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Dear Colleague

Voluntary Bonding Scheme 2019 Intake – New Graduate Dentists

The six-week Registration of Interest period for the Voluntary Bonding Scheme (the Scheme) 2019 Intake opened 1st May 2019 and will close Tuesday 11th June 2019. Registration is via an online web-form available [on the Ministry of Health's website](#).

Bond payments of \$10,000 (after tax) per annum are available for up to five years, with payment for the first three years made after the completion of a minimum of three years' service, and additional payments after a fourth and fifth year. These payments will be made against your student loan or directly to you if you do not have a student loan.

If you are a new graduate dentist:

- whose final year of undergraduate study was 2018, **and**
- you intend to work for listed hard-to-staff providers/practices for at least three and up to five years,
you may be eligible to register for the 2019 Intake of the Scheme.

The 2019 Intake Hard-to-staff communities for dentists are:

Any of the eight Māori Oral Health Providers listed below:

- Te Hiku Hauora - Kaitaia
 - Ngāti Hine Health Trust - Kawakawa
 - Raukura Hauora o Tainui - Hamilton
 - Te Manu Toroa - Tauranga
 - Tipu Ora - Rotorua
 - Ngati Porou Hauora - Te Puia Springs
 - Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga - Hastings
 - Ora Toa PHO - Porirua
- OR**
- practices located in rural or remote areas (to be assessed on a case by case basis prior to a registrants confirmation on the Scheme.)

If accepted on the Scheme, dentists can move between the listed providers while participating. Places on the Scheme are limited, so registration does not guarantee a place on the Scheme. If the intake is oversubscribed, a selection process will be conducted.

More detailed information on the Scheme, including the [2019 Terms and Conditions](#), can be found on our website. You can also contact us at vbs@moh.govt.nz for more information.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/health-workforce/voluntary-bonding-scheme/voluntary-bonding-scheme-2019-intake-information>

Please note that registrations for the 2019 Intake must be received within the 6 week Registration of Interest period – late registrations cannot be considered.

Yours sincerely,

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