

**From:** Imogen Scott  
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**Subject:** Adjustment to DCNZ APC fees for OMFS Aspirants

To whom it may concern,

I would like to raise the issue of postgraduate students in the fee summary.

Currently there is no APC deduction for dentists going back to specialise. I am currently enrolled as a medical student at the University of Otago, hoping to practise in Oral and Maxillofacial surgery (OMFS). I practise very little general dentistry (~6 hours per week) as I wish to continue to contribute to the workforce, maintain clinical skills and support myself financially.

During training, aspiring specialists take a massive salary cut (no salaried income through medical school), and have colossal student loans, and OMFS aspirants in particular are hit by multiple fees to practise without any of the scholarships accessible to the other dental specialties.

I write to you as part of a group of OMFS aspirants requesting reduction to DCNZ fees, in recognition of our part time status, and future contribution to the specialty.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please be in touch if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

Imogen Scott