

DRAFT Notice under the Legislation Act 2019 of prescribed qualifications for Scope of Practice for Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice

Under the Legislation Act 2019

Under the Legislation Act 2019, notice is given of the making of the following secondary legislation:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Empowering provision(s)</i>	<i>Administering agency</i>	<i>Date made</i>
Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003	Section 12	Dental Council	X

This secondary legislation can be accessed at: <https://dcnz.org.nz/resources-and-publications/resources/gazette-notices/>.

The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for the Scope of Practice for Orthodontic Auxiliary Practice as published in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 12 November 2021, Notice No. 2021-sl4809. The scope of practice and competencies for orthodontic auxiliary practice published in in the *New Zealand Gazette*, 12 November 2021, Notice No. 2021-sl4809 remain unchanged.

Prescribed qualifications for the scope of practice for orthodontic auxiliary practice

New Zealand accredited programmes

- Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, New Zealand Association of Orthodontists: Orthodontic Auxiliary Training Programme¹
- Bachelor of Oral Health, University of Otago and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice before 1 November 2017
- 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
- Bachelor of Health Science (Endorsement in Dental Hygiene), University of Otago conferred from 2002, and registration in the Scope of Dental Hygiene Practice²
- 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 radiography².
- Graduate Certificate of Orthodontic Assisting, Academy of Orthodontic Assisting, and possession of a dental therapy, dental hygiene or dental 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 competency³.

¹ The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 15 February 2010

² Accreditation expired

³ The Dental Council approved this prescribed qualification on 10 July 2006

Competent Authority- Registration⁴

- current full/unrestricted/unconditional orthodontic auxiliary or equivalent registration with a competent authority(s) recognised by Council⁵; and
- clinical practice⁶ in orthodontic auxiliary practice in the recognised competent authority(s) for at least 33 months (working 20 hours or more per week) during the 48 months immediately prior to application.

Dated this x day of x 2025.

Marie MacKay, Chief Executive, Dental Council

⁴ Upon commencement of practice in New Zealand, practitioners registered under the competent authority -registration pathway will practise under the oversight of a Council-approved practitioner for a period of at least six months under the terms of the oversight protocol

⁵ Republic of Ireland (Dental Council of Ireland), United Kingdom (General Dental Council) for the purposes of orthodontic auxiliary practice

⁶ Clinical practice means the maintenance of health through the assessment, diagnosis, management, treatment, and prevention of any disease, disorder or condition of the orofacial complex and associated structures under prescription of a dentist or orthodontist