellenbosch	Before 1 January 2001
Medical University of South Africa	1 January 1997–31 December 2000
Malaysia	1 January 1997–31 December 2000

- a five-year undergraduate dental degree and a pass in the New Zealand Dental Registration Examinations;
- a five-year undergraduate dental degree and a pass in the Australian Dental Council licensing examinations; or
- a five-year undergraduate dental degree and a pass in the USA licensing examinations.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Dental Therapy Practice, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 17 March 2011, No. 32, page 872.*

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Dental Therapy Practice

1. Bachelor of Oral Health, University of Otago before 1 November 2017;
2. Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health, Auckland University of Technology before 1 November 2017;
3. Certificate in Dental Therapy or Certificate in Dental Nursing (issued by the Department of Health or a New Zealand educational institution) and approved experience in the provision of dental therapy services within the scope of dental therapy practice (including interpreting periapical and bitewing radiographs under the direction and supervision of a dentist who can attest to competency) and evidence of successful completion of Dental Council approved courses for Pulpotomies and Stainless Steel Crowns and Radiography and Diagnostic Radiography (or an exemption certificate for radiography issued by the New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB) current as at 18 September 2004);
4. Diploma in Dental Therapy (issued by a New Zealand educational institution) and approved experience in the provision of dental therapy services within the scope of dental therapy practice (including interpreting periapical and bitewing radiographs under the direction and supervision of a dentist who can attest to competency) and evidence of successful completion of Dental Council approved courses for Pulpotomies and Stainless Steel Crowns and Radiography and Diagnostic Radiography (excluding a Diploma in Dental Therapy issued by University of Otago or an exemption certificate for radiography issued by the New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB) current as at 18 September 2004);
5. Bachelor of Health Science (Endorsement in Dental Therapy), University of Otago;
6. an Australian Dental Council accredited programme[9] that included education in Pulpotomies, Stainless Steel Crowns, Radiography and Diagnostic Radiography and registration in Australia;
7. a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of registration in dental therapy in Australia[10] that included education in Pulpotomies, Stainless Steel Crowns, Radiography and Diagnostic Radiography and registration in Australia; or
8. undergraduate dental therapy degree or diploma, or an undergraduate dental degree; and a pass in the Dental Council Dental Therapy Registration Examination.

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 15 March 2012, No. 33, page 1015.*

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice

1. Bachelor of Oral Health, University of Otago before 1 November 2017;
2. Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health, Auckland University of Technology before 1 November 2017;
3. Certificate in Dental Hygiene issued by Otago Polytechnic and approved experience in the provision of oral health services within the scope of dental hygiene practice, and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography;
4. New Zealand Defence Force training programme in Dental Hygiene and approved experience in the provision of oral health services within the scope of dental hygiene practice, and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography;
5. Diploma in Dental Hygiene issued by a New Zealand educational institution; and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography;

6. Diploma in Dental Hygiene, University of Otago (Orthodontic Procedures conferred from 2002) and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic and Extra-oral Radiography;
7. Bachelor of Health Science (Endorsement in Dental Hygiene), University of Otago;
8. an Australian Dental Council accredited programme[11] that included education in Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography and registration in Australia;
9. a Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of registration in dental hygiene in Australia[12] that included education in Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography and registration in Australia;
10. an undergraduate dental hygiene degree or diploma, or undergraduate dental degree, and a pass in the Dental Council Dental Hygiene Registration Examination;
11. an undergraduate dental hygiene degree or diploma or undergraduate dental degree and a pass in the USA National Board Dental Hygiene Examination or Canadian National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination and a pass in a USA or Canadian regional or state board dental hygiene clinical examination; and registration with a USA or Canadian dental authority; and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography;
12. a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CDA) accredited undergraduate dental hygiene degree or diploma, a pass in the USA National Board Dental Hygiene Examination or Canadian National Dental Hygiene Certification Examination, registration with a USA or Canadian dental authority, and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography;
13. a General Dental Council (GDC) accredited undergraduate dental hygiene degree or diploma from the United Kingdom; and registration with the GDC, and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography; or
14. a Certificate or Diploma in Dental Hygiene conferred by the GDC, registration with the GDC, and Dental Council approved courses for Administering Local Anaesthetic, Undertaking Orthodontic Procedures, Intra-oral Radiography and Extra-oral Radiography.

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice of Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice

*The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice, published in the **New Zealand Gazette**, 12 July 2012, No. 84, page 2296.*

Prescribed Qualifications for the Scope of Practice of Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice

1. Graduate Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, Academy of Orthodontic Assisting, and possession of a dental therapy, dental hygiene or dentistry qualification and approved experience in the provision of orthodontic auxiliary services under the direction and supervision of a dentist or dental specialist who can attest to competency[13].
2. Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, New Zealand Association of Orthodontists: Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme[14];
3. Bachelor of Oral Health, University of Otago and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice before 1 November 2017;
4. Bachelor of Health Science in Oral Health, Auckland University of Technology conferred from 2011, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice before 1 November 2017;
5. Bachelor of Health Science (Endorsement in Dental Hygiene), University of Otago conferred from 2002, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice; or
6. Diploma in Dental Hygiene, University of Otago conferred from 2002, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice, and Dental Council approved course for Extra-oral Radiography.

Dated this 15th day of November 2016.

MARK RODGERS, Acting Chief Executive, Dental Council New Zealand.

[1] Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia.

[2] From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia.

[3] Entry criteria require completed undergraduate dentistry and medical degrees.

[4] Conferred from 15 March 2012.

[5] Conferred from 2016.

[6] Conferred from 2016.

[7] Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia.

[8] From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia.

[9] Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia.

[10] From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia.

[11] Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia.

[12] From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia.

[13] The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 10 July 2006.

[14] The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 15 February 2010.

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