

Notice Under the Legislation Act 2019 of Prescribed Qualifications for Scope of Practice for Special Needs Dentistry Specialists

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>Effective date</i>
Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003	Section 12	Dental Council	11 October 2024

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

This notice is issued by the Dental Council pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

The following replaces the prescribed qualifications for special needs dentistry specialists published in the [New Zealand Gazette, 19 January 2023, 2023-sl86](#). The scope of practice and competencies for special needs dentistry specialists published in in the [New Zealand Gazette, 19 January 2023, 2023-sl86](#) remain unchanged.

Prescribed qualifications for the scope of practice for special needs dentistry specialists

New Zealand

- MDS (Special Needs) University of Otago.
- DClintDent (Special Needs) University of Otago.¹

Australia

- An ADC accredited MDS or MDSc programme in Special Needs Dentistry.²
- A Dental Board of Australia approved programme of study providing a qualification for the purposes of specialist registration in special needs dentistry in Australia³.

Other

- Two years or more of full-time equivalent postgraduate training in the specialty, evidence of research activity and a pass in the New Zealand Special Needs Dentistry Specialist Examination.

Endnotes

¹. Accreditation ended 31 December 2023

². Before 30 June 2010, and before 17 October 2010 for Western Australia

³. From 1 July 2010 onwards, and 18 October 2010 onwards for Western Australia